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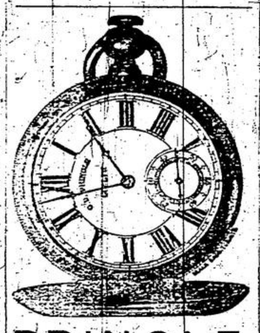
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P. S. ARMSTRONG.
Acton, August 20, 1875.

THE GAME OF LIFE.

There is a game much in fashion—I think its called Euchre—
(Though I never have played it for pleasure or lucre),
In which, when the cards are in certain conditions,
Then one of them cries in a confident tone,
"I think I may venture to go it alone?"

While watching the game 'tis a whim of the bard's,
A moral to draw from that skirmish of cards,
And to fancy he finds in the trivial strife,
Some excellent hints for the battle of life,
Where—whether the prize be a ribbon or throne—
The winner is he who can "go it alone!"

When Great Galileo proclaimed that the world,
In a regular orbit was ceaselessly whirled,
And got—not a convert—for all of his pains,
But only derision and prison and chains,
"It moves for all that!" was his answering tone,
For he knew, like the earth, he could "go it alone!"

When Kepler, with intellect, piercing afar,
Discovered the laws of each planet and star,
And doctors, who ought to have lauded his name,
Derided his learning and blackened his fame,
"I can wait," he replied, "till the truth you shall own;"
For he felt in his heart he could "go it alone."

Alas! for the player who idly depends,
In the struggle of life, upon kindred or friends,
Whatever the value of blessing like these,
They never can atone for inglorious ease,
Nor comfort the coward, who find with a groan,
That his crutches have left him to "go it alone!"

There's something, no doubt, in the hand you may hold,
Health, family, culture, wit, beauty and gold,
The fortunate owner may fairly regard
As each in its way, a most excellent card;
Yet the game may be lost, with all these for your own,
Unless you've the courage to "go it alone?"

In battle or business, whatever the game,
In law or in love, it is ever the same;
In the struggle for power, or the scramble for pelf,
Let this be your motto—"Rely on yourself!"
For, whether the prize be a ribbon or throne,
The victor is he who can "go it alone!"

J. G. SAXE.

A HIGHLAND CHIEF'S REVENGE.

HOW GLENGARRY OBTAINED RESTITUTION.

The hall of Eilean Donan was crowded beyond all former precedent. The feast was already over, and Lord Kintail was presiding over the long board, where flowing goblets were circulating among the numerous guests, who were all his friends or allies, or at least feared to declare themselves to be otherwise. But, fully aware of the uncertain materials of which this great assemblage was composed, the chief of the McKenzies had most prudently intermingled the stoutest and bravest individuals of his own clan among these strangers, and, as was customary in those rude times, each man sat with his drawn dirk sticking upright in the board before him, ready for immediate use, in case of its services being required; and this precaution was the more naturally adopted upon the present occasion, because every one at that table was jealous and doubtful of those sitting to right and left of him.

On a sudden the door of the hall was thrown open, and a huge man strode slowly and erectly into the middle of it. He was muffled up in a large dark plaid of some nameless tartan, and it was so folded over the under part of his face as to completely conceal it, whilst the upper part of his features were shrouded by the extreme breadth of the bonnet he wore. His appearance produced a sudden lull in the loud talk that was then arising from every mouth, the din of which had been making the vaulted roof to ring again. The name of "Macleod" ran in whispers around, and Lord Kintail himself having for a moment taken up the notion that had at first so generally seized the company, signed to his seneschal to usher the stranger towards the upper end of the table where he sat himself, and where a vacant chair on his right hand had been left for the chief of Dunvegan. The stranger obeyed the invitation indeed: but he sat not down. He stood erect and motionless for a moment, with all eyes fixed upon him.

"Macleod!" said Lord Kintail, at the same time half rising to acknowledge his presence by a bow, "Thou art late. We tarried for thee till our stomachs o'ermatched our courtesy. But stay, am I right? Art thou Macleod or not? Come, if thou art Macleod, why standest thou with thy face concealed? Unfold thyself and be seated; for there are none but friends here."

