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Select Poetry.

From "Paradise and the Peri."

SYRIA.

By Thomas Moore.

How, upon Syria's land of roses... The golden gleam of the sun... The warm west, as if inlaid... The mingling sounds that come... The wailing of the wailing... The wailing of the wailing... The wailing of the wailing...

Popular Tales.

THE DIVORCED.

"He'll go to the dogs now." Of course he will. By all means. Only see how he acted... He has brought misery on both. Such was the gossip of half a dozen... He had married a worthy fair's daughter, Nettie Ray, only a few... He had married a worthy fair's daughter, Nettie Ray, only a few... He had married a worthy fair's daughter, Nettie Ray, only a few...

"Oh, Harry!"

Her voice quivered with emotion.

Our Olio.

Mutilated Notes in the Treasury Department.

Further on we come to the room devoted to the counting of the mutilated money receipts by express, an average of one hundred packages is received each day by mail. The money so received is in much worse condition than that which comes by express, for the reason that currency which is mangled in the hands of the Treasurer, and usually comes in small amounts by mail, while the various assistant treasurers, depositaries, and depository banks are agents for the redemption of currency merely soiled and defaced, which is forwarded by them to the Treasurer by express. The money received by mail comes in all sorts of damaged conditions, and has all imaginable kinds of horrible and ludicrous histories. Sometimes it is swallowed by a calf or a goat, which finding a pocket-book carelessly left within its reach, proceeded to regale itself with the salt which the leather had absorbed from the perspiration, until the book was forced open and the contents exposed. The green notes had an inviting and familiar appearance, and the confiding animal eagerly swallowed them and so soon as the owner death-warrant; for the owner, returning and seeing the wreck of the pocket-book, rightly conjectured where his money had disappeared, but the unwitting thief to death and recovered the half-digested notes. Others have been found on the bodies of drowned or murdered men, weeks or months after their death, and frequently they have been so burned that nothing remains but the charred remnant of notes, so frail and brittle that a slight touch will change them to cinders. Sometimes a note is sent which some drunken fool, lord for the hour of untold riches, to show his disregard for money, has carelessly thrown away, and which is returned to the Treasurer, with a humble and penitent request that it be exchanged for a new note with which to pay for food and lodging. Or it may be that it is one which a terminant wife has thrown into the fire to spite her hen-pecked mate, who has rescued it before it was entirely destroyed by the flames; or one that some luxurious man has stolen from his money-drawer and used to line his nest. Once a poor Frenchman sent a handful of minute fragments of notes, with the statement that they had "met with the accident of a little dog." Our Fenian friends are prone to put lighted pipes in the same pockets in which they carry money. The consequence is that the Treasurer receives for redemption a great many greenbacks which have been so burned that they are not fit to be used. Here again the skillful fingers of women are called into requisition. Some of the women employed in this work have, by long experience, become exceedingly expert in pasting and restoring notes. Fragments which are so burned as to seem to others only charred pieces of paper, or so minute as to be almost indistinguishable, under their patient hands again assume the semblance of notes, so that their kinds and denominations can be readily distinguished. Notes which have been nibbled by mice into such tiny fragments that most persons would say that it was beyond human power to restore them to their original shape, are arranged and restored bit by bit, until after perhaps a labor of days they begin to assume their former forms, and at last are restored with sufficient perfection to warrant their redemption. These ladies have made an art of it in which they have no rivals. It would require years to educate others to the same degree of skill and knowledge, and it would be difficult to estimate the embarrassment which their loss would entail on the Department.—From "An Hour Among the Greenbacks," an illustrated article in Scribner's for April.

Tobacco Hurtful.

