

Motto of the Mass.

BY MILES O'REILLY. I've seen beyond of life, although Not yet beyond my prime;

For the Spectator.

Bessie Bell and Mary Gray. I have lately entertained myself, if not the readers of the Spectator, with some reminiscences of men and things about Staunton in former times.

Richmond Advertisements.

STEVENS & PEGRAM, GROCERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 611 Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Loeb Brothers' Column.

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Medical.

RHEUMATISM! RHEUMATISM!! The subscriber has been appointed General Agent in the United States for the sale of Dr. CARTER'S RHEUMATIC SPECIFIC, which has cured more than 100,000 persons, and is now being introduced into this country. The most stubborn cases, of long duration, have been entirely cured by this popular medicine. It is now being introduced into this country. The most stubborn cases, of long duration, have been entirely cured by this popular medicine. It is now being introduced into this country.

Castings and Machinery.

BURKE'S IRON WORKS, STAUNTON, VA. I will keep constantly on hand the patterns for Buck and Hubberd Mowers, Reapers, and will furnish repairs for them. McCormick and other Mowers and Reapers, a short notice. I also have the patterns for the Improved Horse Power and Separator which will be fitted up for old machines at the shortest notice and on reasonable terms. Give me a call. July 4-11 W. A. BURKE.

Young Leon in his twentieth year, Had friends—God woe a heap; Their friendship may have been sincere— It surely was not cheap. He came of age—spent all he had, And wand'ring through the rain, Neglected, hungry, woe might mad, Was kicked when he was down.

Poor Edith, too, the loveliest girl That ever charmed the eye, Her early recollections, of the olden time remain, but I live in daily expectation of seeing some rude hand begin the work of demolishing the old Post Office, and the old yellow house, where Mrs. Macaulay, in days of yore, taught "the young ideas how to shoot."

JOHN G. EFFINGER, Commission and Forwarding Merchants, For the sale of COUNTRY PRODUCE and all kinds of MERCHANDISE, No. 610 1/2 ST. BETWEEN MAIN & CARY, RICHMOND, VA. Particular attention paid to orders. Will give his special attention to the sale of Tobacco, Grain, Live Stock, Merchandise and Country Produce, and to the purchase of goods on orders, pledging to give strict attention to any business entrusted to them.

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With high and low—but chiefly so— Among the vulgar great— These mottoes, and all are fools Who dare its truth debate. Oh, brothers! Earth were paradise, And heaven were through with you, Could we uproot such social lies As "Kick him when he's down."

But some objects in and around Staunton have remained the same year after year, substantially unchanged and unchangeable. We can neither be burnt down nor pulled down. The old yellow house, where Mrs. Macaulay, in days of yore, taught "the young ideas how to shoot," no chord in their heart vibrates; and those other words, "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help," so pleasant to us, excite no emotion in them.

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Jack, how near has the new telegraph line brought England and America together? "Within a cable's length, your honor." A man, whose father had been hanged, was accustomed to say of him, "he died suddenly upon a platform at a large public meeting."

Pre-eminence among our Staunton hills stand Bessie Bell and Mary Gray. I prefer the original Scotch spelling and pronunciation of the name. Bessie Bell, or "Bessie," is soft and harsh and crabbed, but "Bessie" is soft and "Bessie's" lute. So far as I know, there is nothing remarkable in the structure or products of the two hills. I presume their soil contains the same mineral crystals and chinkquias, as it did during my boyhood.

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A tipsy laborer mistook a globe lamp with letters on it for the queen of night. "I will be so," said he, "I can see my way in the dark." "If you had avoided rum," said a rum-seller to a customer, "you could now ride in your carriage." "And if you had never sold rum," said the mechanic, "you would have been my driver."

People living in town never see how beautiful she appears at sunrise; but all of them who love the picturesque, must have observed and feasted upon the entrancing beauty sometimes presented after a shower of rain, by the rays of the setting sun lingering in a Summer's evening upon her leafy summit. And then when the clouds gather around her head, and "Bessie Bell puts her night cap on," we see her in another and scarcely less attractive guise. Nevis and Snowdon are doubtless goodly mountains, but what are they to Bessie Bell and Mary Gray? Surely no Staunton boy coming home from his wanderings, ever fails to look out for the familiar hills, and to hail them at first sight with feelings akin to rapture.

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An editor out West, says: "If we have offended any man in the short but brilliant course of our career, let him send us a new hat, and say nothing about it." "Wonder if he wants anybody to 'boot' him, too?" It is hoped that "these few lines" were satisfactory to the young gentlemen; they are called ALL THE TIME.

The names are of Scottish origin. According to the tradition, Mary Gray's father was Laird of Lednoch, and Bessie Bell of Kinvaid. An intimate friendship subsisted between the girls, and while Bessie was on a visit to Mary Gray, in 1645, the plague broke out in the neighborhood. To escape the pestilence, they built a tower near Lednoch House, and lived there for some time. But the plague raging in the country, they caught it, and Bessie Bell, who was in love with both of them, and who had brought them their food, they died in their tower, and were buried near the river Almond, half a mile from the present house of Lednoch, or Lyndoch, which is seven miles Northwest from Perth. Their sad fate became the subject of a ballad, which commenced thus:

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Yankee Boarding. "What do you want for boarding?" asked a tall Green Mountain Boy, as he walked up to the bar of a second rate hotel, in New York. "Five dollars a week." "Five dollars! That's too much, but I'll give you for the times I'm absent from dinner and supper." "Certainly; thirty-seven and a half cents each." Here the conversation ended, and the Yankee took up his quarters for two weeks. During this time he lodged and breakfasted at the hotel, but did not eat dinner or supper on any day, saying his business detained him in another part of the city. At the expiration of the two weeks, he again walked up to the bar and said:

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Afraid he might be Dead. Seem at a counting room of a morning newspaper. Enter a man of Teutonic tendencies, considerably the worse for last night's spree. "Teuton—To the desk!" "If you please, sir, I want to be laborer with this morning. One wet hash of man of de beebles what kills de cholera all de die."

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Have the courage to discharge a debt which you have the money in your pocket. Have the courage to do without that which you do not need, however much your eyes may covet it.

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