

### With the Long Bow

"Eye nature's walk, about folk as it flies."

Sweet Singer of 'Old Huron's Sounding Sea' Immured in the Little Town of Goderich, Ont., Where the Simple Annals of the Poor Are Caught in the Delicate Meshes of Her Imperishable Verse.

OR graceful imagery and nervous diction, the "Golden Leaves" of Eloise A. Skimings, "the poetess of Huron's wave" and the silvery melodist of Goderich, Ont., is far in advance of anything put out by the minor poets during 1905. The "Leaves" consists of about three hundred idyls, inscriptions, appreciations and little dashes of blank verse thrown off by the ever-active poetess in the pauses of her daily toil and moil at Goderich. It is in the simple things of life, where Burns was so strong, that Eloise also shines the brightest. In her "appreciations" many of the quiet and even ordinary citizens of Goderich are embalmed like flies in the clear amber of her verse. Death, birth and matrimony find Eloise's muse especially active and sympathetic. A few examples are here given, merely examples, for those who have tasted will long to drink deep at the font of inspiration:

#### LOYALTY.

To Miss Minnie Strachan, on presenting the writer with her jubilee badge on Jubilee Diamond Day.  
Minnie, child of song, thy fond heart  
Doth beat right loyally,  
And I will wear the badge you gave  
On our Diamond Jubilee,  
Which shows you love the poetess,  
By old Huron's sounding sea.

Again there is this tho't, entitled "Canada's Offering to Rudyard Kipling":

America's prayers  
Are not for thee more sincere  
Than this poem from  
Lady of the Snows, so dear.

In time of birth or accident, Eloise is always there:

#### LIZZIE.

Lines dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. John Sproule, Raglan street.  
Wee winsome babe,  
Thy parents' joy,  
Thou'rt in a home  
Without alloy.

Or in the sad case of Homer Tanner:

To Homer Tanner, aged 5 years, who was injured in a runaway accident.

Little hero of tender age,  
Early has the Gospel seed  
Taken root in thy youthful heart,  
To bloom in time of need.

And yet the noble, frightened beast  
In its frenzy thought of home,  
There it knew there was a haven  
Where peacefully it might roam.

Unfortunately the horse, the "frighted beast," did not roam barnward so peacefully, but that he threw little Homer off, causing severe and painful contusions.

One more instance and we are done. It is a poem which the admiring Detroit Journal critic referred to as "a singularly powerful and graceful metaphor." The entire stanza is given:

To the Marine Band, on playing the "Snare Drum."  
O let this life's snare e'er emerge  
From the orchestral drum;  
Cast thy bread upon the waters,  
Even the smallest crumb,  
And then its notes in melody  
Will keep thy soul from anger free.

We shall hear more of Miss Skimings. Such graceful and limpid verse is enduring and will not be suffered by the heedless world to be forever immured in Goderich, Ont. 'Twill out.

The Munich (N. D.) Leader got out Vol. 1, No. 1, with loud whoops for Munich as the hub of the universe, when Editor McDonald of the opposition sheet strolled around, bought up the whole plant and consolidated it with his great family paper and the career of the Munich Leader was ended.

A Minot, N. D., minister has swallowed a nail, but the parishioners are not worried, as it was only a wire nail.

The Wakefield (Mass.) Daily Item is the first worm to turn. The Item's advertising department has issued the following schedule of "rates":

"For announcing to the public that a citizen is 'a successful business man' when the whole county knows that he is a financial failure and lazier than a government mule, \$3.75.

"For referring to a lecturer or public speaker as having 'exceptional oratorical powers and a charming personality' when he talks like a class in a stammerers' institute and has a manner that would frighten a baby into convulsions, \$8.75.  
"Advertising a hashhouse layout as a 'delicious collation' when a 'hot dog and roll' would be a banquet in comparison, \$1.25.

"Eulogizing a deceased citizen as 'one mourned by the entire community,' when his familiar face will be missed only at a second-class poker circle, \$10.25.

"Calling an office-seeker an 'efficient town official,' when everyone knows that he is a 'grafter' and has to hire a clerk to do his work for him, \$7.22.

"Speaking of a singer as having a 'rich bass' or 'sweet and delicate soprano,' when in reality it would require a roll of sandpaper, a burnishing machine and a nickel-plating outfit to make it pass muster in a gang of street hawkers, \$13.

"Referring to an entertainment as 'a financial success,' when the committee has only paid for the orchestra and still owes for printing, advertising, use of hall and other incidentals, \$5.75.

"Reporting a dance or social function as 'the event of the season' when everybody sat round and wished that it was over, \$4.28.

"Sending a doubtful hypocrite and sinner to heaven, \$3.76.

"Calling a common 'pulpit pounder' an 'eminent divine,' 60c.

"Referring to a gang of young hoodlums who smoke cigarette butts on the street corners, break windows and make the night hideous generally, as the 'coming generation' and 'Young America,' 79c."

