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THE DESERTER.

From the German of Annals of the Rev.

to the guard-house, pinn'd it, and the mounted-boy, once glad and free: Tomorrow's muskets seal his doom, For thrice he ran for liberty.

See, to salute thoughts of death, They bring him wine and dainty cheer— More welcome, to his guarded room, Comes his mother-old and dear.

—Mistake, see, those foolish men Who would have me break the solemn vow I gave my lovely mountain-girl, I swore sacred as my life till now!

They tell me that my life is due To such a noble king as mine— But God kings, surely, don't want blood, And another, sure, my life is THINE.

Who will guard your house and field, And send your dear lack of silver-gear, And Wang's bar, of golden brown, When I am buried in the clay?

What foolery! there they lift a pole, And on its top a painted rag, With some wild, savage beast upon it— And I must march beneath their flag!

Valtzers, egles, carrion-crows, I hated every ravenous bird, But when they, when they returned near, When watching by our mountain-herd;

And then across an empty tub They stretched a noisy sea's skin— Instead of larks and mountain-birds, My ear is stam'd with such a din!

YE ESSENCE.

remedy, is unrivalled in its efficacy, especially in cases of Rheumatism, Gout, and all the various kinds of Dropsical Affections. It is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Dropsical Affections. It is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Dropsical Affections.

RESPECTIVE PILLS.

to arrest the progress of the disease, and to remove the cause, and to restore the system to its natural state, and to prevent the disease from returning.

ANTI-BILIOUS PILLS.

compounded from vegetable and mineral ingredients, and is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Bilious Affections.

NE LOTION.

is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Ocular Affections, and is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Ocular Affections.

THE HERBULED SHIP.

is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Bilious Affections, and is equally efficacious in all the various kinds of Bilious Affections.

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Harley, "your father's great losses, many years ago, from the destruction of a ship where he had risked almost his whole fortune!"

"They were," said Harley.

"I know your father well," continued the old gentleman, "it seems to me," added he, after the gentleman's pause, "that there were some peculiar, and perhaps even unexplained circumstances, connected with the loss of that ship."

"There were," reiterated Harley.

Many gentlemen present were, till now, entirely unaware that even Harley's father had been a merchant, and most of them were too young or too forgetful to recollect the events alluded to. All listened eagerly.

"I have heard my father say," continued Harley, "that the Captain of the lost vessel was one of the most lucky shipmasters he ever knew. The good fortune of himself extending to his ship, which was called the 'Fortunate.'"

I scarcely know what sudden impulse caused me to look at Captain Vernon, who, as I now noticed, for the first time, had taken no part in the conversation. He was assuming the air of a man who had never met with an accident, or made an unprofitable trip, till the last.

"Was it his last?" inquired several.

"Yes, he never returned. His ship was lost—burned at sea, and he with it."

A dozen eager looks asked for particulars.

"He had," proceeded Harley, "made one of his usual very fortunate voyages, and was returning from Liverpool with the profits of his trip, and over two hundred emigrants on board. His ship caught fire before he had been out four days. Out of all on board, three only escaped."

"Horrible!" burst from half a dozen hearers at once.

I could not keep my eyes off Captain Vernon. His emotion was becoming uncontrollable. Big beads of sweat stood on his forehead. His face was flushed, his nostrils dilated, and his chest heaving. Nothing but the universal interest in Harley's narrative prevented his excitement being noticed.

"But was there not something remarkable," asked the old gentleman, who had first spoken to Harley, "in some affidavit of the survivors?"

"Yes," said Harley, "a circumstance disgraceful to human nature. The likes were never known among the ships of civilized nations, and it is hoped will never be again. The three survivors (common sailors) made oath, that a much larger number of the crew were on board."

Vernon's forehead had been for some moments charged with blood, almost to bursting. His agitation was becoming extreme, under the dreadful associations evinced by Harley's story; and dreading an instant attack of epilepsy, I was on the point of rising to go to him, just as Harley got to the last words mentioned. Vernon also screamed in a harsh voice, yet trembling with nervous agitation:

"It's all a d—d lie! It's an infamous scoundrel!"

Half the company sprang to their feet. All were agitated. Even the very servants waiting at table, were electrified; and one of them fell, in his fright, a large cut glass decanter of Madeira, that he was passing. It broke into a thousand pieces. But even this was unnoticed in the suddenness and strangeness of the interruption. Harley turned ashy pale, and every eye was turned to him for a second, in silence, interrupted only by the audible and difficult breathing of Captain Vernon. He struck his clenched fist on the table till the glasses rang.

