

LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

From Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger we have received "Sermons Preached at Brighton," by the late Rev. Frederick W. Robertson. Published by Harper & Brothers.

These sermons, which have now for the first time been presented to the public in a single volume, have had an almost unexampled popularity both in England and the United States. The graceful and polished style, the fervid religious feeling, and the large-hearted and large-minded catholicity that characterizes them have made them to be regarded with favor by Christian readers of all denominations and all shades of opinion.

From the same house we have received "Gwendoline's Harvest," by the author of "Carlyon's Year," etc., and "Stern Necessity," by F. W. Robinson, both of which are from the press of Harper & Brothers.

These are clever novels of English life by popular writers, and we commend them to the attention of people going out of town as entertaining reading for the country or the seashore.

From T. Ellwood Zell we have received the first volume of "Zell's Popular Encyclopedia," bound in very handsome style. Two such splendid volumes as this will be ornaments to any library, while the value of the contents will commend them to the regards of those who appreciate the inside of books more highly than their outside.

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The lake is elevated eighty feet above the level of the ocean; a gradual ascent leads to it, which is covered with pitch in a hard state, and trees and vegetation flourish upon it. In some places beds of cinders are found; and a strong sulphurous smell pervades the ground to the distance of eight or ten miles from the lake, and is perceived in approaching the shore.

The lake is bounded on the northwest by the sea, on the south by a rocky eminence, and on the east by the usual argillaceous soil of the country; it is nearly circular, and more than half a league in length, and the same in breadth. The variety and extraordinary mobility of this phenomenon are very remarkable; groups of beautiful shrubs and flowers, tufts of wild pineapples and aloes, swarms of magnificent butterflies and brilliant humming-birds, enliven a scene which would be an earthly representation of Tartarus without them.

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and, at once, to test his powers, gave the word as "Tattle-toe!" "Tattle-toe!" said his friend; "there is no such word!" "There it is!" cried the despairing Frenchman; "you are just like the others; you say there is no such word, yet you always use it!" "I cannot imagine what you mean," said his friend, "and am sure there is no such word."

The Frenchman sat a moment in lugubrious silence, when it chanced that a servant entered with fuel for replenishing the fire. As he poked and stirred, and placed the fresh wood: "There, there," exclaimed the host, "that'll do that'll do!" "There there!" cried the excited Frenchman, "you used the word this minute! Twice you told me 'Tattle-toe! tattle-toe!' and yet you say there is no such word!"—N. O. Picayune.

THE TRINIDAD PITCH-LAKE.

It was in the autumn of 1863 that I visited the English colony of Trinidad; and I shall never forget the effect produced upon me by the first glimpse of this truly picturesque and beautiful island. It is situated at the mouth of the river Orinoco, and extends from latitude nine degrees thirty minutes to ten degrees fifty minutes north, and is separated from the province of Guayana, on the South American Continent, by the Gulf of Paria. The island appears at a distance like an immense ridge of rocks along its whole north front; but, on entering the Gulf of Paria, we behold one of the most magnificent, variegated, and luxuriant panoramas that nature ever formed. To the east, the waves of the mighty Orinoco dispute for the empire of the ocean with contending billows; the lofty mountains of Cumana rise from the bosom of the horizon in stupendous majesty; and, on the west, appear the cape, headlands, mountains, hills, valleys, and plains of Trinidad, enamelled with eternal verdure, and presenting a coup d'oeil which is rarely surpassed.

Nor is the mind disabused of these delightful emotions on penetrating into the interior of the island. Its azure skies, deep-blue seas, fertile glades, and elastic atmosphere, have, in the language of one of its historians, each and all, combined to crown Trinidad with the appellation of the Indian Paradise.

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past three years several thousand tons have been shipped to this country, and yet I am assured by a gentleman residing there, with whom I am in frequent correspondence, that no diminution is visible. My last advices from Trinidad inform me that a company, formed in the United States, was at that time engaged seeking for oil in the neighborhood of the lake, and that oil had been discovered in several places.—Appleton's Journal.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

TRUSTEES SALE OF THE FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY.

The undersigned, Mortgagees and Trustees under the mortgage of the FREEDOM IRON AND STEEL COMPANY, which bears date February 7, 1867, under and pursuant to a request and notice of creditors, given under the provisions of the said mortgage, for default of payment of interest, will sell at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of September, A. D. 1870, at 12 o'clock noon, by

M. THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers.

All the lands, tenements, hereditaments, and real estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate and being of the said Freedom Iron and Steel Company, and all the buildings, machine shops, machinery, fixtures, forges, furnaces, blast mill, cranes, stationary engines, saw mills, railroads and cars of every kind belonging to the said Company granted in mortgage by the said Company to us by the said mortgage, viz:—

About thirty-nine thousand (39,000) acres of land in Mifflin and Huntingdon counties, Pennsylvania, on which there are erected extensive steel works, four (4) charcoal blast furnaces, and numerous shops and buildings, to wit:—

The property known as the Freedom Iron and Steel Works, in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, comprising two hundred and eighty-nine (289) acres of land.