Violent tremors are caused by tobacco. The trembling, which is one of the usual symptoms of acute, is also a common result of chronic nicotine. A very distinguished physician had hands which shook so much that he could not write. Whenever he remained without tobacco for any length of time, these tremblings disappeared. Another case mentioned by Blatin is noteworthy. A man of forty-five years consulted him respecting violent and numerous attacks of vertigo. When he felt the need of approaching, he was obliged to lie down wherever he might be, in order to avoid falling. In the country, where he had plenty of exercise, they were less frequent than in the town, where his occupation was sedentary. Cessation from tobacco and a tonic regimen quickly restored him. A physician of fifty-two was afflicted with similar disagreeable symptoms, and was also cured by abstinence. Habit had become so strong that he could not resist at times the temptation to slight indulgence. Finding that these returns to tobacco were entirely remedied by his old painful attacks, he renounced it forever.

The Cow Tree.

"Among the most curious phenomena which presented themselves to me in the course of my travels," says Humboldt, "I can mention that of the cow tree, which was so powerfully affected by the cow-tree. On the parched side of a rock on the mountain of Venezuela, grows a large woody root scarcely penetrating into the ground. For several months in the year its leaves are not moistened by a shower; its branches look as if they were dead and withered; but when the trunk is bored, a bland and nourishing milk flows from it. It is at sunrise that the vegetable fountain flows most freely. At that time the blacks and natives are seen coming from all parts provided with large bowls to receive the milk, which grows yellow and thickens at its surface. Some empty their vessels on the spot, while others carry them to their children. One imagines he sees the form of a shepherd who is distributing the milk of his flock."

The Fever Tree.

In a late number of the *Gazetta Medica de Bahia* is an interesting account of the Eucalyptus Globulus, an immense tree indigenous to various provinces of Brazil, Australia, and called, as in Spain, the fever tree, from its "marvelous results in the treatment of intermittent fevers." The tree is colossal, sometimes attaining a height of 300 feet, and a diameter of 30 feet. All parts are aromatic, less so in the trunk and bark, more so in the small roots, flowers and leaves. It is a very sensitive tree to medicine, and is given internally for intermittent fever, in doses of from one to four drachms of the powdered leaves—twice during the intermissions—or in infusions (two drachms in four ounces of boiling water), morning and evening. Aqueous and alcoholic extracts, in doses from two to eight grains, are also used for the same disease. Time wears slippers of day, and softly tread is noiseless. They creep and they creep, and they creep; their fresh morning air is grateful to the lips that part to it; their music is sweet to the ears that listen to it; until, before we know it, a whole life of days has possession of the citadel, and time has taken us for its own.

How to Obey.—Do it once. Do just what you are told to do. Do not try to do what you are told to do, even in part. Do what you are told to do, and you will be happy. Do not go about it in a surly, churlish, or grumpy way. Don't fret, and grumble, and talk back. Only cheerful obedience can be pleasing to God and man.

A Good Cement.—Mix and boil linseed oil and kieselguhr together until they become very thick. Pour out and make into rolls or cakes. When you wish to use, heat and melt. This will make a cement or glue that will hold very strongly against heat or moisture.

When is a bow not a bow? When it is a bow-not.

Hints About Hair.

The present fashion of arranging ladies' hair with the profusion of ornamental coils, puffs, and fringes, is exceedingly detrimental to the natural growth of that "crowning glory." The head is overladen with false hair, and the weight of the coiffure, which comes upon one spot on the top or crown of the head, drags the hair out, and causes the round bald spot so frequently seen when ladies are in *coiffure*. The large number of hairpins necessary to fasten the ornamental hair in a manner to give it a natural effect are also injurious to the scalp, breaking off the hair where they are pushed in, and often getting tangled in its meshes, so when withdrawn each one will have a snarl attached. In the fashion of the hair, the natural growth is an insignificant part, sometimes more in the way than otherwise; for all the show it makes in the grand pyramid that is heaped up in such luxuriant profusion, is therefore, neglected and left in a most careless condition. None would ever suppose that long hairs were the growth of years, observing how, in many instances, they are tangled and naturally pulled out. Unless women have a large coil of natural hair they ignore it entirely, and strive to hide what little they possess by rolling it in a small knot on the back of their heads, to be covered by the false switches. The state of the majority of ladies' hair at the present time is truly lamentable. The fronts look black and burnt, the ends of the hair are broken and curly, and the hair is full of dandruff and itching humors. The bald spot on top is fast widening its circle; the scalp here, which is "never seen," is left undisturbed from shampooing, and the hair, which should be silky from brushing and free from snarls, receives no attention save the rough handling of the comb.

