

THE SHIP IN THE DESERT.

BY JOAQUIN MILLER.

They stood upon the mountain brow... The bearded fringed, halting crew... They gazed right eagerly below...

They rested on the desert's rim... Of sand they saw the sun go down... Behind them whirled white peaks of snow...

The ages have not any course... Across the one blue, unchanging hue... We care not one bud, unchanging hue...

What dreams of gold or conquest drew... The oak built sea-king to the seas... Ere Earth, old Earth unshuffled...

Blew south sea-breeze or north sea-breeze?... What eddies whirled through this... And what air currents stirred back...

Sought Jason here the golden fleece?... Came Trojan ship or ships of Greece?... Some decks dark manned from dusky ind...

Came here strong ships of Solomon... In quest of Ophir by Cathay?... Sit down and dream of sea withdrawal...

Here on the sofa let recline... I hear you kneel O mine... Best with persistence...

GENERAL NOTES.

A bronze statue has been erected on the grounds of Yale College to the memory of Victor Pierson, the first President of the College.

The French assembly has decided, by a very large majority, that no child is to be trained to any dangerous acrobatic performance before the age of 12, by its parents, or the age of 16 by non-relatives.

The Grand Trunk railway of Canada lately offered bids for the construction of fifty locomotives for that road. Ten manufacturers made bids ranging from \$10,250 to \$8,700.

The census of 1870 shows that in the United States there were thirteen shovel and spade manufacturers, employing eight hundred and fifty hands, using \$75,100 capital, paying \$49,100 for wages, consuming \$1,424,944 of raw material, and producing \$2,445,526 worth of shovels and spades.

The Britannic, the new Star steamer, lately made the passage of the Atlantic in seven days and twenty hours after leaving Europe. It is possible now to make the trip across the continent, from New York to San Francisco, in seven days, so that in a little over two weeks a man may traverse a quarter of the earth's circumference.

The gross debt of Boston increased over \$18,000,000 during past year, nearly \$4,000,000 being due to liabilities assumed by the annexation of Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury. The net debt was increased near \$18,000,000, and is now nearly \$28,000,000. Summer's funeral cost the city \$1,350. What it cost the state has not yet been computed.

In 1774, Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen, and the year was otherwise remarkable in the progress of chemistry. Therefore it has been planned to celebrate the chemical centennial and forty-two professors in American colleges have signed a call for a gathering of chemists at Northumberland, Penn., on the 21st of July of this month.

No genius has lived in the last thousand years whose sins are so reluctantly pardoned as Voltaire's. His career was in complete discord with all the customs and beliefs of his age. Notwithstanding his impy-

SCIENCE BAFLED.

THE LAST OF THE COMET.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE TAIL AND THE DIFFERENT HYPOTHESES—CHEMICAL NATURE OF THE NUCLEUS—SILENT GAS IN THE COMET—WHAT "OLD PROBABILITY" THINKS.

The New York Herald gives the summary of the views of Gen. Myer, of the Signal Service; the nucleus, with the tail rather than the nucleus that we have now to do, in so far as it is possible to separate one of these bodies from the other.

The Italian city of Milan was visited on the afternoon of June 13 by a terrific hail-storm, which did an enormous amount of damage, and wounded thirty persons. Some of the hail stones were as large as hen's eggs, and the birds, unable to find shelter, owing to the suddenness of the storm, fell dead in hundreds.

Professor Delafontaine, of Chicago, has lately given the results of his spectroscopic observations of Coggia's comet. He says there is no doubt that the nucleus of the comet is composed of incandescent gas under a pressure less than that of air at the earth's surface.

THE TEXAN INDIANS.

A YOUNG GIRL CARRIED AWAY BY THE RED-SKINS—HER ARMED RESCUE AND THE RESULT.

The Sedalia (Mo.) Bazaar gives the following incident of life on the Texas frontier: A family, consisting of a man and wife and three children, passed through this city this morning, slowly wending their way toward their old home in Ralls county.

OLEFANT GAS IN OUR ATMOSPHERE.

The question as to what phenomena would probably be observed in case the earth encounters the tail of the comet may, therefore, be answered by answering the question: What would be the consequence of adding to the exterior earth's atmosphere a layer of olefant gas having a density far less than that of our present atmosphere at the greatest heights to which balloons have ascended.

RESCUED TO THE RESCUE.

Her first-born only to hear the receding notes of the Comanche's pony. The mother was paralyzed with grief, and fainting away as soon as she realized the fate of her daughter. The father returned in a few hours, and examined the locality of the spring, and found that about fifteen ponies had been bitched hard by, and the Indians had been lying in wait for their victims.

