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At break of day one September morning, nearly sixty years ago, the brig Lawrence, flagship of Captain Perry's Lake Erie squadron, was riding quietly at anchor in a harbor formed by a group of small islands near the western extremity of the lake. As the heavy shadows which had rested all night long upon the waters of the lake group and less and the waters of the bay grew less and less dense, and the forms of the surrounding islands began to make their appearance through the morning mists, the usual signs of renewed life became apparent on board

The shrill whistle of the boatswain could be heard summoning the crews to their morning duties, the watches upon deck were re-lieved and allowed to go below, and the hum of voices showed that the sleepers had all been awakened and the business of the day

Suddenly the sailor upon the look-out at the mast head of the Lawrence bent forward and hailed the deck. From the elevated position where he stood carefully scanning the horizon a sight startling but not unex-pected had met his view. Beyond the inter-vening islands, and concealed by their wooded shores from the decks, the lifting shadows now revealed six large vessels slowly moving down from the northwest. This was the British fleet, which, under command of Captain Barclay, one of Nelson's bravest veterans, had left the Canada shore upon the previous evening with the intention of settling the disputed question of naval supremacy upon the waters of Lake Erie before the sinking of another sun.

The intelligence of its approach was quickly communicated to Perry by the officer of the deck. The promptness with which orders were given for the squadron to get under way, and the activity displayed in their execution, showed that the young commander was not unprepared for the emergency. Anchors were weighed, sails spread, and the small boats lowered and manned with carsmen prepared to assist the light breeze, which it was feared might not prove strong enough to impel the vessels into the open waters of the lake. As they slowly beat out from the harbon towards the spot where the British fleet lies awaiting them. the broad blue battle-flag of the commander, inscribed with the dying words of the lamented Lawrence, is run up to the peak of the flag-ship amidst the enthusiastic shouts of the men. These are answered by responsive cheers from the crews of the other vessels, as the ensign floats out upon the breeze, and the inscription is revealed to them by the clear light of the morning sun. Before nightfall the thunder of the guns had died away, and the hardearned victory was won. A great naval battle had been fought, and, along with the entire British fleet, the control of the lakes had passed permanently into the hands of the Americans.

The harbor from which Perry set sail at daybreak to meet the foe, and to which he returned after the battle to bury the dead and repair the shattered ships of both squadrons, is formed by a group of about twenty small islands situated near the western extremity of Lake Erie, and has ever since been known by the name of Put-in-Bay. Tradition states that its existence and its superior facilities as an anchorage for the fleet were first pointed out to Perry by a Canadian halfbreed, who had volunteered for the cruise in Sandusky. Its advantages for such a purpose in time of war are certainly conspicuous. Lying well out from the shore. though available for vessels drawing twelve feet of water, Put-in-Bay, unlike the other barbors of the lake, has no bar to obstruct its entrance, and is free from dangerous rocks. Its position, to, is an important recommendation. Looking toward the Canada shore, it adjoins the passage to the upper lakes, while at the same time affording a favorable point for the defense of the neighboring coast of Ohio, and the mouths of the many streams which here empty into Lake Erie.

The group of islands encircling the waters of Put-in-Bay has become at the present day a favorite place of summer resort. The opportunities afforded here for boating and fishing are unsurpassed, while the visitor, quite out of sight and hearing of the roar and bustle of the busy word, insensibly forgets its cares, and enjoys the delicious sense of repose which belongs peculiarly to the place. There is little in the appearance of the

islands to suggest the thought of war, or to recall the fierce conflict which once took place in sight of their shores. The echoes of the great guns have died away, and the smoke of battle no longer hangs over the water. No more warlike spectacle is seen there than an occasional revenue-cutter at anchor in the tranquil bosom of the bay. In place of the blood of heroes, with which the waters of the lake were crimsoned, is only the red juice of the grape, which every autumn is produced abundantly upon the numerous islets. Whether owing to the mild climate, or to some peculiarity in the nature of the soil, here seems to be the chosen home of the vine. The Catawba, driven by disease from the neighborhood of Cincinnati, thrives luxuriantly, and never fails to reward the cultivator with its ripened clusters. Not all of the islands, however, are under cultivation. Some of them are steep masses of limestone rock rising abruptly from the water, and worn by the action of the weather into fantastic forms. Others are still covered with a growth of forest trees.