These prices are reasonable and should extend to other papers.

The way Miss Claudia Wold of Minneapolis foiled a bunch of bright conspirators against her peace of mind at Rugby, N. D., is told so well in the Rugby Tribune that it would be shameful to attempt to retell it. The Tribune says:

"For some time Miss Wold and Attorney L. R. Nostdal have been quite friends, but they were presumed to be cousins until the last few weeks, and especially since Miss Wold handed in her resignation as teacher in the Rugby schools. It was announced that she was going to depart for Minneapolis on the night train Friday, and, of course, the friends



SNOWBALLING US. The Northwest—This snowball may have been intended for Medicine Hat, but I know who got it.

of the two young people thought Mr. Nostdal would be on hand at the time of the departure of Miss Wold. Accordingly prepared to give them a send-off in the way of rice and old shoes and the usual articles showered upon a bride and groom. In some way Mr. Nostdal 'got onto' their intentions and the joke was planned which was carried out with complete success. Omar Casady was invited to help with the joke, and went to the home of Mrs. Dwinell, where Miss Wold has been rooming, and at the hour the train should arrive attired himself in a lady's cloak, hat and skirt, and in company with Mr. Nostdal started for the train. The young people were ready with their shower and were not slow in showering it upon the two gentlemen while Miss Wold took a short-cut to the depot another way. As an impersonator of Miss Wold, Mr. Casady was a complete success, and the young people did not discover their mistake until the train had pulled in, when Miss Wold stepped upon the platform and Mr. Casady beside her, when he threw off his disguise and revealed his identity. Just then the showerers took a hike. A trunk was also appropriately decorated at the depot, but it is now claimed that it was not the property of Miss Wold, but of another party, and that her trunk did not go to Minneapolis until the next day.

A report is current in Rugby that several people are so mad that they are threatening to tip Mr. Casady's house over. —A. J. R.

### What the Market Affords

STRAWBERRIES, 50 cents a box.  
Cauliflower, 20 and 25 cents each.  
Potatoes, 75 cents a bushel.  
Parsley, 5 cents a bunch.  
Lemons, 25 cents a dozen.  
Halibut, 18 cents a pound.  
Perch, 12½ cents a pound.  
Shrimps, 40 cents a quart.  
California hard-shell crabs, 20 cents a pound.  
Flounders, 15 cents a pound.

Strawberries made their first appearance of the year in the market yesterday in the midst of the storm, and although they are large and well-colored, they are decidedly sour in taste.

In preparing halibut or other fish for baking it adds to the flavor if the fish is sprinkled with lemon juice or vinegar and allowed to stand for an hour or two. Have several thin slices of fat salt pork on the bottom of the pan and baste repeatedly while in the oven with butter and water; if it seems dry let the last basting be with some of the sauce which is to be served with it at table. The cold fish which remains may be freed from skin and bone, baked and reheated for luncheon, using a thick cream sauce; serve in paper cases, sprinkling the top of each with a little sifted cooked egg yolk.

Apricot snow is always a pleasing dessert. Soak a half-package of gelatine in a half-cupful of cold water. In a saucepan put a cupful and a half of canned apricot syrup, adding sugar, if necessary, to make very sweet. Bring to the boiling point, add the soaked gelatine, take from the fire and stir until dissolved. Add one tablespoonful of lemon juice, strain and set aside. When cold, and beginning to thicken, add a half-cupful of pulped apricots and the unbeaten whites of three eggs, and whip steadily until the mixture is a thick, spongy mass; turn into a mold and set away to chill.

#### AT AN EXECUTION.

SIR WEMYSS REID wrote as follows of one of his early experiences as a reporter: "On the first occasion of witnessing an execution, as I stood trembling at the foot of the scaffold on which the victim was about to appear, I noticed an old reporter, for whom I entertained a great personal respect, pacing up and down beside me, reading the new testament.

"In the passion of horror and pity that filled my young heart I concluded that my friend was seeking spiritual comfort in view of the event in which we were about to take part as spectators and recorders. I said something to him about the horror of the act we were shortly to witness.

"He looked up with a placid smile from his reading and said gently—for he was essentially a gentleman: 'Yes, very sad, very sad; but let us be thankful it isn't raining.' And then he calmly returned to his daily reading of the word."

#### "THE INVISIBLE MAN."

IN THE book departments of Washington stores in these holiday times a feature was made of works about President Roosevelt. In one establishment an entire counter was filled with Rooseveltiana. A woman and her husband were passing this particular counter when the former said: "For goodness sake, John, whoever dreamed that there were so many books about Roosevelt? Here's Leupp's 'The Man Roosevelt,' and Riis' 'Roosevelt, the Citizen' and 'The Speeches of Roosevelt,' and what's that book over there? 'The Invisible Man'?" I wonder if that's about Roosevelt, too?" "No, dear," replied John. "I think that's probably about Alton B. Parks

### Fit Smith Is Foiled

From the Hogwallow Kentuckian.



