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I think true love is never blind,
But rather brings an added light,
An inner vision quick to find
The beauties hid from common sight.

No soul can ever clearly see
Another's highest, noblest part,
Save through the sweet philosophy
And loving wisdom of the heart.

Your unanointed eyes shall fall
On him who fills my soul with light;
You do not see my friend at all,
You see what hides him from your sight.

I see the feet that fain would climb:
You, but the steps that turn astray;
I see the soul unharmed, sublime;
You but the garment and the clay.

You see a mortal, weak, misled,
Dwarfed ever by the earthly clod;
I see how manhood, perfected,
May reach the stature of a god.

Blinded, I stood where now you stand,
Till on mine eyes, with touches sweet,
Love, the deliverer, laid his hand,
And lo! I worship at his feet!

Reminiscences of a Texas Veteran---The Santa Fe Expedition, etc.

BY C. ERHARD.

LVII.

KENDALL'S NARRATIVE CONTINUED.

The day following that on which Colonel Cooke and his comrades were marched through San Miguel, we petitioned the old alcalde for a change of quarters, the room we were then occupying, although comfortable in every other respect, being so completely overrun with chinches and other vermin, that it was impossible to sleep at night. After we had waited with great impatience for two days and passed two more sleepless nights, the old fellow finally procured for us a clean and comfortable room, directly on the plaza. A hint from Van Ness to the effect that Armijo should be made acquainted with the kind of room the old alcalde had furnished us, probably induced that functionary to hasten our removal. When established in our new quarters, our time passed more agreeably. Our only occupations were eating, drinking, sleeping, chatting with the girls, who made us daily visits, and speculation on our past reverses, our present position, and future prospects. At dark we would build a fire, for the evenings were now cool among the mountains, and then probably spend half the night in song and story. Each one of our little party had a checkered experience to relate, and the recital of some ludicrous adventure would bring forth a peal of uproarious laughter, much to the astonishment of the little knot of Mexicans congregated among us, who could not conceive how prisoners, in the power of such a man as Armigo could indulge in such boisterous mirth. For myself, I must say that I never laughed more heartily than while confined in that little prison-house, and could our anxious friends have been spirited to that wild and romantic land, and permitted to eavesdrop under the walls of our *carcel* (prison), on some of these evenings, they could hardly have deemed us other than a party of merry fellows holding jolly carousal.

But through all this hilarity, thoughts of escape frequently entered our minds. Those of our guard who manifested the greatest astonishment at our indifference to our imprisonment, we could have captured and tied with their bows and arrows, and a German double-barrel in their possession, we could next have taken the town of San Miguel with the the greatest ease. On several occasions so careless was the guard, that they allowed us to make trials of skill with them with bow and arrow, Maj. Howard beating the best of them at a game which may be considered their own; but, even with their arms in our possession, where were we to go to? Had we known this, what we afterwards ascertained, that so many dreary months of toil and captivity were in store for us; had we been aware that by forced marches we could have reached Bent's Fort in three or four days, we might have made the attempt. There was no one, however, to give us advice, no friend without to aid us in an undertaking of the kind, we knew nothing of the country, and thus we were compelled to give up all thoughts of an escape at a time when the chances of its being successful were altogether in our favor. With the knowledge we have since gained, I doubt if the same party could be safely kept another month in San Miguel, at least with so weak a guard and under like circumstances

We had been but a week in our new quarters before a caravan arrived direct from St. Louis, owned by one of the Chavez, family a rich and powerful connection in New Mexico. Chavez himself, in a neat buggy wagon, accompanied his men. I could not help reflecting while gazing at him in the plaza, upon the different treatment he had met with in the United States from that I had met with in his country, knowing as I did that my feelings and intentions on entering the latter were precisely the same as his on first setting his foot on that soil. As he there so here I claimed citizenship. I would have cheerfully endured a month's extra imprisonment for an opportunity of making known my reflections and feelings to Chavez, but this was not to be—he did not come within speaking distance.

Three or four days after Chavez passed through San Miguel, another caravan, made up of Americans on their way to California, arrived here from St Louis, and after resting themselves one day, again took up their departure for their new homes west of the Rocky Mountains. Anxious as we were to converse with these men, and gather news from them of the world without from which we had been cut off more than four months, we were forbidden the privilege. The alcalde undoubtedly had his orders not to allow any intercourse, and scrupulously did he obey them,

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON Feb. 11th, 1884.