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Also, the property known as the Greenwood Ore Bank, in Union township, Mifflin county, containing 91 acres of land, and 20 dwelling houses and stables.

Also, the property known as the Week's Saw Mill, in the same county, containing 2302 acres of land, with mill and all the machinery and appurtenances thereof. With two small tracts of land in Derry township, Mifflin county, each containing about one acre, more or less, respectively known as the Cunningham and Ryan lots, and two small tracts of land, containing about one acre and one-fourth of an acre, respectively, known as the Hoestetter lot, and the Stroup House and lot, in Union township, Mifflin county.

Also, about 17,400 acres of unseated lands, in Mifflin county.

Also, the right to take ore on the Mothersbaugh farm, in Decatur township, Mifflin county, at a royalty of 25 cents per ton.

Together with about 907 acres of land, in Huntingdon county, known as the Greenwood Furnace tract, with two charcoal blast furnaces, known as the Greenwood Furnaces, with engine and water-works, with mansion house, 27 stables, carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, 52 dwelling houses, offices and store, one grist mill, with stable and buildings of every description, railroad and ore cars.

Also, the property known as the Monroe Furnace, in Barre township, Huntingdon county, containing about 179 acres of land, with nine dwelling-houses, stables, carpenter shop, smith shop, store and office building.

Also, about 17,200 acres of land, in Huntingdon county (for which 637 acres are seated and partly improved). Together with all and singular the corporate rights, privileges, and franchises of the said Company.

The foregoing properties will be sold in one parcel or lot, in payment of the bonds of the said Freedom Iron and Steel Company, amounting to \$200,000, with interest from February 7, 1867, secured by the said mortgage to the trustees, under the terms of which this sale is made, the said mortgage being a first mortgage on the said property. The terms of sale of the property above described will be as follows:—

\$2000 in cash, to be paid when the property is struck off. The balance to be paid in cash upon the execution of the deed to the purchaser.

The Trustees will also sell at the same time and place, and under the same request and notice of creditors, all the right, title, and interest of the Trustees, as mortgagees in trust, of, in, and to the following described properties, viz:—

The property known as the Yoder Farm, in Brown township, Mifflin county, containing 158 acres, 124 perches, composed of two tracts as follows:—

Beginning at stone in road, thence by land of John D. Barr, north 53 degrees east, 102 5-10 perches to stone; thence by land of Joseph B. Zook, north 44 1/2 degrees west, 202 3-10 perches to stone; thence by land of John Hooley, south 46 1/2 degrees west 102 1-10 perches to stone; thence south 44 1/2 degrees east, 120 6-10 perches to the place of beginning—containing one hundred and twenty-five acres and twelve perches net measure.

Also all that other certain tract of land adjoining above, beginning at stone in road, thence up said road, north 44 1/2 deg. west, 67 5-10 perches to stone; thence by land of John Hooley, south 45 1/2 deg. west, 10 1-10 perches to stone; thence by land of David L. Yoder, south 42 1/2 deg. east, 66 5-10 perches to stone; thence along said road and by land of Gideon Yoder, north 46 1/2 deg. east, 51 1-10 perches to the place of beginning—containing thirty-three acres and one hundred and twelve perches, net measure.

The same being subject to mortgage given to secure bonds, amounting to \$11,785.94, upon \$3000 of which interest is due from April 1, 1869, and on balance of said bonds interest is due from April 1, 1868.

Also, the property known as the Williams farm, as follows:—

All that certain tract of land situate in Derry township, Mifflin county, Pa., bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at a chestnut, corner of lands of Philip Martz, thence by lands of William Henney and Samuel McManamy, north 87 degrees west, 93 1/2 perches to a hickory; thence by lands of Samuel McManamy, north 17 degrees west, 17 perches; thence by land of James M. Martin, south 75 degrees west, 23 perches to a post; thence by land of Johnston Siger, south 57 degrees west, 169 perches, to a hickory; thence by lands of Peter Townsend's heirs, south 87 degrees east, 91 perches to stones; thence by land of heirs of John McDonell, deceased, and Mrs. Molvaine, north 60 degrees east, 95 1/2 perches to a post; thence by land of Philip Martz, north 70 1/2 degrees east, 59 1/2 perches to the place of beginning—containing one hundred and seven acres and twenty-nine perches of land, and allowances.

This property is charged with a mortgage given to secure bonds for \$1250, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum, from November 8, 1868.

Also, the property known as the Stroup Ore Bank, in Union township, Mifflin county, containing about nine acres and eighty-nine perches.

The last named property is subject to a mortgage given to secure a bond for \$1000, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from July 28, 1868.

The terms of sale of the last three described properties will be as follows:—

Twenty-five dollars in cash to be paid upon each when they are respectively struck off.

The balance of the purchase money of each to be paid in cash upon the execution of the conveyance to the purchaser.

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