

DEFIANCE.

I'm a Buzzard from the Brazos, on a tear; Hear me too! I'm a hater of the flowing locks of hair; Hear me too!

A LEAP-YEAR STORY.

["Minimum" in Inter Ocean.]

"Pa," said Mrs. Clinton, looking a little timid and a good deal in earnest. She was knitting under the shade of the pine trees on the lawn of the farm-house.

"No, Grandview academy does not give him all he wants," said the mother proudly. At this moment the young man came around the corner of the house, swinging his big straw hat and whistling.

"What, then?" "I want to take the four years' course, paying particular attention to natural sciences in all its branches, to surveying, too, and—"

"That's what I want." "And you ain't afraid your much learning will make you mad and spoil you for running the mower or looking after your ditching and your young calves?"

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"The great dinner bell rang and Mr. Clinton looked around for his paper. Arthur turned and walked toward the house. His mother looked up interrogatively.

"It's all right," nodded Mr. Clinton, though he did not say. "You ain't afraid your much learning will make you mad and spoil you for running the mower or looking after your ditching and your young calves?"

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thought and vision of Stella were always with him. He could imagine the graceful figure opposite to him in the boat. He could see the brave, blue eyes, the plastic coil of soft brown hair, the "little ringlets round her ears," the supple hand, the smile—

Deciding that this was impossible, he pulled savagely off to the "crib" and exasperatedly wrote a letter in charge there by a series of scientific questions on hydrostatics.

Before he went home that summer he tried in an incoherent manner to make Miss Flower understand that he had a very great admiration and respect for her. She had considered the worthy proposal in charge there by a series of scientific questions on hydrostatics.

"I wish you would think of me kindly," he stammered. "But you seem so superior." Stella looked up at him questioning. If their eyes had met then that would have been the end of their half understandings.

They began the next year under so conspicuous a banner of friendship that many of the girls in the school began to call them the "Stella" examples. They began to believe in their own reality as such, and kept up the fiction between themselves well into their senior year.

But Arthur went to call on her on St. Valentine's day. Little Nettie Flower opened the door for him, then he door into the parlor where Stella sat at the piano.

Stella turned rigidly polite. She refused mentally to see him driven into all that she saw coming. "Miss L. Flower, No. 1—Vernon avenue, Chicago."

At the class social she fell into conversation with the little Nettie Flower, who had come with her father and mother to Stella's day, as she called it. The child looked so bright and seemed so interested in everything Arthur said, when the social ebb brought him near her, that Mrs. Clinton asked:

"Do you know the valentinetarian?" "Oh, yes, ma'am," said Nettie, with pride. "His name is Mr. Arthur Clinton." "The young man who has such confidence," "He used to come to see my sister Stella."

"Your sister's essay was a very good one," said Mrs. Clinton, at length, with an effort. She was just to lay her hand on her mother's heart when she was interrupted by the sound of a door opening and the sound of a door closing.

"Do not reproach me," Stella was saying. "I am not reproaching you. But it is useless for you to talk of friendship between us. If you won't let me write to you as your lover we had better not write at all."

After the funeral the days went on samily at the farm. Mother and son came to be near and dear to each other than ever before. They were much together, driving over the farm and to the village, together in the summer mornings and Sunday readings, at table, and through quiet winter evenings.

"I'm going to make a valentine for you to send off to the girl you like," said Arthur, and white geraniums pressed with his leaves will be so pretty. Any girl would be glad to get them.

"Nonsense, mother," said Arthur, but he did not object to her making it. He watched her with a curious sort of interest. "Now, go and make it," said his mother, and he finished her duty with a good grace.

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"I ought not to have sent her that. It will only make her despise me. And I said I would not write." He threw his soap down on the pile of golden corn in a frenzy of self-reproach and wretchedness and started to walk, he scarcely knew where. He threw himself over the garden fence not minding the gate, and out on to the snowy road.

Leather is a new substance manufactured in Maine, principally of cotton paper. It looks like leather, but is harder and very elastic, and no amount of tossing about or hammering will break it. This suggests its use for trunks.