"I am not Macleod," said the stranger, speaking distinctly and deliberately, but in a hollow tone, from within the folds of his plaid.

"Who art thou, then?" demanded Kintail, with some degree of confusion of manner.

"I am an outlawed Macdonnell," replied the stranger. And then, after a short pause, he made one bold step forward, throwing wide his plaid and standing openly before them all, he exclaimed in a voice like thunder, "I am Glengarry!"

There was one moment of fearful silence, during which all eyes were turned upon the chief of the Macdonnells, with the fixed stare of people who were utterly confounded. Then was every dirk plucked from the board, and the crash which was thus made among the breakers and flagons was terrible; and the savage looks which each man darted on his neighbor, in his apprehension of treachery, where each almost fancied that the saving of his own life might depend on the quick despatching of him who sat next to him, presented a spectacle which might have frozen the blood of the stoutest heart that witnessed it. But even stroke was struck, or a single man could leave his place, Glengarry sprang on Kintail with the swiftness of a falcon on its quarry; he seized the victim with a vice like gripe of his left hand and pinned him motionless into his chair, whilst the dirk which he had concealed under his plaid now gleamed in his right hand, with its point within an inch of the Mackenzie's throat.

"Strike away gentlemen," said Glengarry, calmly; but if that be your game I have the first cock!"

The Mackenzies had all risen, it is true. Nay, some of them had even moved a step forward in defence of their chief. But they marked the gigantic figure of Glengarry; and seeing that the iron strength that he possessed gave him as much power over Lord Kintail as an ordinary man has over a mere child, and that any movement on their part must instantly seal his doom, each man of them stepped back and paused, and an awful and motionless silence once more reigned for some moments throughout the hall.

"Let any man but stir a finger!" said Glengarry, in a calm, slow, yet tremendous voice, "and the fountain of Lord Kintail's life-blood shall spout forth, till it replenish the goblet of him who sets in the lowest seat at this board! Let not a finger be stirred, and Kintail shall be scatheless."

"What wantest thou with me, Macdonnell?" demanded Kintail, with half-choked utterance that gave sufficient of the rudeness of that gripe by which his throat was held.

"Thou hast gotten letters of outlawry and of fire and sword against me and my clan," said Glengarry.

"I have," said Kintail. "They were sent me because of my rescue of certain men of the McCraws, declared rebels to the king."

"I ask not how or whence thou had'st them," said Glengarry; "but I would have them instantly produced."

"How shall I produce them, when thou wilt not suffer me nor any one to move?" said Kintail.

"Let thy chaplain there—that unarmed man of peace—let him produce them," said Glengarry.

"Go then, good Colin," said Kintail to the chaplain; go to yonder cabinet—thou knowest where they lie. Bring them hither."

"This is well!" said Glengarry, clutching the parchments with his armed hand from the trembling ecclesiastic, and thrusting them hastily into his bosom; "so far this is well. Now sit thee down, reverend sir, and forthwith write a letter from thy lord to the king, fully clearing me and mine in the eyes of his majesty from all blame, and setting forth in true colors my own loyalty, and that of the brave clan. Most cruelly have we been belied, for before these gentlemen I do swear, that as God shall be my judge, he hath nowhere more faithful subjects."

Use the pen as he dictates," said Kintail, "for if he speaks thus I will freely own he hath been wronged in the false rumors which have been conveyed to me and through me to his majesty."

"Tis honest at least in thee to say so much, Lord Kintail," said Glengarry "and since thou dost grant me this, thine amanuensis here may as well write me out a short deed pledging thee to the restitution of those lands of mine which were taken from me by the king's order, on former false statements of delinquency. And be expeditious, dost thou hear? lest thy good lord here may suffer too long from the inconvenience of this awkward posture in which thou art thyself detaining him by thy slow and inexpert clerkship."

"Write as thou art bid! and as expeditiously as may be," said Kintail, sincerely coinciding with Glengarry's last recommendation. Accordingly the papers were made out exactly as he desired—signed by Kintail—and then placed in the capacious bosom of the Macdonnell chief.