DRAW IT TO ITSELF.

and of this event there seems, in the present case, but little, if any, probability. It has, indeed, been satisfactorily ascertained that on two occasions during the past century—namely, on June 30, 1861, and November 27, 1872—this very event did, in all probability, happen.

THE GROWTH OF THE TAIL.

But as regards the present comet we, as was above said, can hardly expect so interesting an event. Accurate observations have been made at Washington on the growth of the tail during the past month, which have shown that, while on the 23d of June its apparent length was one and a half degrees, corresponding to a real length of at least 3,000,000 miles, it had on the 7th of July increased to an apparent length of 11 degrees, corresponding to a real length of at least 10,000,000 miles.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SWITZERLAND AND ITS GOVERNMENT—BISHOP RETAINED UNDER PROTEST.

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THE NEW CABLE.

THE APPROACHING COMPLETION OF A NEW LINE—THE RATES AND THE STOCK OF THE NEW COMPANY.

The New York Times of the 10th inst., says: The arrival at Portsmouth, N. H., of the long-expected steamship Faraday with the shareholders of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, to whom the exclusive use of the new cable in this country has been guaranteed, the news of the Faraday's arrival was well received.

LINES OWNED AND OPERATED.

by the Atlantic and Pacific and the Franklin Telegraph Companies, both of which are under the same management, was furnished a reporter by the secretary of the former. Miles of pole and wire lines owned and operated by the Atlantic and Pacific and Franklin Telegraph Companies, 15,000 miles of blue wire of companies under contract of connection or use with the same, 18,745 miles of pole and wire line making voluntary connection and interchange of business with the above two companies, 9,005 it will be thus seen that the entire cable in the Atlantic will be estimated at less than 2,500 miles, a total of over 42,000 miles of pole and wire is controlled by the new Direct United States Cable Company and its connection in this country.

THE BEECHER BUSINESS.

NO COMPROMISE—DOUBLE DEALING OF MOULTON—MRS TILTON PARTS FROM HER HUSBAND FOREVER—THEODORE'S STORY—HE GROWS BITTER. NEW YORK, July 15.—The Brooklyn Eagle says that a member of the Beecher committee, to-day stated positively, without reservation, or qualification, that Beecher's demand for an investigation was made in the fullest good faith, that he expected and desired the most thorough possible examination into the scandal, and that he furthermore stated, that even if Mr. Beecher were not acting in good faith, and was desirous of such a compromise with Tilton as would close Tilton's mouth, it would be impossible for him to effect it.

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TILTON'S TROUBLE.

MYSTERIOUS MUTTERINGS.

MOULTON APPEARS—A STATEMENT AS A STATESMAN—TILTON'S WIFE LEAVES HIM—EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS TILTON.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Mr. Francis D. Moulton, of Brooklyn, the friend and confidant of both Mr. Beecher and Mr. Tilton, in response to the invitation of the Beecher investigating committee, appeared before that committee last evening and made the following statement: "Gentlemen of the Committee—I appear before you at your invitation to make a statement which I have read to Mr. Tilton and to Mr. Beecher, and which both deem honorable, and in the fairness and propriety, and in the truth, so far as I am concerned, they both concur. The parties in this case are personal friends of mine, in whose behalf I have endeavored to act as an umpire and peace-maker, for the last four years with a conscientious regard for all interests involved. I regret, for your sakes, the responsibility imposed on me of wearing here tonight. If I say anything I must speak the truth. I do not believe that the simple curiosity of the world at large, or even of this committee ought to be gratified through my recitation by me of the facts which are in my possession, necessarily in confidence, through my relations to the parties, the personal differences of whom I am aware as the chosen arbitrator, have never been settled honorably between the parties, and would never have been revived except on account of recent attacks, both in and out of Plymouth church, made upon the character of Theodore Tilton, to which he thought a reply necessary. If the present issue is to be settled it must be, in my opinion, by the parties themselves, either together or separately before your committee, each taking the responsibility of his own utterance. As I am fully conversant with the facts and evidence I shall set between these parties, I need not say that I should speak the truth in order to reach a settlement, and that the world may be well informed before pronouncing its judgment with reference to either, I, therefore, suggest to you that the parties first be heard; that if you then deem it necessary that I should appear before you, I will do so to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, I hold to-night as I have held hitherto, the opinion that Mr. Beecher should frankly state that

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MRS. TILTON.