The Vault in the U. S. Treasury.

Passing into the ponderous jaws of the vault, we find ourselves surrounded on every side by the various kinds of money which, the ingenuity of Congress and of successive secretaries of varying views have devised. Legal-tender notes, five per cent, notes, seven-thirty notes, national bank notes, gold notes, three per cent, notes, fractional notes, and postage currency confront us at every turn. The compartments of the safe falling to furnish accommodations for them all, they are piled up in great heaps on the floor, apparently with no more care than potatoes or wheat. An't yet the value of every pile and package is known, and the slightest loss would be speedily discovered. Four hundred millions of dollars, the vault clerk informs us, are contained in this vault. No wonder, we exclaim, that the Treasurer should be anxious for their safety. The sides of the vault are divided into compartments, cubic in form and of convenient size, the door of each of which is numbered, so that its contents can be registered in a book, and is provided with a fastening to which a leaden seal can be affixed. A cubical package, measuring about nine inches in each direction, is tossed up with the remark that it contains four million dollars in legal-tender notes. Four million dollars! and to think that for one hundredth part of the value contained in this package, which an idiot could hold in its hands, men have killed and delved through long years of suffering and self-denial, have abandoned their lives and bartered their immortal souls.—"An Hour Among the Greenbacks," Scribner's for April.

Boys, Read This.

A gentleman advertised for a boy to assist him in his office, and nearly fifty applicants presented themselves before him. Out of the whole number he selected one and dismissed the rest. "I should like to see you," said a friend, "on what ground you select the boy, who had not a single recommendation." "You are mistaken," said the gentleman, "he had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful; he gave up his seat instantly to that lame old man, showing that he was kind and thoughtful; he took off his cap when he came in, and he bowed to me promptly and respectfully, showing he was polite and gentlemanly; he picked up the book which I had purposely laid upon the floor, and replaced it on the table, while all the rest stepped over it or shoved it aside; and he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing and crowding, showing a public reputation and a private character. He also showed a great deal of common sense, and a good deal of judgment upon the moral standing of the fellows! We protest that, whether the man implicated by this investigation are guilty or not, the men into whose hands the investigation fell convicted themselves of their moral unfitness to settle it justly. We have lost all faith in the investigation and its results. We do not believe the country knows after all the reports, who the guilty ones are, or that if ever we know. Each party, it seems to us, has simply tried to see how much he could make or save out of it; and the poor devils who have come from the scrimmage with soiled linen and unpleasant adjectives attached to their names, will at least have the comfort of knowing that the country thinks as much of them as the spot of ground on which they were defeated or condemned.—Dr. F. G. Holland; Scribner's for April.

The Calcutta Crane.

One distinguished visitor which honors Calcutta with its presence only during the rains is far too remarkable to be forgotten. This is the adjutant, a gigantic crane, standing about four feet high, with a large, heavy body, a small head, a huge bill, and wings which are said sometimes to measure twelve feet from tip to tip. A more ungainly and caricature-like bird probably does not exist. It is useful, like the jacks and the crow as a great scavenger of refuse, and is said also to destroy rats and snakes. It certainly swallows lumps of solid bone larger than a man's fist; and it comes freely about the houses and compounds, perfectly quiet and harmless, but the most quaintly ugly creature living. Its body is gray and black, its neck red and bare, and its feet are a dusky brown. It has a curious fleshy pouch dangling in front, and its wings are the same color, while its long legs have exactly the appearance of being covered with white stockings. 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