"Yes, sir," shouted he, "you are an infamous scoundrel! to come here with a falsehood like this!"

"Is he drunk? Is he mad?" was whispered eagerly round the table. The host was the first to break the painful silence.

"Captain Vernon," said he, in a voice of evidently forced calmness, "I regret extremely that you should so far forget yourself in my house, and to one of my guests."

"Why do you bring him into it then?" interrupted Vernon, with maniacal violence, and a horrible oath.

This was the climax. The company began to leave the room. Most of the elder gentlemen not knowing well what to do, and anxious to escape from a scene so repugnant to their peaceful habits, feelings and associations, quietly slipped out. But there was no pause.

"Harley," said a young friend of his, a lawyer, by the name of Cheston, "you had better come with me. You must of course expect, and will doubtless receive an apology from Captain Vernon, after this."

"An apology!" said a young fopling, of little sense, and a lack of judgment disproportionate even to that—and who was admitted into good society solely as the son of one of the oldest merchants in the city—"An apology! I should like to know what apology there can be for what we have heard! In my opinion, there's just one way to settle this, and that a very speedy one."

He glanced round the room for approbation; and unfortunately there were several hot-headed persons present, but too willing to concur with him, who looked at Harley. He was evidently in great mental suffering. His face, alternately pale and red turned from one speaker to another, in the greatest distress; and his eye finally rested on me most imploringly, and with a glance towards Captain Vernon. I understood him. By pronouncing an opinion as to the cause of Vernon's excitement, that it was doubtless owing to a diseased nervous system, and a mind scarcely yet balanced after the threatened attack of epilepsy, I would save Harley the horrible necessity of fighting a duel with the father of his intended wife. I did not hesitate a moment—Turning to the company, I said:

"You are aware, gentlemen, that Captain Vernon has just recovered, or rather is scarcely yet recovered from an attack!"

Vernon interrupted me in a very haughty manner:

"Sir, I'll thank you!"

He was not allowed to finish. Lumley, the young dandy who had spoken before, and who manifestly wanted to see a fight, interposed:

"I know it could do no good. They've got to fight it out now, and the sooner the better."

"They shall not fight," said one of the few elderly persons remaining, who was a magistrate, going out of the room, "I'll make out a warrant for both of them instantly."

"There now, you see," said Lumley, as the door closed behind the justice, "they must settle it immediately, or both will be arrested." It seemed indeed inevitable. Captain Vernon had recovered somewhat from his excitement, and was pale as Harley, who sat looking round the room in utter despair. Ever he knew that the first words towards a compromise must come from Vernon. The latter, after a moment more of hesitation, turned to the oldest remaining gentleman in the room, a retired naval officer:

"Captain Anson," said he, rising, "I suppose this must be settled. Can I speak with you a moment in the next room?"

"Gentlemen," said the host, imploringly, "I hope, for God's sake, you are not going to let a duel grow out of this strange, unaccountable business!"

He was not regarded, and the two gentlemen left the room together. Harley had prepared forward, and put his head on the table, in the intensity of his mental agony.

"Dr. L., said he at length to me, raising himself with an effort, 'may I depend on you in this unfortunate business?'"

"No, sir," said promptly; "I am opposed to duelling, under any circumstances, and can never—"

"Stop here for a moment, if you please," interrupted he, and we retreated to the recess of a bay window, "I hope you do not suppose," he continued, in a hoarse whisper, "that I can shoot at him. You are aware, I suppose, of my relation towards his family. No, indeed, nothing could induce me to do so. I shall fire in the air."

"Then," said I, "most assuredly I shall not go out with you, to see you shoot down."

He turned away with an expression of pain from the window.

"Mr. Harley," said Lumley, "you have friends enough here, I hope, who are not so conscientiously scrupulous as Dr. L.?" and the puppy glanced towards me.

"If you can find no better one, permit me to offer."

Harley turned his back upon him. He always disliked Dr. L.: now he despised him, for an interference that he considered, at least tentatively, the catastrophe. Turning to Cheston, he asked, his services, in a low voice. Cheston assented.

"The doctor," said Captain Anson, "is not here. He looked at Harley enquiringly. Cheston assented.

"I suppose you come from Captain Vernon?" said he.

"And you from Mr. Harley?" asked Anson.