The Chinese custom of decapitating their enemies slain in war, is explained by the statement that they believe that the appearance of a person in the spirit world without a head is prima facie evidence of having committed some crime, and punishment is awarded accordingly.

A young mother traveling with her infant child, writes the following letter to her husband at home: "We are all doing first rate, and enjoying ourselves very much. We are in good health. The boy can crawl about on all fours; hoping that the same may be said of you, I remain, etc. Fanny."

"What in the world, Arthur?" cried Mrs. Clinton as her son rushed into her presence a few moments after. "I'm going to Chicago on the evening passenger. I've got an answer to your 300 valentines."

EASTER HYMN.

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Our triumphant King; Who died once upon the cross Suffers to redeem our loss.

A purple flash is beaming low, And slowly rising o'er the sky; But ere it gains a brighter glow, We hear the robin's tuneful cry.

I told my secret to the sweet will roses, Heavy with dew, new-waking in the morn, And they had breathed it to a thousand others, Before another day was slowly born.

I told the secret to my love, my lady; She held it closely to her darling breast; Then as I clasped her came a tiny whisper: "The birds and flowers tell me all the rest."

SHAKESPEARE: Be great in act as you have been in thought. W. R. ALGER: We give advice by the bucket, but take by the grain.

MADAME SWETCHINE: The only true method of action in this world is to be in it and not of it. SENECA: It is the constant fault and insupportable qualities of ambition never to look behind him.

YOUNG: We see time's furrows on another's brow; how few themselves, in that just mirror, see. ZIMMERMANN: Idlers cannot even find time to be idle, or the industrious to be at leisure. We must always be doing or suffering.

CICERO: That which is usually called debt is not the weak point of all old men, but only of such as are distinguished by their levity. MRS. JAMESON: The presence of those whom we love is a double life; absence is an anxious longing and sense of vacancy is a forecaste of death.

HANNAH MOORE: The keen spirit seizes the prompt occasion; makes the thought start into action, and at once plans and performs, resolves and executes. WALPOLE: Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit and seldom draw to their full extent.

VOLTAIRE: The modesty of certain ambitious persons consists in becoming great without too much noise; it may be said that they advance in the world on tip-toe. LANDOR: I feel I am growing old forward of somebody to tell me that I am looking as well as ever. Charming falsehood! There is a vast deal of vital air in loving words.

ROBERTSON: Age and suffering had already marked out the first incisions for death so that it required but little effort to cut her down; for it is with men as with trees, they are notched long before falling, that their life-span may flow out.

De BONSETTEN: If the memory is more flexible in childhood, it is more tenacious in maturity; age has that of things which impress themselves according to the clearness of the conception of the thought which we wish to retain.

Bishop Doane expects to expend \$450,000 on the Episcopal cathedral, at Albany, and the spires will be 203 feet high. The receipts of Dr. Talmage's tabernacle, Brooklyn, for the year ending February 1, were \$26,327.69. His salary is \$12,000.

The Bible is now sold at Florence, at a stand midway between the stake and that Savonarola was burned and the river Arno into which his ashes were cast. It is reported of old but tough M. De Lesseps that he sometimes sleeps twenty-four hours on a stretch, and sometimes goes a week without so much as taking a cat nap.

The annual income of Trinity parish, New York, is \$500,000. The total expenses of the parish are \$158,630. It has eighteen clergymen, 342 Sunday school teachers and 4,521 scholars.

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fused to allow him to testify. As he was the principal witness, the case was consequently nolle.

A worthy father, after the style of Lord Chesterfield, is giving good advice to his son, who is about to enter society. "And above all avoid flirtations. But if you must flirt or fall in love, be sure that it is with a pretty woman. It is always safest. "Why?" "Because some other fellow will be sure to be attracted and cut you out before any harm has been done."

Assistant Bishop H. C. Potter, of New York, thinks that the principle of civil service reform should be applied to the management of prisons, and says that men put in charge of criminals should have had training in that work and not be mere politicians.

Cremation has become a small issue in Wales, and has won a victory. A Dr. Price, an eccentric individual who delights in calling himself a Druid, and imitating supposed Druidical rites, was tried before the Glamorganshire assizes for trying to cremate the body of his infant child. The man was discharged, of course, but the affair has caused an amount of discussion which the friends of cremation in England may eventually turn to their advantage.

