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To me the meaneat flower that blows can give Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears. —Wordsworth.

Long so I would rather wait;
Each hour I see the unseen comer;
Each hour turns ripe in secret summer,
The joys which I anticipate. —Whittier.

For me no dirges musical,
No brass on the cathedral wall,
All things are your memorial.

The wind upthrobbing from the shore
Is like your footsteps on the floor,
Is like your hand upon the door.

A silent presence ever near,
Round books your fingers touched last year,
A subtle, ghostly atmosphere. —M. Kendall.

VIEW OF THE MATTERHORN.

The Difficulties of Its Ascent Partially Overcome—Fate of the Conquerors.

At half-past 5 in the morning I obtained my first and best view of the sublime Matterhorn from a chamber of the hotel. It was like an instantaneous photograph. Perhaps not a second elapsed before a drifting cloud covered the summit. But in that fleeting moment the view was complete. In the pure air of Zermatt (itself 5,800 feet high) the stars shine with an intensity unknown to lower regions, and mountains which are miles away seem to overhang the village. The height of the Matterhorn is about 14,700 feet. This, great as it is, would not count for so much but for the peculiar shape of the peak. As seen from Zermatt it presents two sides of a pyramid of solid rock. These rise at very sharp angles from a slender base, and terminate in the form of a horn. This actually curves at the top. It recalls to mind a walrus tooth or the horn of a rhinoceros. A slight coating of snow mantles only a part of this rockiest of mountains.

Nothing could seem more difficult than the ascent of the Matterhorn. As one looks at it the wonder grows that the little churchyard of the hamlet, which holds the bodies of the three who paid with their lives for the honor of "conquering" it twenty years ago, is not filled with victims of the same ambition. In the precious instant of my observation I mark the route, by which those daring men made their ascent. There is the "shoulder," which they passed triumphantly. There is the steepest of slopes, up which they were the pioneers. There is the precipice of 4,000 feet, down which four of the party slipped as they were returning from their victory. And, somewhere down there among the eternal snow, perhaps in the fathomless crevasse of a glacier, is still buried the body of Lord Douglas, one of the most intrepid members of the expedition. But while I am identifying these points of interest, a cloud eclipses all.

I had seen just enough of the obstacles of the Matterhorn to increase my amazement at the well-known fact that it is often ascended with safety nowadays. It should be remembered that ropes have been securely fastened to the sides of the mountain in the worst places, and make the task less difficult than formerly. There are guides standing in the street in front of this hotel who would conduct you to the top of the Matterhorn and bring you back alive for a moderate sum. But they would not start to-day or to-morrow. They would wait until July, when the snow had melted and left the lower part of the Matterhorn bare. Even now, however, an offer large enough will procure the attempt—and probably a successful one—to accomplish this greatest of Alpine feats.—Switzerland Cor. Journal of Commerce.

Coming to a Wise Conclusion.

One summer evening after Harry and his little sister Helen had been put to bed, a severe thunder-storm came up.

Their cribs stood side by side, and their mother, in the next room, heard them as they sat up in bed and talked, in low voices, about the thunder and lightning.

They told each other their fears. They were afraid the lightning would strike them.

They wondered whether they would be killed right off and whether the house would be burned up. They trembled afresh at each peal.

But tired nature could not hold on as long as the storm.

Harry became very sleepy, and at last with renewed cheerfulness in his voice, he said, as he laid his head on the pillow: "Well, I'm going to trust in God."

Little Helen sat a minute longer thinking it over, and then laid her own little head down, saying, "Well, I dess I will too!"

And they both went to sleep, without more words.—Youth's Companion.

The Northernmost Editor in the World.

The man who probably claims this distinction is the printer and Esquimaux poet, L. Moller, who edits the illustrated Esquimaux paper, Atungagintit, published at Godthaab, a Danish colony on the west coast of Greenland 64 degrees north latitude. This enterprising journalist joined the expedition of Nordenskiold for the exploration of the interior of Greenland in order to be able to supply his paper with illustrated reports of the journey. Nordenskiold gives a portrait of Moller in his recent published work on Greenland, and the face looks remarkably intelligent and good natured. His sketches, too, show considerable talent, being vivid and true to nature. The Esquimaux editor is an interesting man.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Private Car for Mrs. Pullman.

The private car in which Mrs. Pullman travels is in imitation of a modern dwelling. Divans of more than Turkish luxuriousness occupy the centers and sides of the main room in the center of the car, while reclining chairs, ottomans and easy chairs are scattered around. A magnificent cabinet organ is one of the handsomest ornaments of the drawing-room. The dining-room and sleeping and kitchen apartments are fitted up on the same magnificent scale.—New York Mail and Express.