SMITH came in today, having been absent for two days hand-running. Fit on last Tuesday went into the creek bottoms hunting for possums, and soon had one treed in a large hollow log. As he did not have a gun or a dawg or an ax with him, there was nothing to do but wait till somebody come along, so he set down, constantly watching the end of the log with an upraised stick. Fit waited in that position until the next evening, and nobody come along. He grew tired and was beginning to get restless, and he thought come to him that he could prevent longer suspense by crawling into the log, so he got down on his all-fours and done so. After he had went a few feet he was horrified to see day-



WATCHING THE END OF THE LOG WITH AN UPRAISED STICK. light staring him in the face at the other end of the log, and crawled on thru. He believes the possum had done the same thing about forty-eight hours before, and was inclined to become slightly exasperated.

### Curios and Oddities

#### TUSKS OF ELEPHANTS.

DR. G. C. SCHILLINGS, who has traveled much in Africa, has this to say of the tusks of elephants: "The size and weight of tusks of exceptionally large animals are sometimes phenomenal. In 1898 an old male elephant was killed by native hunters not far from the Kilimanjaro, the tusks of which had a combined weight of 450 pounds. These enormous teeth created quite a sensation when they were brought to market in Zanzibar. One of these tusks, the largest in existence, is at present in the British museum in London, the other is in the United States of America.

"Yet tusks of over 100 pounds are pretty rare. The weight does not always depend on the age and size of the animal. Not only do the different varieties of elephants differ as to the average weight of their tusks, but different members of the same family show dissimilarity in this respect. The South African elephant's tusks are considerably inferior in size and weight to those of the elephant in equatorial Africa.

"Rowland Ward, in his book, 'Records of Big Game,' gives the weights and measurements of the biggest tusks known to us. The African elephant exceeds the antediluvian mammoth as well as the Indian elephant. The biggest tusk is twenty-four and a quarter inches in circumference, ten and a half feet long and 226 pounds in weight."

#### COLORS IN GLASS.

CHANGES in the color of glass are caused by subjecting it to the action of what are known as ultraviolet rays of light. Something of the same sort may be observed on high mountains, where old glass from bottles originally green, after exposure to the light of a great elevation in the regions of perpetual snow, attains a beautiful pale purple tint. The same results may also be seen in connection with the glass insulators used on telegraph or telephone lines in mountain districts. During a period of years an observer says that he has found it interesting to watch the changes in hue of the insulators on the telephone line connecting Laggan station of the Canadian Pacific railway with the chalet at Lake Louise. The elevation is between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, and while the line runs thru the forest almost all the way, the actinic effect of the light has changed the green glass of those insulators that have been up for several years to a brilliant purple. Those that have been in service longest apparently have the deepest tint.

#### "MISSING LINK" AGAIN.

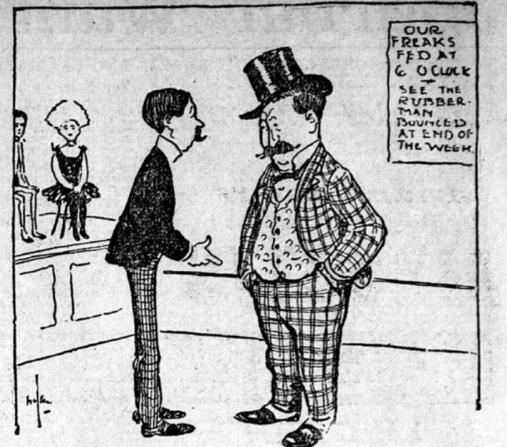
SCIENTISTS are again on the trail of the "missing link." Two years ago certain marks were found on a block of sandstone near Warmambool, in Australia, which were thought to be the imprints of the footprints of a prehistoric man. At the time this idea was ridiculed; but a plaster cast was sent to Germany, and the inevitable German savant went out to investigate the matter. He now reports that, in his opinion, they were genuine human imprints, and this, taken in conjunction with the extraordinary human skulls to be seen in the Warmambool museum, is supposed to show that a link between humanity and the ape has been discovered. The idea of the German doctor is that at an early period the sandstone where the imprints were found had been a great level beach on which, perhaps, prehistoric men were accustomed to camp.

#### SAME OLD SICILY.

THAT Sicilian brigands are still living up to their melodramatic traditions is proved by the following bit of news from that island: About a month ago Signor di Martino, a Sicilian of good family, was captured by brigands while cycling near Palermo. His parents, instead of paying the ransom demanded, hired soldiers to search for him. His dead body has now been found buried under a pyramid of stones.

#### FLAT FISH TRAMPS.

UNLIKE some round fishes, the flat species keep to the bottom of the sea and move along it, traveling great distances. Records have been obtained showing that plaice have traveled eighty-eight miles in twenty-eight days, or an average of not less than three miles a day.



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