Henry Wheeler, of Hickory Flats, Ga., is seventy-four years old and has lived in the same house forty-nine years, never owned a cent, sold corn at \$1 a bushel all through a war, has the first silver dollar he ever saw screwed fast to the inside of his clock, has nineteen children and grand and great grandchildren enough to run his direct posterity to 121, is hale and hearty, never chews, smokes, or drinks, and is supremely happy. There has never been a death in his family.

At a benefit entertainment in New Haven one of the incidents of the money getting was a mock auction sale of old maids. There were thirteen of these spinsters, and the bidding was spirited, but its result reflected on the perspicacity of the gentlemen who did the bidding; for, after the unmasking, the chattel who had commanded the fewest offers and was knocked down at the humiliating figure of twenty-three cents, proved to be the wealthiest young woman in the city.

The name of the Sub Dean of Westminster who, in the unavoidable absence both of Mr. Gladstone and Dean Bradley, unvalued the bust of Longfellow in the abbey, has been variously rendered by contemporaries, but in no instance correctly. The Sub Dean and Canon in question was the Rev. George Porters, a venerable gentleman known of English churchmen for the past half century as a courteous gentleman, a polished scholar and a favorite Chaplain of Queen Victoria.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness." "If the prophet had hidden thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather, therefore, when he saith unto thee, 'Wash and be clean.'" Trinity church, Boston, of which the Rev. Philip Brooks is rector, has a laundry department. Its earnings last year were about \$4,500, of which \$2,600 was paid out as wages to the women employed in the laundry. The wash tub as well as the font, is needed in the churches, if "the great unwashed" are to be dealt with.

Arrangements are being made in London for the celebration in June next of the fiftieth year of Sir Julius Benedict's artistic life. This eminent musician and composer has been in the artistic world more than fifty years, however. He was born in Stuttgart Nov. 27, 1804, and at the age of nineteen years was engaged, on the recommendation of Weber, his teacher, to conduct the German operas at Vienna. His first opera, "Giulietta ed Ernesto," was produced at Naples in 1827. He went to London where his chief honors have been won, in 1835.

A New England paper having said that Washington's birthday was commemorated and freedom from a tyrant's oppression enjoyed "by sixty millions of Puritan descendants, scattered over this widely extended republic," the *Churchman* remarks: "It will certainly be news to the vast majority of the sixty millions of people in the United States to learn that they are descendants of the Puritans," and very much doubts if even "the description would apply to a very large majority of the inhabitants of the town" where the paper quoted is published.

It is told of Dr. Chalmers, who was rather given to "magnificent verbiage," that on one occasion, he being invited to address a Primitive prayer meeting in a remote Highland parish, the parochial minister begged as a personal favor that the distinguished minister would speak down to the intelligence of his flock and use only the simplest words and sentences. Chalmers good naturedly assented, and began with the most studied sentence: "My friends, I have been specially asked, in addressing you to-night, to avoid the technical nomenclature of scholastic theology."

The contributions of the several religious denominations in New York city in 1883 to the hospital Sunday collections were: Protestant Episcopal churches, \$12,962.73; Presbyterian, \$6,715.50; synagogues, \$1,663.99; Reformed, \$1,394.34; Methodist, \$1,156.99; Baptist, \$998; Lutheran, \$638.13; Congregational, \$540.95; Unitarian, \$470.91; Universalist, \$134.73; Moravian, \$124.20; miscellaneous, \$716.12. Total, \$27,049.59, 319 churches. The collections from other sources, including the city of New York, in \$42,803.69, about \$12,000 more than was collected in 1882.

The *Christian* of New York asks the question: "Why do females preponderate in the membership of our churches? Out of 382,000 members of the Congregational denomination, 252,000 or 66 per cent. are females, leaving only 32 per cent. males. What is the reason for all this? The Congregational denomination is the only one that includes in its membership the young people in the proportion to exist in the other non-Episcopal churches. What is the reason? Do not men become religious as readily as women?—then why? Or does the church not adapt its work as well to men as to women?"

