

A POST NUPTIAL ODE.

We used to walk together in the twilight, He whispering tender words so sweet and low, As down the green lanes when the dew was falling...

THE RIGHTFUL KING

He Was a Mental Wreck, but He Gave His Life For Another.

Not even the hideous pile of red brick could spoil the beauty of the asylum gardens upon an evening in June.

The huge house stood on a hillside in one of the fairest spots that ever man helped nature to make.

Among the trumpets of the convolulus sat the rightful king. He was not in state robes, nor did he wear any outward insignia of royalty.

The rightful king sat with his hands hanging loosely and a vacant, soulless stare in his watery old eyes.

Suddenly footsteps were heard approaching, and there was a tinkle of feminine laughter coming through the flowers.

Miss Bremmell heard the voice and gave one cry for help. The knife was dangerously near her.

The body of the rightful king lay upon the sward. There was nothing poetic about it. In death it was even more foolish than in life.

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"Be quiet a little while!" cried the owl angrily. "If you don't, I will spill the lamp over you!"

At last, in his vexation, the owl dashed the sooty oil in the lamp over the white suit of the raven and cried out, "Qua qua!"

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bugle, blow," time. They arrived at the stile. They turned to look back down the long and leafy avenue through which they had come.

They said good night, and the Girton girl strolled away into the purpling shadows, where she was destined to hear what she had never suspected—that love is, after all, the only higher mathematics worth the attention of a girl with soft hands and wavy hair.

Miss Bremmell walked slowly back, thinking placidly of their little romance. Suddenly she heard footsteps at her side. Some one had come out from the trees and was pacing with her.

"I've wanted something like this for a long time," he said. She observed he had the voice and accents of a gentleman.

He drew a table knife from his pocket. The avenue was now almost dark.

As he came up to her a sound of singing came from among the trees, foolish, wayward singing, in a broad Gloucestershire accent.

"I be the rightful king Of England, merry England."

Early in the afternoon the rightful king had been digging in a plantation of larches. He had left his spade and was now coming to fetch it.

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When the Cowboy is a Hero. "I am very fond of the genuine cowboy, now fast disappearing," says Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, narrating his experiences as "A Missionary in the Great West" in The Ladies' Home Journal.

SUITS OF ARMOR.

The Last Battle In Which They Were Worn by European Soldiers.

The last occasion, it is believed, on which suits of armor were worn in battle by European soldiers was in 1799. The incident, according to chroniclers of the Napoleonic wars, took place in that year, when a small French force was holding the little fort at Aquilla in the Abruzzi against a rising of the hostile peasantry of the district.

The French were not strong enough to fight their way through the lines of their opponents, who outnumbered them 20 to 1, while, as the latter had no guns, the Frenchmen could hold their position with confidence.

There were, however, left on the space lying between the opposing forces some dozen or so guns which the beleaguered had not been able to take with them into the fort.

An attempt was made by the besiegers to remove these guns by means of a long rope worked by a capstan placed in a house a short distance away, and, though their first endeavors resulted in failure, the French realized that the ultimate capture of the ordnance would seriously jeopardize the chances of the fort holding out.

The necessity of spiking the guns was apparent, but a sortie in the face of the overwhelming musketry fire of the insurgents was out of the question. At this juncture an idea occurred to an artillery officer. He remembered having noticed, in making an inspection of the magazine, some old plate armor, and, selecting from the best preserved 12 suits, he determined to try whether they would not afford sufficient protection for his men to attempt to work under cover of their own guns.

Twelve stalwarts, therefore, marched out clad in this cumbersome, unaccustomed accoutrement, taking with them the necessary tools, and succeeded in executing their purpose under a hail of bullets from the besiegers.

THE CRIMEAN WAR.

It Was Started In a Controversy Over a Door Key.

As an instance of what great events can follow trivial happenings the genesis of the Crimean war is interesting.

In 1851 Louis Napoleon demanded of the sultan that the Latin monks should have a key to the great door of the church at Bethlehem; that they should have a key to each of the doors of the Cave to the Nativity and the privilege of setting up there a silver star bearing the arms of France.

After a year of arduous negotiation the Turkish government yielded, and in February, 1853, the keys were handed over to the Latin monks, and the silver star was established in the sanctuary of Bethlehem.

Unfortunately Emperor Nicholas, as head of the Greek church, considered this an infringement of his rights and immediately ordered 150,000 men across the Turkish frontier. At the same time he demanded that the claims of the Christian population of Turkey should be secured by treaty with himself, but the sultan refused this, with the support of France, Austria and Prussia.

The czar then proceeded to seize the Danubian provinces, proclaiming at the same time that he had "no intention to commence war."

The central European countries attempted to secure a compromise, but neither party would agree to their mediation, and in October the sultan declared war.

England and France joined him, and so from such slight beginnings sprang the most merciless, bloody and fruitless struggle of the nineteenth century.—New York Journal.

tee-tee-tot. About September, 1838, Dicky Turner, the converted weaver, when delivering one of his fervid speeches in the Temperance hotel, Preston, the cockpit where the earls of Derby formerly fought their cocks for three centuries, in favor of the new pledge, declared with emphasis that "nothing but the tee-tee-tot pledge would do."

Mr. Joseph Livesey upon hearing this immediately cried out amid great cheering, "That shall be the name." The newly coined word was taken up by the succeeding speakers and was afterward used at all the meetings held in the town and neighborhood. It was soon adopted in every part of Lancashire and was eventually accepted as the true designation of total abstinents not only in the United Kingdom, but throughout the civilized world.

I had the above facts from the lips of Mr. Joseph Livesey.—London News.

Unchanged. The lapse of years makes quite a difference in things, and Rip Van Winkle was not to blame for feeling out of place after his long nap.

"Everything is new," he murmured pitifully, while a tear pushed manfully away at his eyelid. "Nothing is like it used to be. Oh, for the sight of something familiar!"

EXCURSION RATES.

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