They were absent, and they left the room. While they were absent, I heard some pretty severe remarks whispered about Lumley, who was standing apart, quite cut off from the undignified contempt he had received from Harley. Several of those present, now that the affair had assumed so serious an aspect, and it was really too late for an interference, (except by peaceful officers) seemed inclined to regret their tacit assent to a denunciation so deadly, and were quite disposed to allow the anticipated blame of the duel to rest with the officious Lumley.

The seconds again entered the room. Cheston took Harley's arm, and descended with him to a carriage in waiting. Anson beckoned me to the next room.

"You must go with us," said he.

"I declined. I would not go out to see Harley shot down."

"But," said Captain Anson, "Vernon assures me he will not aim at him. As soon as you have exchanged oaths, he will apologize, and the matter is forgotten forever."

"Why," said I, "Harley just now assured me he would not shoot at Captain Vernon?"

"Ah, indeed! I am glad of it," said the good-hearted Anson, rubbing his hands together; "with no danger to any one."

"Then why not dispense with the form? If neither will shoot at the other, and Captain Vernon is disposed to apologize, why not as well before as after the shot? Why bring them on the ground at all?"

"Ah, my dear Doctor," said Anson, who, with all his goodness of heart, had also all the prejudices of the old school, "the thing would not do at all. It has gone too far now. Vernon's shooting is so well known, and Harley's relation towards his family are such, that any interruption now, before or without meeting, would imply Harley very materially. It will test the courage of both. Since neither knows of the other's intention not to aim at him, and as Vernon's shooting is almost proverbial, (he can bruise a dollar, in twelve paces, every shot)—why, you see, it will benefit Harley the most;—which is perfectly right as he is the aggressor party. Besides, Doctor," urged Anson, "as he perceived me still unwilling, 'in case the matter should be overhauled, your evidence would materially benefit all parties, knowing it to be the intention of neither principal to injure the other.'"

Reluctantly, I suffered myself to be placed in Vernon's carriage, where I found the owner already seated. Captain Anson followed.

well aware that Vernon would hit him, if he were no bigger than a dollar.

At this moment, Harley's pistol went off, discharged into the air. There was a half second's pause, and then Vernon fired obliquely against the ground; and Harley, without a word or movement, or even an effort to save himself, fell heavily to the earth!

With a loud expression of astonishment, every one but Captain Vernon sprang towards him. Cheston rushed first, and raised him in his arms, but he lay flat again with an exclamation of horror. He had lifted a corpse! Anson and I again raised the body. A mass of mingled blood and humor was flowing from the right eye, which was crushed and forced in, and instantly what had happened. Vernon's bullet, striking obliquely, had impinged against one of the smooth, hard bowlers, half imbedded in the sandy beach; and glancing thence, flattened to the shape and size of a half dollar, had struck the orbit of Harley's right eye, and piercing, with its sharp-edged edge, the ethmoid bone, had entered the brain. A probe that I introduced, would just touch the bullet. Its extraction was useless.

Turning from him to the—if possible—still more unfortunate Vernon, on my movement he too was lying stretched on the pebbly shore, and (as we discovered immediately) all the silent agonies of a fit of catalepsy.

O how sadly and silently, with many a sigh of regretful sorrow, did we place the two bodies in the respective carriages; and Anson and I accompanying Vernon, as the only one whom now attention would be paid to. We had not been at Captain Vernon's house five minutes, when (alas! too late), peace-officers arrived to prevent the recurrence. Learning the tragical deplorable, they wished them to arrest Vernon. Upon my assurance, however, that he could not possibly escape, and that further disturbance would more than endanger his life; they left him under my charge.

What a position was mine! Compelled, in the performance of Harley's last request, to give to Miss Vernon the fatal lines, which at once expunged a lover from having attempted her mother's life, and showed to her that he had been by that father's hand. I cannot describe the scene, and shall not attempt it. As soon as it was possible, I left the house of my patient, promising to return again that evening.

