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The eagle plunges from his mountain nest, And screaming, soars above the distant plain, Plucking his plumes without a pang of pain, Though stained with blood from his own beating breast.

The hunter seeks the heated herd no more, The war-bird's pinions deck his damntless head, The antelope, with dearest feet, has fled From woodland copse and streams' enticing shore.

The moving purpose of a mighty mind, Resistless as swift death, a race now claims, Wrestling its weapons from their wonted aims, Leaving pain and famine far behind.

Moke-ta-va-ta, thy form appears again, Thy spirit to thy hunting-garments hath risen; Thy body, bursting from thy wintry plume, Blossoms in blood red flowers on the plain.

Thy voice makes eloquent the vital air, Thy splendid image fills the day's clear eye; Thy people, hearing, seeing, swiftly fly, Like war-birds flocking, thronging everywhere.

In thy sad fate their own is prophesied: They strike to cleave in twain the burning band, Fasted upon them by a reckless hand, Enclosing, crushing till they all had died.

The odier under which thou hast been slain Hath been the nation's crime, latest and first, By which our oldest brother was accused, Yet we unblinking bear the brand of Cain.

What crimes were thine, of what dread deeds accused? Wert thou a foe to freedom or thy kind? Spoke thou with double tongue or faithless mind, That thus thou wert betrayed, reviled, abused?

No! From great nature's paths thou freely came, Leading thy people to the nation's feast, And when the two in conflict e'er did meet, Thine was the honor, ours the sin and shame.

Thy words were wisdom's essence, and were spoke With guileless spirit and with single tongue. No falsehood's venom'd arrows'neath them clung, No trust was e'er betrayed, no promise broke;

The stranger sought thy topa not in vain, Thou gavest him clothing, rest, and food and cheer— What'er could fill his heart or mind's desire, E'en though the giving brought thy bosom pain.

Nature revealed in thee her perfect art; Thy truth and valor all might emulate; Thy potent power true homage to create, Thy magnanimity of mind and heart.

Even thy foes could win thee by their faith, Between them and the vengeance of thy kin Thou oft hast stood; though there's the damned sin Of thy betrayal, thine the martyr's death.

Thrice earnest thou with offerings of love, Pledging thy people, with the pipe of peace, That nor thy warrior nor thy increase Against the Government in war would move.

Once, when the nation's banner o'er thee waved, Thy village rested 'neath its promised care, The dastard coward struck thee unaware; Only by courage were thy people saved.

Thy brother's blood beneath thine eye did flow, The fire-arrows had stung thy faithful wife, Yet thou didst fly to save the stranger's life—"I think you spies, I do not know it, go."

Again, the blundering hand of power destroyed Thy stock and substance, and thy tepas burned; The tardy recompense thy spirit spurned—Remembrance of a wrong thou wouldst avoid.

When thy young men the war-bird's plumes would wear, To vindicate thy right, avenge thy wrong, Thy voice uplifted this permission strong—"The antelope can never fight the bear."

And when the battle-cry was well begun, And all thy influence for peace was past, From thy proud form the chieftain's robes were cast, And thou didst sadly seek the setting sun.

Followed by her whose faithful, willing feet Companioned all thy weary wanderings; Camping, with thy small band, near the clear springs, From which the antelope doth drink the life-giving tide.

Ah! then the latest and the foulest wrong Came upon thee, without a warning word, Thee and thine stricken, like a hunted herd, By that false power which makes the mighty strong.

And thou wert slain, Whoever dared to trace His name upon the order for thy death, Will wear the sting until his latest breath, And bind the curse of Cain upon his race.

Six times the waning, weary moon hath turned Her forehead from the heart-sick earth away, Pining because of justice' long delay, Since thou, Volshita, hath a captive yearned.

For some avenging hand, some voice from heaven, To strike with serpent sting this nation strong; That dares decide to whom life doth belong; She of the twelve wounds walls—Thou, Jesus, had but seven.

'Twas ever thus: a hundred winters' snows And golden harvest moons have poured their flood Of wine and corn upon a people good, And yet the life-blood of a nation flows.

To slay the eldest children of a race Nearest and dearest to Columbia's breast, Because their feet her virgin soil have pressed, And now their blood and tears stain her loved face.

With eager hearts and unreluctant feet We turn from our fond mother's breast away, We search our brows with bands of blazing day, Then sigh in vain for her dear life-blood sweet.

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THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH.

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MOTLEY.

From the Chicago Republican.

For some time Motley is to be the only American wear in England in diplomatic circles. The great historian, transformed into the Minister of the United States near the Court of St. James, will sail from New York on the 19th instant. His chief duty will be the settlement of the Alabama claims. Beverly Johnson was fed, tossed, and fettered into one treaty, or almost unanimously, rejected by the Senate. We hope that Motley's diplomatic propensities will not lead him astray similarly. His literary reputation is a fine theme for late supper conversation. He first published his incomparable histories under English copyright. He is regarded as more of an English than of an American celebrity. His history, as estimated as more English than American. Hence, an attempt will be made to appropriate him as a champion of English-American opinion. Society will doubtless open wide to him its selectest doors. We will follow in his honor. He will be set on a pedestal of British distaffhood, and be honored, apostrophized, and glorified, all in the interests of the Queen's construction of the Alabama claims.