The summer idler at Put-in-Bay will often take a boat in the early morning, and repairing to one of these little islets, remain during the heats of the day reading, writing, or re-clining under the trees, and looking off over the broad surface of the lake. In such a seclusion he has leisure to listen to the manykeyed voices of nature, which at other times fall unheeded upon the ear. The hum of the bee's wing, the distant song of a bird from some inner recess of the woods, and the rustling of the leaves in the summer breeze, are the only sounds to be heard, and these rather heighten than diminish the feeling of The cares of life seem as far away as the white wings of the distant ships, which, with hulls invisible, slowly glide along the horizon, and earth's honors and prizes as transitory as yonder gleam in the sunshine

where some fish has leaped from the water. As we turn our gaze toward the neighboring shores the mind insensibly reverts to the scenes of the past. Many of the islands in view still bear the names given to them by Perry. Pebble Island is so called from the smooth white pebbles of which its beach is composed. The one upon which the officers of both squadrons who were killed in the action are interred is called Willow Island, from a sapling planted at the time over their resting-place. This has increased in size with the lapse of years, and is now a stately tree, with a trunk several feet in diameter. Upon it is an inscription giving the names of the six officers, three Americans and three British, who are buried under its shadow. As we lie in our shady nook, and ook across the intervening water, we seem to rately ornamented, which the King de-

see the mournful funeral pageant rehearsed. The day is calm, and the peaceful surface of the lake unruffled by a single breath of air. At anchor in the bay, side by side, ride the vessels so lately engaged in conflict. Yawning holes in their hulls and shattered spars indicate the deadly nature of the ordeal through which they have passed. No sound disturbs the stillness of the scene, till suddenly a puff of smoke shoots from the single remaining gun of the Lawrence, followed by a loud report, which echoes from island to island and finally dies away in the distance. This is succeeded after a brief pause by a similar report from the captured Queen Charlotte. These are no longer indications of hostility, but are minute-guns fired over the remains of the brave. Presently boat after boat puts out from the fleet, and moves slowly towards the shore, the measured cadence of their oars keeping time to the mournful music of the drum and fife. The foremost boats contain the bodies of the deceased officers, wrapped in

the flags of their respective nations.

Arrived at the beach, the funeral procession forms. The lifeless remains are tenderly lifted from the boats, and borne upon the shoulders of the seamen to their resting-place—a pleasant spot near the margin of the lake. Behind them follow their late companions-English and Americans alternating, in the reverse order of rank, Perry himself bringing up the rear. Side by side the late antagonists are laid in their graves, the same burial service is read over them, and volleys of musketry conclude the ceremony. The living disperse to their ac-customed pursuits; the dead are left to their long slumber, no whit the less peaceful from the proximity of those who had so lately been their mortal foes.

Gibraltar Island, another member of this group, named from the steep and rugged nature of its sides, was often used by Perry as a look-out station. It is now the property of the well-known banker, Jay Cooke, who has crowned its summit with a spacious country house. Upon one of its headlands the corner-stone of a handsome monument was laid in 1858 with impressive ceremonies. Though the original design was not carried out, a smaller monument, surmounted by a bronze vase, has been erected by the liberality of the present owner. In order to render this island available for cultivation, and to add to its natural beauty, ship-loads of earth were brought from more favored localities and transported up its steep sides. Probably, if economy alone had been consulted, this species of horticulture would not have been found to pay very handsome dividends, in which respect it might, perhaps, bear a faint resemblance to the model farms of some of our city editors and clergy-men. However, the care bestowed upon it has rendered the island a very delightful spot, which is probably all that the owner expected. He is accustomed to resort hither at such times as his extensive business will permit, and here he often entertains his friends. In his absence the house is never closed, but remains open for the reception of visitors, of whom there is always an abundance. These are not mere sight-seers, like those who visit the seats of the English nobility in the absence of their owners, and for the sake of a handsome fee, which, if report speaks truly, is sometimes divided between the master of the house and his servants, are shown through the great halls where the ancestral portraits are hung, the chambers which have been occupied by royalty, and the chapel where repose the long line of titled forefathers.