remains at the residence of Edward J. Ovington. Mr. Ovington's place has been visited by numerous newspaper men, but the lady has quietly declined to talk with any representative of the press. Mr. Ovington reports that Mrs. Tilton informed Mr. Tilton on Saturday morning last that, in consequence of the course he had taken, henceforth their paths were apart. Mrs. Tilton has the following to say in an interview to-day: "I do not think that I had had of the existence of a Beecher investigating committee was an announcement made to him last Thursday night by Mrs. Tilton, who informed him after having been with some friends, that by Mr. Beecher's advice, communicated to her through his lawyer, she had just been before such a committee and had answered some questions put to her in advance by the lawyer for the purpose of clearing Mr. Beecher of charges and imputations made against him by the public papers, in connection with her name. She had been informed, she told him, that her testimony was given as required, and she could put an end to the trouble, and she was willing to do so, in order to bring about a cause of peace and religion. In answer to the question whether the case was to be compromised, Mr. Tilton said: 'I know nothing of future events. I only know my present duty, which is to make the sworn statement that I have promised to the committee of the exact facts, as I have promised for four years, using my best will, which has proved small in endeavoring to cloak and conceal facts which are now to be divulged. The responsibility of divulging them belongs not to me for I would rather keep them buried. This responsibility belongs to Mr. Beecher, who has summoned six men of his own church to examine into the facts which, when they are made known, will put an end to Beecher's ministry, and show him to have been guilty of a degree of criminality which the world little suspected. I have attempted to shield myself by putting forth another man's breast as an armor which was to receive the blow. As to a compromise, I know nothing. I shall accept none. It is a day of battle and death.'

"DO IT QUICK, SQUIRE."

THE TROUBLES OF A PAIR OF LOVERS IN KENTUCKY—HOW THEY WERE PRONOUNCED "MAN AND WIFE" IN THE FACE OF AN APPROACHING CROWD OF SUPPOSED RESCUERS.

The Cannelton Enquirer has a graphic picture of the way some things are done in that vicinity: Cannelton has a notoriety for runaway matches not possessed by any other town in the state. So common is it to see a runaway couple on our streets, that new arrivals are only noticed when their love affairs present some peculiar, startling, or novel feature not possessed by an ordinary elopement. Kentucky duffers have learned, except when an obstinate papa says "No!" a trip to Cannelton will set all things right. Last week, a young lady of Hancock county was the happy possessor of two ardent and demonstrative lovers. Being an exceedingly sweet loving girl, there was nothing so singular in her having two lovers, except that they were brothers. Each claimed that the little angel loved only himself, and that the other was regarded with only a sisterly affection. On last Sunday morning the rivals met on the road, each being bound for the admired one's home to leave a dispute. A dispute arose, and they repaired to the shades of an aged oak to settle which was to be the possessor of this sweet little four-foot specimen of blushing loveliness. While these brothers were settling their little difficulty, a neighborly youth, who had fallen a victim to the lady's charms, was proposing an elopement to Cannelton, the Gretna Green for Kentucky lovers, this modest request was granted, and the couple started, and, as they passed the residence of a favorite friend, they were requested to come over in a short time and perform the ceremony, while the lovers continued their way to our town to procure the necessary "arms and ammunition" to enable the man of God to perform his duty with no fear of the consequences. They were in session of the necessary papers, and started up Front street. When they arrived at Castleberry bridge, they found it undergoing repairs, and a large portion of the floor taken up. At this same moment they beheld a sight well calculated to make their youthful hearts cease their unwholesome feelings, and for the moment they saw

THEIR BRIGHT DREAMS VANISH.

their ardor hopes dashed to the ground. They beheld a crowd of persons crossing over from Hawesville, coming with a swift and steady stroke, which too plainly revealed their business and their purpose. The almost bride and groom gasped for breath, and clung to each other with a grip which denoted that they never more wished to be parted, looked around to see which way they could be run with safety, and a ringing yet frightened look through the bridge to the west, far below, stopped one step nearer, but before taking the fatal leap they cast one more imploring glance across the bridge, and saw, to their intense delight, the smiling countenance of "Squire Patterson at the other side. They immediately halted across, and asked him if he could marry them, quick! at the same time pointing to the approaching skiff in the river. The Squire took in the situation at a glance, and shouted to them to send on their papers. The young man hastily gathered a doornick, and tying the doornick to his handkerchief, threw it over to the Squire, talking rapidly all the time, and explaining their cause for speedy action, while the young lady was urging both to greater speed by crying at the top of her voice: "Here they come! They're all ready to land! Do it quick, Mr. Squire!" The Squire asked their names, and, being somewhat flurried by the peculiar situation, yelled at the top of his voice, and without stopping to take breath: "John and Mary you are married I pronounce you man and wife so help you God amen so be it run quick and tell them that what God has joined together let no man put asunder—tie the dollar to that brick and throw it over!" and then, as he wiped the perspiration from his dripping forehead, he said, in a calmer tone, "It's all right now. The young couple turned in, prepared and expecting to make an angel of Hawesville and some brothers; but saw only the minister and some few friends, who had come over as requested, and who were much chagrined to find that they were a little too late.