

THE BALLAD OF BREAKNECK.

BY MISS M. C. PIERCE.

The sun shined out on the mountain crest; Far down the valley the shadows fell; All crimson and gold is the glowing west; And whirling and sporting the eagles call.

The young mate lingers upon the strand Near a dusky maiden with flushing cheek; In his broad brown palms he holds her hand, And eager and low are the words they speak.

Slowly the Indian lifts her head; Dry is her cheek, clear her eye, 'Nekama will wait as the words they speak; The son of the pale face cannot lie.

The sailers are calling; the broad sails flap; From his neck Dirk loses his great gold chain; Flings the gleaming links in Nekama's lap; Then springs to the shallop's stern again.

Flings the gleaming links in Nekama's lap; Then springs to the shallop's stern again. The stout ash bends to the rowers' will; Till the small boat reaches the wooded side.

When he turns to Nekama, still, Sad, but calm in her savage pride. Sells the ship under high Cro' Nest; Wearing and tacking in Martyr's Reach.

While Dirk looks back with a man's unrest, And Nekama lingers upon the beach. Pale the sails to the distant shore; Loom the mountains hazy and tall.

Dirk watches still from the vessel's deck; And the girl moves not, though the night-dews fall. A year has passed, and upon the hills Searched and hunted have faded to brown;

No sound is heard but the flowing rills; The summer's voices are hushed and gone. The late sad crew on a bare beach top; Caves and swings in an autumn wind.

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grade, we shall be prompt to call a halt, and to earnest inquiry as to what to do. It should be found by comparing notes with our neighbors that exclusive corn-growing was the cause of our trouble, we should take a new track. If it should prove to be an attempt to grow wheat, or any other special crop that caused the failure, we should cast about to see just what our farms, and our locations to markets, require that we should do.

Friends, we repeat again what we have often said in the Farmer: information about our business, and upon kindred topics, lies at the bottom of success. Success was never secured without it, except in rare cases of force of circumstance. We must, above all, have reliable information about our business affairs, and how can we have it, except we carefully collate it, and compare it, and weigh it?

Open your accounts on the 1st of January. Keep the items. It will prompt you to look carefully after the little details, and save much that is now wasted. —Indiana Farmer.

A New Horse Disease. A correspondent of the Farmers' Home Journal writes thus of a new disease among horses near Harrodsburg, Ky. The first cases occurred in Mercer county near Mr. T. C. Coleman's, and R. E. Coleman's Fairview Stock-ranch; and both these gentlemen lost several valuable animals during the summer.

The disease appears to be a kind of distemper, which first affects the horse's throat and nose, and if not arrested in time, progresses into the lungs, when it is then considered as past all cure. The distemper is much more virulent and fatal than the common distemper that affects all young horses, and is also considered much more troublesome than epizootic, although not so contagious.

Mr. A. S. McCann has, within the last few weeks, lost several fine horses from this disease, and is now endeavoring to treat them. The only remedy yet tried by these gentlemen which appears to be followed by any beneficial results is a very strong croton oil blister applied to the throat, which, in most cases, has been attended with speedy relief and ultimate cure.

The first symptoms of the disease, from Mr. McCann's statistics, is the horse's manifest desire for water and inability to swallow. Said he: "I observed a horse of mine standing in a branch for some time, frequently putting his mouth to the water, but never swallowing any. This going to be treated for several days before I noticed a swelling in the throat, when I immediately began the blister treatment, and in twenty-four hours the horse was able to drink, and is now nearly well."

The disease differs from ordinary distemper in several respects, and is no discrimination in age, as it attacks young horses or colts as well as the old work-horses or brood-mares. It has not made much progress in this county as yet, but appears to be slowly progressing through the northern portion.

Treatment of Winter Apples. When the apples are put away in the cellar, many think the work is done, except bringing them out again to eat; but it is a mistake. They should be carefully overhauled every two weeks, and the sound ones kept longer. If they never take offense at having a dish of apples set before me that have been washed off nicely and the decayed specks cut out, it rather impresses me favorably with the good judgment of the host and hostess who offer them. These are usually quite ripe and good. All varieties that have a tendency to shrivel, when in barrels or boxes, should be laid on the ground in the cellar on some clean straw or a little dry lime strewn upon the ground will prevent their getting anything but a pleasant smell. Many varieties, if not all, are ripened up quickly by bringing into a warm room a few days before needed. With all the destruction of the borer, I do hope the time is not far distant when a dish of nice apples will ever be a part of the entertainment of the long evenings of winter, a thing we have a faint recollection of in years gone by, but so long ago that we almost forget how it went. —Rural World.