"All this is so far well," said Glengarry. "Now swear me solemnly that I shall be permitted to return home without molestation, and that thou wilt faithfully, and truly, and honestly, observe these thine engagements."

"I swear!" said Kintail. "I solemnly swear that thou shalt pass hence and return to thine own country without a hair of thine head being hurt; and I shall truely and faithfully observe everything I have promised, whether in writing or otherwise."

"Then," said Glengarry, quietly relinquishing his grasp, sheathing dirk and coolly seating himself at the board as if nothing had happened, "then let us have one friendly cup ere we part—I would pledge to thy health and to thy roof-tree, my Lord Kintail!" and saying so, he filled a large goblet of wine and drained it to the bottom, turning it up when he had finished to show that he had done fair justice to the toast.

"Glengarry!" said Kintail, "thou shalt not find me behind thee in courtesy. Thine to be sure hath been in certain respects somewhat of the roughest to-night, and I must own," continued he chafing his throat, "that a cup of wine never could come to me more desirably than at this moment; so I now drink to thee as a friend, for enemies though we have ever been, thy gallant courage has won my full applause,

"And I repeat the pledge, and in the same friendly guise, Kintail," said Glengarry, taking him by the hand, and squeezing it till this demonstration of his new-born friendship became almost as inconvenient to the chief of the Mackenzies as the effect of his enmity had so lately been. "And now, I must bid you all God-speed in a parting draught—*Sluinte.*"

"One cup more, Glengarry, to *Deoch-an-dorus*," said Kintail.

With all my heart," said Glengarry, and this last pledge was a deep one. Again he squeezed Kintail's hand until he made the tears come into his eyes. "Be assured," said he "thy letter to the king is in safe hands, my Lord Kintail, for I shall see it delivered myself."

"Lights and an escort there for Glengarry!" cried Lord Kintail, and the bold chief of the Macdonnells, bowing courteously around him to all that were assembled in the hall, left them full of wonder at his hardihood, whilst he was marshalled with all due ceremony and honor to the boat, and ferried across to his impatient people.

"My horse, Alister!" cried Glengarry, as soon as his foot had touched the shore; and throwing himself into the saddle, he let no grass grow at his heels till he reached the capital, and was presented at Court, where he speedily re-established himself in the good opinion of his sovereign.

SPEND YOUR MONEY AT HOME.—1st. It is your home; you cannot improve it much by taking money away to spend or invest. 2nd. There is no way of improving a place so much as by encouraging good merchants, good schools and people to settle among you, and this cannot be done unless you spend your money at home. 3rd. Spend your money at home, because there is where you generally get it. It is your duty. 4th. Spend your money at home because, when it is necessary for you to get credit, it is of your town merchants you have generally to get it, and they have to wait for the money. Therefore, when you have the cash in hand spend it at home. 5th. Spend your money at home. It will make better merchants of your merchants; they can and will keep better assortments and sell at lower rates than if the only business they can and will do is what is credited out, while the money goes to other places. 6th. Spend your money at home. You may have sons grown up some day be the best merchants in town. Help to lay the foundation of them now. It is a duty. It may be your pride in after years to say: "By trading at that store I got my son a position as clerk, and now he is proprietor." Then you will think it hard if your neighbors spend their money out of town. Set the example now.

A New York merchant has been detected measuring thirty-four inches to the yard. Two inches is nothing on a towel, but it tells heavily on a woolen shirt when the thermometer drops down.

Ontario Legislature.

TORONTO, Nov. 25.

To-day, at three o'clock p.m., His Honor the Lieutenant Governor proceed to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, and formally opened the first session of the third parliament of Ontario. His Honor was conducted by the Governor General's Body Guard, commanded by Captain Denison, the 10th Royals forming the guard of honor. On the arrival of His Honor at the Parliament House, a salute was fired by the Garrison Artillery.

His Honor having taken his seat on the throne,

The Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:

May it Please Your Honor:

The Legislative Assembly have elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of these duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, hereby humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favorable consideration.

Mr. Wood, Provincial Secretary, then said—Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's person and government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their Constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

THE SPEECH.