The report from Mr. Randall's committee on rules provided that the rules of the House of the Forty-sixth Congress, as amended by the present House, shall be the rules for the Forty-eighth Congress until further ordered. But about fourteen amendments were thereupon submitted, nearly all of which were opposed by Mr. Randall, and suffered defeat. Mr. Anderson's amendment forbidding the floor to ex-members who used their privilege of admission for lobbying purposes was lost, but Mr. Cox, with his usual tact and good luck, carried the House with him on his motion to continue the census committee. Mr. Belford and "Calamity" Weller entertained the members by their observations, the former in favor of his amendment providing for a clerk for each member of Congress not the chairman of a committee, and the latter by a vehement speech, attacking the national bank system. Mr. Reed also "talked right out in meeting," and gave the House and the country some needed facts on the inability of Congress to cope with the business of legislation under its present rules of procedure. He claimed that Congress does not reach eight per cent. of its business. In the last Congress, of a total of ten thousand bills and resolutions introduced, only three hundred were passed. But the "physical impossibility," as claimed, for Congress to deal with more than a small fraction of its business might be materially lessened by giving a greater measure of time to legislation. As it is now, Congress is in session less than one-half of the time, and when in session gives itself many holidays. Except at the end of the session, Saturday is always a holiday, and Friday generally so, and fourteen out of twenty-four months are spent in vacations.

The bill providing for a new Congressional library has been made the special order in the Senate for next Tuesday, and there is reason now to hope that the effort to provide the Congressional library with suitable accommodations will not much longer be frustrated. The library is growing steadily year by year. Twelve months ago it numbered 480,076 volumes and 160,000 pamphlets. It now contains 513,441 books and 165,000 pamphlets, not half of which can be made available for want of proper space. One has only to enter the rooms to be given "the ocular proof" of the great need of larger accommodations. The total ultimate cost of the proposed new building will be $3,362,000, and it will accommodate 3,000,000 books.

Fred Douglas, the eminent colored orator, is having the truth of the old adage impressed upon him, that the course of true love never runs smooth. His circumstic matrimonial venture has caused much family unpleasantness, and now his ex-house-keeper proposes to sue for $3,000 for services. He is said now to have a fortune of $200,000, the foundation of which was laid by a Miss Griffith, an English Abolition enthusiast, who entered his family as a member of it, bought him a house and set him up as the proprietor of a newspaper in Rochester, just after he had secured his freedom.

We have an inundation from the Mississippi River in the shape of a convention composed of delegates from the States bordering on the "Father of Waters." They came to discuss plans for improvement of their river and to flood Congress into a recognition of the neccessary measures towards this end. LENOX.

"The Iron-Clad Oath."

Sunset Cox never made a more eloquent speech in his life than on the repeal of the iron-clad oath. To the credit of more than a hundred Republicans in the House be it said that only eleven voted for the retention of this relic of war legislation. Under the spell of Cox's impassioned utterances the bill passed the House like a gale of success. As a similar measure introduced by Senator Edmunds is pending in the Senate, there is good reason to hope the present session of Congress, whatever else it fails in doing, will be signalized by the obliteration of the test oath law from the national statute books. It is high time to dispense with it. We are a united people now, and it only serves to keep alive the memories of an unhappy period, which, in the providence of God and the common patriotism and confidence of a great, prosperous and intelligent people, will never come to this country again.

THE star route crowd formed a powerful combination. Even after Brady was removed and members of the gang had been indicted. Elmer, the second assistant postmaster general, kept right on making contracts with the indicted men. And Elmer was but recently removed from his office. When all the facts are known it will doubtless be found since the star route rogueries were exposed to this day there have been men in high positions in Washington who have used their power to help the rascals escape punishment for their misdeeds.

Robert G. Ingersoll's father was a minister of the last generation, and for a long time pastor of the Congregational Church at Madison, Ohio, and at Ashtabula, the place of the memorable railroad disaster. He was successful as a revivalist, and finally gave up the settled pastorate in order to spend his time in evangelical work. He was capable of arousing the emotion to a high pitch of ecstactic enthusiasm. This description is by a man who sat under his ministry, and who also tells how little Bob used to engage his father in long disputations, bringing up the former skeptical puzzles of the whale, the frogs and the sun standing still.

THIS sentence in the Cleburne Chronicle speaks a whole volume regarding the narrow mindedness of the "old Alcalde:" "Ex-Governor Roberts said he would like to be Governor again for ten minutes in order to veto the school bill. The Professor seems to be in favor of free education for those who are rich enough to attend the university, but opposed to free schools at the homes of the poor who are unable to go off to high schools. While the Professor draws $3,000 a year for teaching law at the university he is not willing to pay $600 a year to the teacher who performs the more unpleasant task of teaching the common school. Professor Roberts is inconsistent."