Hitherto it has been the custom to consult only in a partial degree the wishes or necessities of the farmer in the matter of political contests, but, thanks to the grange movement, a better day has dawned, and will be seen by the following which we copy from a recent issue of the Lexington Daily Press: "We have no disposition to find fault with the (Ky.) State Central Committee, believing it to be composed of gentlemen anxious to do what is best for the people of the State generally, and not unmindful of the interests of the Democratic party; but we think the objection of the Courier-Journal to the time set for the calling of the gubernatorial convention is well taken. It is a pity to keep the candidates in agony for quite so long a time; but the greatest objection is that in May the farmers will be more busy than in the previous months, and so will have much difficulty in attending the convention. We think it would be admitted that the farmers have an interest in the next gubernatorial nomination, and that we take an active part in it. If any one is foolish enough not to believe it, he will have his eyes opened about the time the convention meets." —Farmer's Home Journal.

THE GRANGERS. Items Gathered from Various Sources, that are of Interest to the Farmer.—Rural World. A "Grange Land and Immigration Company" has commenced operation in Arkansas. The directors of the grange warehouse at Delavan, Wis., announce the reports of extravagance in its management and misappropriation of funds a malicious slander. It was shown at the Iowa State Grange that there were now 2,000 Grangers in that State, an increase over last year of 162, and that 192 smaller Granges have been consolidated with others. In May, 1895, the first Grange was organized in Washington City. The next was that at St. Paul, Minnesota, six years ago. Now there are more than 21,000 Granges, with a membership of 1,300,000. Cherokee County Council, Texas, urges Patrons everywhere in the cotton-growing States to ascertain as soon as the ginning season is over how much cotton has been put up at each gin, and report the statistics to the National Grange, in order to cut it out of the power of speculators to control the price of cotton to suit themselves.

The Monthly Bulletin of the National Grange, for December 1, sets the increase of new granges for November was 364, and the total number organized up to that time was 21,572. The Bulletin also gives the times of meetings of State granges yet to be held, as follows: Arkansas, fourth Wednesday in January; Colorado, second Tuesday in January; Kansas, third Tuesday in February; Georgia, third Wednesday in January; Illinois, second Tuesday in December; Iowa, second Tuesday in December; Maine, second Tuesday in December; Maryland, first Tuesday in March; Massachusetts, second Tuesday in December; Michigan, third Tuesday in January; Nebraska, third Tuesday in December; New Hampshire, December 15, New Jersey, January 19; New York, second Tuesday in January; North Carolina, third Wednesday in February; Ohio, second Tuesday in March; South Carolina, third Wednesday in February; Tennessee, third Wednesday in February; Virginia, second Wednesday in January; West Virginia, second Thursday in January; Wis., Jan. 5.

A lady of Walnut Creek (Kansas) Grange put a rod in pickle for the men—some of whom are not slow to urge the women to more active participation in grange work. She says that when she was told there has been a great deal said in the grange about women not doing their part in working or talking. As for work, the women do more than the men, for at home they have the work to do in the house, and a large share of the men's work to do, such as planting corn, setting out hedge and, if they have a walk or garden, I am sure they have to build them, and are laughed at about their work. In fact, the farmers' wives and daughters do all kinds of work, except to plow, and they can't hold the plow! As to talking, the men have so much to say that when they get done there is no time for us, and we have to write a little pitiful thing called an essay, and which they often ask to see, and then they will put it in their coat pocket and lose it, if they can do it, they know it is better than they can do it."