While returning home, I thought to myself, there's surely something wrong in our social or political condition, that a man should be held responsible, in some way, for his words, seem right enough; but the form that the principle is made to assume in the practice of duelling appears horrible. And I may fearlessly challenge the reader to recall all the recourses of this kind which his knowledge or hearing, and see if his reason can be found in the space of thirty seconds of time, whereas by Nautical observations now in use, it requires several observations, and frequently hours, to acquire the same information, and then perhaps incorrect. How many ships have been wrecked, lives lost, and property destroyed, owing to a slight variation of the compass, these days are overrated by the 'Chronophis Nautica.' Says one of the scientific to whose inspection it was submitted, this single discovery alone, will immortalize the inventor." Says another (Dr. Loche, I think) who gave his opinion as to its merits in a brief but judicious manner, "I could write a book upon it." It is not only useful to our Navy and Commerce, but it is the best instrument for Surveying. It will be highly useful in surveying harbors, coasts, lakes and territories. The instrument has been secured by patent to the inventor, and I have no doubt that he will be rewarded for his talent and labor for more than twenty years. Foreign countries are proud of their own genius and reward them liberally for their inventions. I am proud that I live in a land where liberty dwells, and the arts and sciences are appreciated, and I am prouder yet when America rewards the genius of her soil.

GOOD.—An exchange paper says:—"A friend informs us that he could send us a marriage, but as the young gentleman does not take a paper, he does not consider editors under any obligation to publish his marriage. That's the point; but the mystery about it is how any young lady could afford to marry a fellow who does not take a paper."

WITT RETORT.—The narrow way directly in front of our window, caused by the building materials of the splendid new warehouse being erected by the city for Pyle & Belrose's Paper Hanging store, is fifty times a day the scene of exciting disputes between the rival Jews whose teams meet in the passage. On Monday an amusing scene occurred. A shrewd looking countryman, driving a very long eared mule to a single vehicle, had got about one-third through the passage, going down Chestnut, when a couple of city bucks, in a Rockaway, turned into from Third street, and both came to a dead halt. Quite a crowd soon collected, and the bucks called out loudly and rudely to the countryman for stopping them, ending with "Back out there, you d—d donkey driver!"

"I shall do no such thing," replied the other; "I was here first, and shall stay here till you move. I don't mind being a donkey driver, but I'm darned if any donkeys shall drive me!"

A burst of laughter from the spectators was the result and the discomfited citizens "backed out."

A TAILOR'S OPINION.—A tailor, following an army, was wounded in the head by an arrow. When the surgeon saw the wound, he told his patient that as the weapon had not touched his brain, there was no doubt of his recovery.

The tailor said, "If I had possessed any brains I should not have been here."

A QUESTION WELL ANSWERED.—Alexander the Great seeing Diogenes looking attentively at a parcel of human bones, asked the philosopher what he was looking for.

"That which I cannot find," was the reply, "the difference between your father's bones and those of his slaves."

From the N. O. Press.

CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA.—We have been favored by Dr. Mueller with the following description of a case of hydrophobia treated by him:—"On the 22nd of May a mulatto woman named Sophia, living in the neighborhood of Dr. Luzenberg's hospital, was bitten by one of the dogs belonging to the house. The dog exhibited all the appearance of hydrophobia, feasting at the mouth and abhorring the sight of water. The dog and those he had bitten were immediately killed. Some hours after I was called, and immediately employed all the means I thought advisable, burning the wounds and promoting suppuration. A few days after she was seized with giddiness and a difficulty in swallowing, but those symptoms disappeared under the pursued treatment.

At the expiration of four weeks I suffered the wounds to heal, and the patient appeared to be perfectly well until Sunday, the 26th of July, the 68th day after she had been bitten, when she was suddenly seized with a paroxysm of rage. Her gaze was fixed, she frothed at the mouth and bit the towel, bed-clothes, and whatever she could get her hands on; she recognized no person, and the water pitcher to be thrown away and desired to see the dogs. I had her secured and bled her till she fainted. When she came to herself she recognized me, shed tears and appeared as if she considered that her dissolution was being withstood, and she begged to be taken to the hospital, where I burned again all the wounds, the signs of madness having returned. Toward evening she regained possession of her senses, and up to this time appears perfectly well.

J. W. MUELLER, M. D.
Franklin Infirmary, July 30th, 1846.

THE POWER OF PATRONAGE.—The Premier and the Lord Chancellor have between them, besides the disposal of metres and of all the higher appointments in the Church, the patronage of about eight or nine hundred livings, averaging about £300 a year each.

A suit of ancient British armour and bronze ornaments, supposed to belong to some British chieftain during the period of the occupation of the island by the Romans, was bought the other day for the British Museum, at the sale of antiquities at Bridgewater; price £150.

Colonial.

On Saturday morning last a robbery was committed in the residence of Mrs. Baxter, St. Nicholas street, St. Roch, by a servant woman, an emigrant, recently arrived. Mrs. Baxter had a large sum of money in a small box, in the upper part of her house, from which she took a portion for the purpose of marketing. On her return the girl in question was missing, and on examining the box she found it broken open and the greater part of the money abstracted.

