

HUGO AND THE YOUNG POET.

Praise For His Verses Which the Master Had Not Read.

A Paris contemporary tells a story of Victor Hugo and a young unknown poet. The poet, hailing from the provinces, sent to the author of "Notre Dame de Paris" a copy of his work, which he had just published in the form of a book of poems. Hugo replied in most sympathetic terms, and the young man was delighted with the letter, as well he might have been.

His joy, however, was but short-lived, for a day or two later his servant announced that the package containing the volume of poems had come back through the post unopened. The package bore the legend, "Refuse par le destinataire—refranchissement insuffisant" (refused by the addressee on account of insufficient postage).

Hugo's letter was hyperbolic and in these terms: "Your work has given me a proud pleasure, under the impression of which I hasten to congratulate you. Your fame is young and radiant; mine is declining. It is the salutation of the night which departs at the rising of the dawn. You are shining, and I am dying. You emerge from oblivion; I return there."

"The heart either grows hard or breaks forth. Your sentiments have come forth, and you have written sonorous and superb poetry which consecrates you as a poet as well as affirming you as a man. You are then 'deux fois mon frere' (twice my brother). Accept my admiration as great as my esteem."

SEAWEED.

Several Varieties Are Valuable For Food Purposes.

Seaweed is not much to look at, but seaweed does not depend so much upon beauty as upon more substantial merit to make itself worthy of attention. Various species of it are used in manufactures, and several varieties are edible, the most important of the latter being Irish or carrageen moss, used in the preparation of jellies—blancmange, for instance—dulse or dilsek, very highly thought of by Scotland, particularly when roasted by wrapping about hot tongs, and kelp or tangle.

Irish moss and some other species, particularly eel grass and fat stalk rock weed, have been found valuable as cattle food, especially when boiled to destroy the rank taste and mixed with meal.

The eel grass and rock weed compare favorably with hay as regards the most important constituent—protein—containing 6.63 and 8.21 per cent respectively. They are deficient in fat, but contain a large amount of ash. The great bulk of the seaweed gathered, however, is used as a fertilizer, and the average seaweed contains large quantities of all the essential fertilizing elements. Allowing 10 cents a pound for nitrogen, 2 cents a pound for phosphoric acid and 4 cents a pound for potash—and these are as low prices as it is possible to procure those materials in any form—a ton of seaweed containing 80 per cent water is worth as a fertilizer \$1.42 a ton.—New York Times.

An Ancient Mountain Race.

The most ancient people still living in the mountains of India are the Todas. Long before the arrival of the other tribes of the region the Todas were the kings of this country, which they held in common without strife or treachery to one another. The Todas are a fine race, tall, well proportioned and with regular features. Their complexion is of a light brown, and their eyes are bright and intelligent. The men wear a linen or cotton garment that reminds a European of the Roman toga. Their bearing is proud and dignified; their countenances are pleasing; their fine straight hair is regularly cut and well kept. Their superior appearance, the mystery that surrounds them and the obscurity of their origin have caused certain students of ethnology to suppose that the Todas are descended from the soldiers of Darius or Alexander, the ancient conquerors of India.

Deaf Guests at Hotels.

"To waken a deaf person who wishes to be called at a certain time in the morning is about the hardest proposition a hotel clerk runs up against," said a member of that fraternity. "To ring the telephone is useless, because the man can't hear. Knocking for the same reason is futile. Now and then a guest who has lost his hearing suggests that he leave his door open, so we can walk right in and shake him, but there are so many chances of somebody less gulleless than ourselves walking in ahead of us that we can't consent to that simple expedient. It seems to me that the man who can patent a device for waking the deaf is sure of fame and fortune, not to mention the gratitude of the brotherhood of hotel clerks."—New York Globe.

The Other Side.

Hank Stubbs—I fixed one up them air agent fellers today. Big Miller—How so? Hank Stubbs—Waal, he come sneakin' up to my front door an' ast me ef the lady uv the house wuz in, an' I said no, but the gentleman uv the barn an' hoss stables is.—Boston Herald.

The Caddie's Sneer.

Golfer—The day I get round these links in under a hundred I'll give you a shilling, Sandy! Juvenile Caddie—Hoo will I want it when I'm drawin' me auld age pension?—London Punch.

His Vowels.

Ethel—Have you noticed how Lord Blunker drops his aspirates? Fred—It's nothing to the way he drops his vowels; I've got more than a dozen of his I O U's myself.—London Scraps.

New Postulate in Euclid.

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| READ DOWN | | Stations | READ UP | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------|
| No. 1 | No. 6 No. 3 | | No. 4 | No. 2 |
| 7:05 | 6:55 | BELLEVILLE | 9:10 | 5:05 |
| 7:15 | 7:05 | Nippon | 8:17 | 4:52 |
| 7:27 | 7:17 | Zion | 8:31 | 4:47 |
| 7:37 | 7:27 | HELLA PARK | 8:45 | 4:41 |
| 7:49 | 7:39 | Bunkies | 8:51 | 4:38 |
| 7:53 | 7:43 | Hubersburg | 8:59 | 4:31 |
| 7:57 | 7:47 | Snyderstown | 9:05 | 4:28 |
| 7:40 | 7:30 | Nittany | 10:34 | 4:27 |
| 7:42 | 7:32 | Huston | 10:32 | 4:24 |
| 7:46 | 7:36 | Lambert | 10:29 | 4:21 |
| 7:48 | 7:38 | Clintondale | 10:26 | 4:18 |
| 7:52 | 7:42 | Krider'siding | 10:22 | 4:14 |
| 7:56 | 7:46 | Macoyville | 10:18 | 4:09 |
| 8:02 | 7:52 | Cedar Spring | 10:12 | 4:03 |
| 8:08 | 7:58 | Salona | 10:10 | 4:01 |
| 8:10 | 8:00 | MILL HALL | 10:05 | 3:56 |

(N. Y. Central & Hudson River R. R.)

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| 11:40 | 8:53 | Jersey Shore | 3:08 | 7:53 |
| 12:15 | 9:30 | ATL. W.M.'S FORT | 2:25 | 7:30 |
| 12:29 | 11:30 | LYN. & Reading Rv. | 1:30 | 6:50 |
| 7:30 | 6:50 | PHILA. | 12:30 | 11:30 |

NEW YORK

10:10 9:00 (Via Phila.)

p. m. a. m. Arr. (Week Days) Lve. a. m. p. m.

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Schedule to take effect Monday Jan. 6, 1909.

| WESTWARD | | STATIONS | EASTWARD | |
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| read down | No. 1 | | No. 2 | No. 4 |
| 7:05 | 6:55 | BELLEVILLE | 8:50 | 12:50 |
| 7:15 | 7:05 | Nippon | 8:40 | 12:40 |
| 7:27 | 7:17 | Zion | 8:37 | 12:37 |
| 7:37 | 7:27 | HELLA PARK | 8:35 | 12:35 |
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| 7:56 | 7:46 | Macoyville | 8:09 | 12:09 |
| 8:02 | 7:52 | Cedar Spring | 8:07 | 12:07 |
| 8:08 | 7:58 | Salona | 8:05 | 12:05 |
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