Bishop Littlejohn, as bishop in charge of the American Episcopal churches on the continent of Europe, has licensed Monsignore Savarese, who the Rev. Dr. Nevin lately received into communion. Monsignore had previously received the Rev. Canon of Campello. Bishop Littlejohn, representing the English as well as American P. E. church, declares the ex-communication of the Bishop of Rome to be "utterly null and void," and authorizes the ex-episcopate of the pope's household "to execute his office as a dispenser of the word of God in his diocese in any part of the world where there may be lawful opportunity for a reform of the church in Italy, upon the model of the primitive church."

The *Episcopal Recorder*, the organ of the Reformed Episcopal church, says editorially: "The Protestant Episcopal church requires all clergymen entering its ministry from other denominations excepting Roman Catholic, Greek and Anglican priests, to be reordained. These same clergymen possess various orders. Even the Rev. Drs. R. S. Storrs, William M. Taylor, John Hall, William P. Bred, James Brooks, or Bishop Simpson, if they wish to minister in its communion, must go back to the position of laymen and theological students again. The wonder is that any Protestant clergymen would so far lose his self respect as to submit to so humiliating a requirement, which puts a stigma on his high office and the brethren he leaves."

A colored man who was summoned as a witness in an assault case in New Haven, Conn., on Saturday, said that he believed in a supreme power, but did not believe in a supreme being. Judge Deming said such a man belonged in a lunatic asylum, and refused to allow him to testify.

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Parents desirous of placing their daughters in a first class school, will do well to investigate the claims of this institution. To the present building, which is both spacious and beautiful, a large addition is being erected, which will contain the south side of Bluff street between Grant and Robert streets, and more studies in the different departments is thorough, nothing being omitted that is necessary to impart a finished education.

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Grading Carroll Street. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., April 2, 1884.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works, in and for the corporation of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, at their office in said city, until 12 m., on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1884, for the grading of Carroll street, from Mackubin street to the west line of Mackubin and Marshall's addition in said city, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of said Board.

CONTRACT WORK.

Construction of Sidewalks for the Year 1884. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., April 2, 1884.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works, in and for the corporation of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, at their office in said city, until 12 m., on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1884, for the grading of Payne avenue, from Minnesota street to Magnolia street in said city, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of said Board.

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Grading Iglehart Street. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., April 2, 1884.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Works, in and for the corporation of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, at their office in said city, until 12 m., on the 14th day of April, A. D. 1884, for the grading of Iglehart street, from Mackubin street to Dale street in said city, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of said Board.

Change of Street and Alley Grade.

Park Avenue, Aurora Avenue, St. Peter Street, University Avenue, Brewster Avenue, Alley in Blocks 2, 10 and 13, Ewing and Chute's Addition, and Concord Street.

PARK AVENUE

From Martin Street to Sherburne Avenue.

AURORA AVENUE

From Grant to Rice Streets.

SAINT PETER STREET

From University Avenue to a Point 230 Feet South of Aurora Avenue.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE

From Grant to Rice Streets.

BREWSTER AVENUE

From Sherburne Street to University Avenue.

ALLEY

In Blocks Numbered 2, 10 and 13 Ewing and Chute's Addition.

CONCORD STREET

From Andrew Street to Arthur Avenue.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Saint Paul will at their regular meeting to be held on Tuesday the 6th day of May, A. D. 1884, at 7 o'clock, p. m., at the Council Chamber in the City Hall, order a change of grade on the following named streets and alleys, between the points named, viz:

CITY NOTICE.

WHEREAS, A petition has been filed in this office as provided by law, by order of the Common Council of the City of St. Paul, asking for the vacation of that part of Bluff street between Grant and Robert streets, and more studies in the different departments is thorough, nothing being omitted that is necessary to impart a finished education.

CITY NOTICE.

WHEREAS, The petitioners state that they own all the land fronting the north side of Bluff street between Robert and Grant streets, and all the land fronting the south side of Bluff street between Robert and Cedar streets, the object of the vacation asked for "being to open a street in lieu of the one proposed to be vacated" sixty feet wide, and to vacate the streets, and extend Grant street thereto, and to have established for such new street a grade uniform, or nearly so, from Cedar to Grant streets, and from Grant to Cedar streets.

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