Mr. Baxter immediately applied to Mr. Russell, Chief of Police, who with his usual promptitude and energy, at once took measures to secure the fugitive. Four policemen were dispatched to Point Levi, two of whom remained there, on the watch; right and day; two others did the same service in the Cul de Sac, in which it was ascertained she had made some change in her dress. Notwithstanding these precautions and efforts, up to 1 P. M. on Sunday, no clue to her whereabouts had been obtained. Mr. Russell, satisfied that she had taken the Carrouge road,—then started off Constables Welsh and Hayes in that direction, they traced her in a circuitous route of a distance of thirty miles! She walked from town to Point a Peseau, then to Carouge Bridge, from there back to St. Jacques Church, down the Luede road, and out to a shanty seven miles beyond Doyle's, at Jacques Cartier, where they arrested her at midnight of Sunday. The woman living in the shanty had turned her over when first arrived, she being without shoes or stockings, or boots, simply a plain cloak over her shoulders,—afterwards moved by her cries she received her into her house and allowed her to remain.

She was searched on the spot, and the sum before named found in her bosom. She gave a full account of the robbery, and has since been committed for trial.

As we do not hesitate to blame public men with greater willingness seek occasion to praise them. To our indefatigable and sagacious Chief of Police, Mr. Russell, every praise is due for the apprehension of this wily thief; and to his able subordinates, Constables Hayes and Welsh, an equal measure of commendation must be awarded for their untiring pursuit, throughout a long and fatiguing journey, and with a most slender clue for their guide. We have much pleasure in drawing public attention to the services of all concerned.—[Quebec Mer. 22th inst.]

From the Montreal Economist.

BOARD OF TRADE.

At a special meeting, very numerously attended, of this Board, held yesterday, the Hon. Geo. Moffat, M. P. P., in the Chair, the following Report was read, and unanimously adopted; and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Glass, Elder, and Young, appointed to draft a Memorial on the same:

REPORT

Of the Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Trade of the Province of Canada, particularly with reference to the new Commercial Policy of England.

Your Committee, appointed in April for the above-named purpose, beg to report that the great commercial measure submitted by Sir H. Peel, in February last, to the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, having become the law of the realm; it has become their duty to inquire into and if possible ascertain the probable effects which that law will have upon the commerce and welfare of this colony.

In the first place, they find that the high differential duties on foreign corn imported into Great Britain for consumption are, by the law in question, reduced from a scale sliding from 20s. to 1s. to a more moderate scale of 10s. to 4s. per quarter, the fixed duty of 8s. per quarter being still retained on corn of colonial growth; a change by which the differential duties in favour of Canadian wheat is virtually reduced to 3s. per quarter, as in all probability the minimum rate of 4s. per quarter for foreign grain is that which will generally prevail. They find further that this new differential scale is limited in its duration to February, 1849, when the duty of all grain imported into the United Kingdom for consumption becomes equalized, that is, colonial and foreign will be then equally subject to a fixed duty of 1s. per quarter.

Turning their attention, then, to the laws by which the external commerce of this colony is regulated, they find a system of differential duties in existence which conceive to be at variance, under present circumstances, not only with sound commercial principles, but also with justice and abstract right. These differential laws were imposed upon our commerce with the Ottoman empire, and it is their belief that it will strike its roots deep and spread them wide."

The Sultan had forbidden the primates so to act at Constantinople, and the same law must be enforced at Erzerum. The Armenian primates are "not to be suffered in any way to persecute or interfere with the converts when engaged in their trades and commerce." His Excellency is finally ordered "to protect and defend them."

The Morning Chronicle correspondent at Constantinople, in his last despatch, emphatically states that "Protestantism is now planted in the Ottoman empire, and it is my belief that it will strike its roots deep and spread them wide."

FLIGHT OF PRISONERS FROM HULL TO ANTWERP.—On Saturday last 57 carrier pigeons were let loose from the deck of the Monarch Steamer. They immediately rose nearly perpendicularly to a considerable elevation, when, after taking their customary circuit of observation, they went off in an apparent direction for their native soil. The following are the results of the aerial voyage. Thirteen of the birds reached Antwerp at two o'clock on the same day, having traversed a distance of 224 to 360 miles in seven hours. Twenty seven reached the city at seven o'clock on Sunday morning, and the whole of the remainder arrived safe on the same afternoon.

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