An Englishman representing a syndicate desiring to invest about $25,000,000 in ranch property in Texas, has left that State in disgust, and will make an adverse report to his principals. He thinks there is is more security for property in Ireland, and no prospect of improvement in the near future.—Ex.

Just so. 100,000 good farmers or mechanics, each with a single dollar in his pocket, would add five times that sum, to make a low estimate, to the wealth of the State within one year, and while the proceeds on the foreign investment, would be drained from the State to be spent abroad, in the other the wealth created by her own citizens would remain, constantly assisting in the further development of the State.

Let the bloody Hinglishman go.

The wire fence controversy in Nebraska is the antithesis of that in Texas. In Nebraska it is a ranch company which has fenced in, as it is alleged, 52,000 acres of grazing lands belonging to the public domain, and the United States District Attorney has begun suit for the removal of the fence, averring that settlers have been prevented from taking up the land.

Whittier on Temperance.

The following letter was written by John G. Whittier to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, at its recent anniversary celebration at Cleveland of the women's crusade:

Dear Friends:—I cannot let the decennial of the "Women's National Christian Temperance Union" pass without expressing my hearty sympathy with its objects and my approval of its methods. Its beneficial influence has been felt in every section of the country. It has baffled the schemes of politicians and parties by appealing directly to the moral sense of the people, and infused fresh life into churches and sects by its practical application of the precepts of the gospel of Christ. When I reflect upon the awful magnitude of the evil, the crime, the pauperism, the wreck of home, and the unspeakable debasement of humanity everywhere apparent, I am appalled, and sometimes almost hopeless. But when I think of your organization, and what it has done during the last ten years, I take new courage. The women of the country will yet save the men of of it. Give them what they are now unjustly deprived of, the right of suffrage, and the close of the next decade will see the liquor traffic abolished in every State in the Union.

Thine truly,
JOHN G. WHITTIER.

A Fence Cutter's Letter.

NEW YORK, February 4.—The Sun has a communication defending the fence cutting in Texas. He says that by the homestead laws the public lands were reserved for actual settlers. They went there under this pledge, and in time acquired herds of cattle. They did well, and encouraged others to follow their example. When it was seen that the business of raising cattle was profitable, large capitalists—non-residents, and many of them foreigners—engaged in the business, and sought out some ranches and brought herds of cattle from Texas and elsewhere. They then set to work stretching wire fences across the country so as to exclude the cattle of settlers from grazing on the lands except in their immediate neighborhood. By this means they are despoiling the settlers of their country.

It is called "freezing them out." They in this wholly defeat the object if the homestead law, and prevent the settlement of the country. The settlers have taken their families and made the country their home. It is a country fit for nothing but raising cattle. If the settlers are deprived of this resource, they must leave. They know this, and believing that the exclusion of them from the range is a violation of their rights, they have, in many cases, cut these fences. They cannot contend with companies unless the government passes stringent laws to protect the settlers from encroachment.

What is Exempt Under the Texas Homestead Laws.

One gun.
Burial lots.
Twenty hogs.
All wearing apparel.
Twenty head of sheep.
One carriage or buggy.
All farming implements.
Two horses and one wagon.
One horse, bridle and saddle.
The homestead of the family.
Five milk cows and their calves.
All current wages for personal service.
All household and kitchen furniture.
Two yoke of oxen and the necessary yokes and chains.
The family library and all portraits and pictures.
All provisions and forage on hand for home consumption.
All saddles, bridles and harness necessary for the use of the family.
All tools, apparatus and books belonging to any trade or profession.

A mortgage, deed of trust, or sham sale of homestead is absolutely null and void.

Exempt personal property can be sold or mortgaged by the husband without the intervention of the wife.

The homestead is liable to be sold for the purchase money of the same and for making improvements thereon when a written contract to erect said improvements is made in accordance with the law.

The homestead cannot be sold to pay any taxes except the tax due on the homestead itself.

Two hundred and fifty dollars worth of household and kitchen furniture belonging to each family in this State are exempt from taxation.

Two hundred acres or less constitute a homestead, with improvements thereon. A town or city homestead comprises a lot or lots not exceeding $5,000 in value at the time it is set apart for a homestead, without reference to improvements.

To make perfect title to a homestead a wife must join in the deed.

C. S. Walters, missing, has turned up, according to the Alvarado Bulletin.