His honor opened the session with the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

The melancholy event which occurred since the dissolution of the House cannot but be in the memory of all on the present occasion, and I but give utterance to the common sentiment when I express profound regret that a more lengthened career of usefulness had not fallen to my esteemed predecessor. In consequence of his lamented death, the duty of discharging the high and responsible functions of Lieutenant-Governor of my native Province has unexpectedly been imposed upon me. I hope so to discharge them as becomes a faithful constitutional Governor under the British system, which we have the happiness of possessing, and may best promote to the true interests of the country.

The reforms which have from time to time been made in the election laws of the Province resulted in that order and decorum at the late general and other elections which had been anticipated. In view of the experience gained of the operation of these laws, it may be proper to consider whether some of them may not be so improved that, without foregoing or diminishing the advantages which they secure, you may free constituencies and candidates from some undue hardships to which occasionally they are now exposed. Bills with this object, and for further improvement of the law as to voters' lists, will probably be submitted to you.

The system of voting by ballot being now in force with respect to all Parliamentary and Municipal elections, a Bill will be laid before you for the extension of the system to by laws requiring the assent of the ratepayers.

It is a matter for congratulation that, while so many countries are suffering from a depressed state of trade and other industries, our Province has been blessed with an abundant harvest, and has thereby been relieved to a considerable extent from an equally suffering condition. The Province having been comparatively free from the effects of over speculation, I have every confidence that the period will not be long before the country will enter upon a fresh career of activity and prosperity.

You will probably think it right to consider with earnestness and caution how far it may be wise, and of general benefit for the Province, out of its accumulated funds, to afford aid to projected railways which have not hitherto been assisted, or to supplement the aid already granted to any of the railways which are in progress. Your special attention will probably be invited to the question of the best mode and time affording encouragement to railway enterprises which have for their object the opening up, settling, and improving the more remote areas of the Province.

It is satisfactory to know that expenditure of the Province for the promotion of Immigration continues to bear good fruit; a large number of immigrants belonging to the classes most needed have settled in our Province during the past year, notwithstanding the inducements and temptations held out by other countries. I am glad also to have it in my power to state that the improved system which was adopted last year by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, has enabled the work to be carried on with an increased efficiency as well as with great economy.

There will submitted to you a considerable portion of the work performed by the Commissioners to whom was assigned the task of classifying and consolidating the Statute Law affecting Ontario. The Commissioners have, during the last year, been continuing their important labors, and in the course of their work they have had their attention called to desirable amendments in various Statutes. One or more Bills embodying their recommendations will probably be submitted to you for consideration.

The Chief Superintendant, who has ably managed the Educational Department for more than thirty years, being desirous of retiring from office, you will probably be called upon to consider whether the time has not arrived when the efficiency of the system would be promoted by placing the work of the Department in the hands of a responsible Minister of the Crown.

I have taken the opportunity, during the summer, of visiting most of the Public Institutions of the Province which are under Government management, and I have been much gratified by what I saw of their condition. One class of these—the Asylums for Lunatics and Idiots—have become insufficient for the accommodation of the unhappy persons for whom they are designed, and the number of whom is increasing as the population of the Province advances. I am sure that you will not hesitate to make such further provision for their keeping and treatment as may be necessary.

A measure will be submitted to you having for its object the securing of a complete system of vital statistics.

I invite your attention to the desirability for some legislation for making fuller provision than hitherto for the payment of witnesses on criminal prosecutions.

The question of the Eastern Boundary of Ontario has, so far as relates to Provincial action, been finally determined agreeably to the Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature. I regret that the other matters in difference between Ontario and Quebec remains unsettled. There has been correspondence on the subject, and the Quebec Government has intimated its intention of uniting with us in taking up the matter vigorously after the prorogation of the Legislatures now in Session. Meanwhile we continue in the enjoyment of most of the assets assigned to this Province by the arbitrators, as well as of Quebec's share of the money realized since Confederation from the sales of school lands.