The guests of our American gentleman are chiefly clergymen—members of a denomina-tion more remarkable, as a rule, for faithful labor in the Master's service than for the large salaries paid to its ministers. Many of these gentlemen have never had such a thing as a vacation—a period of rest to be devoted to nothing but enjoyment, in which the powers both of body and mind may recuperate. They cannot afford to take such an indulgence themselves, nor do their people understand the necessity of giving it. Many a tired worker has been suddenly surprised at receiving a kind invitation to spend a few days at Put-in-Bay from one who has previously been an entire stranger. A check sufficient to defray the expenses of his journey often accompanies the invitation. Thus it happens that a goodly number of country clergymen can almost always be found at his hospitable residence. Within the house is a library, numbering among its contents some rare books, which have probably been inaccessible to many of them.

It would be difficult to decide which they

enjoy most-dipping into the contents of some of these volumes, or imitating their brethren, the Baptists, for a time, and disporting in the waters of some secluded cove -the fishing and sailing excursions upon the lake, or the noontide rest upon one of the smaller islands, when

"Over the broad lake shines the sun— The lake that Perry battled upon— Striking the upland fields of maize, That gleam in the soft October haze; And nature is tracing, with languid hand, Lessons of peace on lake and land." -Harper's Magazine for July.

Anecdote of George IV. His late Majesty George IV is the hero of the following anecdote:-Peel went to Brighton to inform the King of the death of the Premier, Lord Liverpool, and had some diffi-culty in checking the grief of the father of his people, whose anxiety for the welfare of the State was intense and tearful. He succeeded, however, in dispelling his fears for a time, and left him tranquil.

In the course of the night, however, a servant went to the door of the Home Secretary, to beg that he would go down to the King at once, without waiting to dress himself, as his Majesty was again taken seriously ill. Peel promptly obeyed the summons, in his dressing gown and slippers, and found the King unquestionably worse than he had ever seen him before, and harping upon the difficulties with which he was threatened, out of which, he declared, there was no possibility of escape. He proposed that Peel should write, without a moment's delay, to the Duke of Wellington, and summon him to the Pavilion. Peel assured the King that there was no necessity for such extraordinary hurry, and prevailed upon him to wait till the next day, when he would be more calm, and better able to determine on the most desirable course to adopt under the emergency. The King consented to this adjournment, and made protestations of unflinching confidence in the Duke of Wellington and Peel, confessing that, with two such ministers by his side, it would be culpable in him to despair. He embraced Peel warmly and wept upon his shoulder; when suddenly, in the midst of his excitement and his protestations of attachment and confidence, he broke off, exclaiming, "Peel, who made your dressing-gown?" Peel confessed his ignorance, and the King his astonishment at it. "Open that ward-robe," he said, "and I will show you what a dressing-gown ought to be." Peel obeyed.

and drew forth an ample robe de chambre, composed of rich material, and elabo-

sired him at once to put on. He then requested him to turn himself round before a cheval looking-glass, which was in the room, and judge for himself how much better it became him than the dressing-gown he had been wearing—a ready-made article, but with which he had for some time been thoroughly contented. My informant does not feel sure whether the King presented the dressing-gown to his visitor or not, but he told me that he knew he made him wear it for some time, while he sat by the King's side listening to a string of anecdotes connected with tailoring, which the sight of the dressing-gown had conjured up. Gradually the King, warming with his congenial theme, talked himself into good accivits said he was a property to the control of the spirits, said he was sure Peel must be tired, and recommended him, nothing loth, to go back to his chamber. The King took an affectionate leave of him, but allowed him to return the following morning, without expressing any desire for another interview. The very next news that reached him from the Pavilion was that Canning, who was ill at Brighton at the time, had been conveyed to the Pavilion in a sedan-chair, and had had the interview with George IV, which led to his appointment as Prime Minister in Lord Liverpool's place, and to the secession of the Duke of Wellington, Mr. Peel, and their friends, from the Government .- Memoir of C. M. Young, Tragedian, by his Son.

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