The Natural Sewers of Pittsburg.

In addition to natural gas and other modern wonders Pittsburg has had another added to her list in the way of natural sewers. The hills around this city are honeycombed with abandoned coal pits. There are miles and miles of old entries, and thousands upon thousands of worked-out "rooms" under the hills. The black wealth was turned out years ago, and now big holes along the bluff-sides mark the entrances to the cat-combs.

The houses on Mount Washington, the Thirty-second ward, are built on the crust of earth above these tunnels. There is no system of drainage up there for a population of 7,000 or 8,000 people. Recently they found a way out of the difficulty. An oil well driller who went "broke" drilling in Washington county came to town. He had a brilliant idea. He struck a bargain with a resident named McCormick and in a few days the drill was clinking merrily in his back yard, and a week later all the refuse, sewage and waste water of the neighborhood goes pouring through a six-inch well into an old coal mine sixty feet beneath. The perpendicular sewer scheme since then is taking, and where one man can not afford to drill a well, several neighbors bear the expense and share the benefit.

Fears have existed that this will create a pestilence in years to come; that as there is no outlet the coal pits will become filled with the filth of the city and through the natural openings and fissures in the overlying rocks vapors and gases will carry death and disease abroad.—Pittsburg Letter.

Early Rising in Turkish Bed Rooms.

The simplicity of domestic furniture has its advantages. At the first alarm of fire everything can be turned out of the window without injury; but it is very much opposed to our western ideas of comfort, as the slave girls, unless carefully barricaded out, make an inroad into the sleeping-room in early morning. They sweep up bed and bedding before your eyes are fairly open; two or three maidens pounce upon the mattresses, the yorghans and the embroidered pillows the instant they are unoccupied, and rolling the whole into the wrapper, bear it away to the vast cupboard constructed for that purpose in most of the rooms. The visitor is left stranded, and obliged to proceed with the incongruous feeling of dressing in a drawing-room. These remarks apply to orthodox, old-fashioned households. Young feminine Turkey has its French or German bedsteads, its armoire a glace, its washstand, all marble and fine porcelain in a franca.—Eastern Life, Mrs. Walker.

Drinking Toasts with Highland Honors.

I was once in Scotland at a gathering of the clans, which dukes and earls, who were also Highland chiefs, attended, as in feudal times, at the head of their followers. The duke of Athole crossed the Grampians afoot with his men, the young and beautiful duchess riding by his side, but the loyal clansmen had no thought of equality because their master shared the fatigues of the march. After the sports there was a dinner, at which 400 Highlanders sat down under one roof, the magnates at the top of the table. The toasts were drunk with Highland honors, every man standing on his chair with one foot on the table, the lords and the gillies all in their kilts, and the very condescension of the chiefs made the followers more loyal. They were proud to call themselves the duke of Athole's men, the earl of Fife's men, the earl of Arlrie's men.—Adam Badeau's Letter.

Line of Cure for Stuttering.

Stuttering is a purely nervous difficulty. The vocal muscles are able to do perfect work, but, from deficient innervation the mind can not command them fully, and the trouble of speech commences, and soon the habit is formed, and generally grows worse and worse. The mind fears that the words will fail, and as the result they do fail. If the fear could be removed, the trouble would in large part cease. A cure can be accomplished in no way but by the persistent and determined effort of the sufferer himself. Others can accomplish little for him. If his attention and his fear can be removed from the muscles of his throat while speaking, if he can forget that any trouble is there, he will soon improve in his power. This is the one line in which his efforts must be made, and with persistent patience it can be successful.—Scientific American.

The Cars and Buses of Paris.

The great feature of the cars and buses in Paris is that they are never crowded. The conductor has no right to allow any one to board his conveyance after the seats are all taken, and if he has a platform no more than three, or at the outside four, are on this. The conductor always rigidly enforces the law against overcrowding. When all the seats are full the driver touches a cord which communicates with a little signboard bearing the word "complet," which immediately shows itself, and announces to the public the fact that a seat on that conveyance is not to be had for love or money. Should the conductor's sweetheart then come along adorned in the height of Parisian fashion, she could not secure a ride without rendering her lover liable to a severe penalty.—New York Times.

Name of Clarke, the Explorer.

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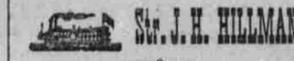
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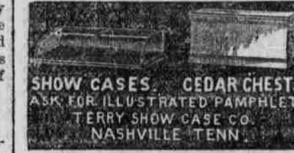
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