Since the dissolution of the last house, the question of the northerly and westerly boundaries of the the Province has continued to receive the attention of the Government. Informal negotiations have taken place with respect to both a compromise line and the arbitration which the Legislature authorized, but no final result has been arrived at; meanwhile, steps have been taken for obtaining some additional evidence expected to be of value.

The accounts of the Province will be submitted to you without delay, and I have the satisfaction of assuring you that, notwithstanding drafts made on account of appropriations which preceding Legislatures authorized to be made out of surplus in encouraging railways and for other public works, and after distributing three millions of dollars among the municipalities, there yet remained on the 30th Sept. last a large aggregate amount of Provincial resources available in cash.

The estimates for the coming year have been prepared, and will be laid before you. The endeavor has been to frame them with a due regard to economy, and at the same time to consider and secure the efficiency of the public service.

In leaving you now to your deliberations, my prayer is that the Great Ruler of the Universe may so influence them that they may redound to your credit, and may promote the welfare of the community.

His Honor, attended by Capt. Grant, A. D. C., then left the House.

The Speaker then took the chair at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received from the judges elected for the trial of election petitions pursuant to the Controverted Elections Act, the certificates and reports relating to these Bills.

On motion of Mr. Mowat, the following Bill was introduced and read the first time. "An act to provide for the Administration of Oaths of Office to Persons appointed as Justices of the Peace."

Mr. Mowat moved that the speech of His Honor be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Carried.

The usual formal resolutions relative to the printing of the votes and proceedings, bribery, and the appointment of Select Standing Committees were passed.

Mr. Mowat moved the adjournment of the House.

Gems of Thought.

Buy not, sell not, where self-respect is bartered, for that once lost the mainspring of honor is rusted and decayed.

There is nothing that people bear more impatiently, or forgive less, than contempt; and an injury is much sooner forgotten than an insult.

The world ought to do more than admire the noble men who are pre-eminent for their virtue and integrity. It should learn to imitate them.

God gives food to every bird, but he does not bring it to the nest. In like manner He gives us our daily bread, but by means of our daily bread.

Artificial wants are more numerous, and lead to more expense than natural wants; from this cause the rich are oftener in greater want of money than those who have but a bare competency.

Men discover that it is far more convenient to adulterate the truth than to refine themselves. They will not advance their minds to the standard; therefore they lower the standard to their minds.

There is no talent like genuine workers. Ten out of every twelve successful men are workers. Nine out of every ten workers will be successful men. Genius, like the oratory of Demosthenes, is action! action! action!

Pleasure which cannot be obtained but by unseasonable or unsuitable expense, must always end in pain; and pleasure which is acquired at the expense of another's pain can never be such as a worthy mind can delight in.

Wanted Pizen.

The other day a thin waisted woman with a snap to her eyes entered a Detroit drugstore, and without any fooling around she asked:

"Do you keep pizen here?"

"Yes'm—all kinds," replied the clerk.

"You've got pizens in liquid and pizens in powders, have you?"

"Yes'm

"Well," she said looking around at the many bottles, "I want something powerful strong—something to lay him right out, without any fooling!"

The clerk drew back a little and said:

"I fear we can't sell you any poison, madam."

"You can't? What's the reason you can't?"

"You—you might not make good use of it," he tremblingly said.

"What do you mean?" she slowly asked, kind o' reaching across the counter.

"Why—family trouble, perhaps—your husband— you may be a little deranged," he stammered.

She gave him a look of lofty contempt and said:

"You needn't be afraid of me, bub! My head has brains enough in it to run four drug stores like this, and my husband and I get along about as well as any other pair. When he gets high-nosed and tries to boss around, I point to a chair, give him one look, and he drops. No, but, I want that pizen to lay out a dog, and you needn't be afeared of being tooken up for tragedy.

It was put up, handed her, and paid for, and she remarked:

"Thought I was deranged, eh? I own up that I don't know anything about your old drugstore Latin but if I can't tumble housework around with the whole pile of your relatives for two hundred years back, I'll get in the way of a one-hoss locomotive afore dark.

"Patrick," said an old gentleman to his servant, "we are all creatures of fate." "Well, if it was for *fate*, how the divil roses it walk, surr?"