But John Lothrop Motley is not the man, if we understand him, to be entrapped by personal ambition. The historical and political Rise of the Dutch Republic and the United Netherlands possesses a mind too acute and penetrating to be imposed upon by soup, oysters, toasts, and after-dinner speeches. Any one who has read his incomparable annals must have been convinced that Mr. Motley has no affinity for aristocratical, oligarchical, or monarchical forms of government. All his sympathies are with the masses of the people. His philosophy is in perfect accord with the most onward development of modern existence. He despises unproductive consumers, and constantly praises the praises of muscular and mental exertion. Such a man cannot be misled by oysters coming from the idols of caste.

It must be recollected that his settled opinions, laid down safely upon the shelf of diplomatic judgment, have been made upon a ground furnished by the secretary formation and schemes of policy both in Europe and in America. His contact with monarchical institutions is not new. He goes to England with a full comprehension of the policy which has dominated that country for centuries. He is too old a bird to be caught with chaff. A man about fifty-five years of age, who has shown his comprehensiveness and depth of thought, is not to be misled easily. We are not aware that he has any dining-out propensities. His pursuits exclude that supposititious speech so often heard in the mouths of prominent fallings. What these are his mission will be sure to develop. Before Mr. Motley sail have been one month in England, we shall learn what are his weaknesses of character. Experience will find them out, beyond a peradventure.

Our only fear for Mr. Motley is his honesty and straightforwardness. He has never trod the crooked paths of diplomacy. Evasion has never been one of his intellectual weapons. Trickery and guile are not his strong points. He has brought face to face with the impediments, devices, and complications of international negotiation. He is not by experience fitted to see through the infinite variety of subtleties adopted by foreign cabinets to accomplish their ends. Like a true diplomat, little is he liable to be imposed on by apparent sincerity. Yet, even here, as what is said to him officially must be in terms of words, a man accustomed to deal with the meanings of words and their ends, he is not likely to be misled. Sentences, we feel assured, will not warp the judgment of Mr. Motley. He is an American—every inch of him. In fact, he is the very best of all the foreign appointments. Would that all were as good and unexceptionable as he!

ARE WE NEUTRAL?

From the N. Y. World.

There is a tendency in certain quarters to squander the Cuban, the English problem, and no matter what our convictions, we may be led to refuse to do so, or to refuse to do so in respect to the Cuban insurrection according to the influence which our acts will naturally have upon our side of the pending dispute with Great Britain arising out of the Queen's proclamation of neutrality of the fitting of the United States to this country! It is impossible to suppose that the man is ordinarily so ignorant of American affairs. Nothing but an overpowering dread of facing the fact as it really is could have blinded him to the meaning of that vote. To the most ignorant foreigner, it must seem marvellous that any political complication can drive both political parties to vote as one man! To a person as well informed as a British foreign minister necessarily is, it must be perfectly well known that nothing less than a perfectly overwhelming and irresistible public sentiment could have forced every Democratic Senator save one to support the speech and motion of Charles Sumner! The man who is blind to the meaning of such a vote must be crazy with fear. Scarcely less significant is the minority of the Republican members. As other debates show, there were Senators upon the floor who were acting for a chance to pitch into the new administration and its policy. There were Senators who came from States in which not a single person cared one straw for the Alabama claims, or for American commerce either, except in the broadest and most patriotic sense—States which lost nothing by the war would gain nothing by the settlement of these claims upon any basis whatever. We measure English conduct by the same standard. We measure English conduct by the same standard. We measure English conduct by the same standard. We measure English conduct by the same standard.

CONGRESSMEN ON THEIR TRAVELS.

From the N. Y. Times.

Time was when the close of a session of Congress brought relief to its committees. Or if perchance a committee found the continuance of an investigation necessary, members remained at Washington to conduct it. That old-fashioned custom, however, is no longer longer suits the House committees. They propose to turn the recess to pleasurable account, and to prove their zeal in the public service by travelling hither and thither with all the pomp and circumstance of Congressional authority. At the same time, the House has a number of members who have been a rather undignified game of grab among the chairmen concerned to secure the whereof for their enjoyment. The contingent fund is not unlimited, and the maxim "first come first served" has been applied to such purpose. The House has a number of members who have been a rather undignified game of grab among the chairmen concerned to secure the whereof for their enjoyment. The contingent fund is not unlimited, and the maxim "first come first served" has been applied to such purpose.

REMOVAL OF THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

From the N. Y. Herald.

The opportunity now offered to General Grant for the extension of the boundaries of the nation and its moral and material power throughout the world is without a precedent in American history, and without a comparison in the records of the human race. 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