The journals inimical to the Patrons of Husbandry had no chance pass to address the short-comings of an individual or officer here and there. The wonder really is that so an extensive organization should have escaped with so little of fraudulent endeavor. In relation to the defalcation of the State treasurer, Quisenberry, of Missouri, the Executive Committee, which was lately closed its session, has deposed the defaulting officer; has taken mortgages upon everything he has got, and claim that they will eventually recover all the money which had gone into his hands—about \$20,000. There will be no criminal prosecution, but the man will be left penniless. The chairman of the committee states that during the week they have contracted with Eastern manufacturers for a great quantity of farming machines and implements at wholesale prices for the use of the Missouri Patrons next spring. —Western Rural.

THE WIND'S WHISPER. BY A. D. H. The Fire was talking in its sleep. Do you know how that could be? Listen, don't you hear the faint little crackle, that delicate snap under the big log? But this is an old-fashioned fire-place, where they pile the great logs on one another, and then the blaze goes leaping and roaring up the chimney, carrying all the heat with it, 'tis true. But that has nothing to do with my story. If the Fire had been asleep, it would not have been so indiscreet as to tell what it did. And why do you think that way? Why, all about what Santa Claus had been putting into those little stockings by the chimney. Fortunately, there was no listener but the big pink Shell that lay on the hearth. The Shell listened, and then nodded and signed till the Fire opened one little eye and then snapped out: "What is the matter, Shell? Why do you moan and sigh?" "Ah," said the Shell, "you were talking of the merry Christmas Eve, and it made me think of the last night I was on the sea-side."

HALCYON HOURS. There was no hark in all the blue Of that gray day when the bosom lay And, wave by wave, the waters drew; Or seemed to draw, a peaceful breath; A blessed calm was on the shore, A rosate glow upon the sea, The trouble of the world was o'er, And life's unrest had ceased to be.

The anguish of the tortured breast, The bitter pangs of doubt and fear, These were but phantoms of unrest, That made the sunshine triply dear; The gleaming lids of tear-dimmed eyes There were no longer tears to fill; Sorrow was lost in glad surprise— It was not sadness made as still.

The life of that one hour to live, That one to hold, the rest to lose We were content, though clouds might give The future all its rainbow hues; A tender joy was all our own, Naught else had in it place or part— Love's radiant light shined on us then, The clouds of rapture hid the part.

And when the hard awakening came, Our lives are brighter for the dawn That, unremembered, our memories keep; The angels of the hours we knew E'er since that one bright hour, As those the monkish painters drew Smile, out of solid heavens of gold.

The Style at Washington Weddings. The English fashion has become universal in Washington in conducting weddings. Groomsmen are done away with, and ushers take their places. As these last are essential to the number of eight, the supply of suitable and available young men would be exhausted if eight more were necessary as groomsmen. Besides the clerical and military, is first, if the girls' pretty dresses are not matched by the intermingling of black coats. Gentlemen ought to rejoice that they do not have to go through the trying ordeal of kneeling around a chancel in full view of hundreds of eager, curious eyes behind the glass of the altar. The doting drape of the bridesmaids appears to even greater advantage when the fair wearers kneel in graceful postures, but the men look ridiculous with their coat-tails touching the steps, and the soles of their boots turned upwards. At a glance the observer can easily tell if those boots are old or new, and the number worn. So groomsmen are things of the past, and the best man has only to stand by the groom until he receives the bride. The ushers, after seating the guests, walk up the aisles of which they have charge, after the bridal party enter, and take side seats.

A Minister Drunk at the Communion Table. Cincinnati Special, 25th, to Chicago Tribune. There was a stunning sensation to-day in one of our high-toned Episcopal churches (St. John's) on the occasion of the Christmas communion, and the Rev. C. D. Davidson, died recently, and his place has not yet been supplied. To-day another minister of Covington, had been secured to officiate. Unfortunately, the latter gentleman had partaken rather freely of wine and beer going to the church, and gave the signal, when he got there, he dived into the jug of communion wine, drinking long and often of the rich juice of the grape. He managed to get through the formal services decently, but by the time he commenced on his Christmas sermon, the mixture of wine and beer had so worked upon his brain that he was badly "off" and wandered sadly. He rambled around, jumping from one topic to another in such a way that all could see that the man was drunk. At last, when the thing became unbearable, the Warden gave the signal, the congregation, a small one, got up quietly and left with dignity, leaving the minister to talk to empty benches.

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