

# Democratic Watchman

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## MUSICAL MOUNTAINS.

Singing Cliffs In the Pyrenees and Roaring Sands in Hawaii.

In certain parts of the world are mountains and hills which are said by the natives to sing. In the Pyrenees certain cliffs emit plaintive sounds resembling the strains of a harp. Two other cliffs in the same chain are called the "snorers." When the wind is in the southwest they send forth a peculiar sound not altogether musical. The faces of these cliffs are marked by deep gullies, open in front, which may be compared to the pipes of an organ. At certain times a stratum of air, held between the cliffs and bordering trees, closes the openings while the wind blows freely between through the gullies, or organ pipes, behind; hence the music that is heard.

At the confluence of the Orinoco and the Rio Meta are granite cliffs which sing at sunrise. Humboldt refers to the phenomenon as the musical stones of the Orinoco. The music is caused by the rush of the expanding air through fissures partly closed by mica.

Many more examples might be cited to show that nature makes use of principles which have been adopted by man in the creation of musical sounds. Nor are the musical sounds of nature confined to rocks, mountains and hills, for in Hawaii is a sand bank fifty feet high which, when the hand is moved about in the loose sand, produces a sound like that of a melodeon. It is said that if the observer slides down the bank on his back, dragging both hands in the sand, the sound becomes as loud as faint thunder.—Harper's Weekly.

## AN ILL MATED PAIR.

Wide Apart in Temperament Were Thomas and Jane Carlyle.

That the Carlyles were an ill assort-ed couple no one could deny. She was a highly strong, nervous woman, very quick, able and impatient, disappointed with her married life and her position, jealous of the admiration which Carlyle received at the hands of all his admirers, especially of one or two women, whom she found very unsympathetic.

That Carlyle adored her there is little doubt. He loved her with all the rough, passionate power of his nature, but he was a peasant in manner and character and lacking in all the little outward signs of devotion and affection which so many women exact and the absence of which they resent most bitterly.

Mrs. Carlyle found herself tied to an irritable genius who, sensitive at every point, deeply devoted to her, but absolutely incapable of translating that love into the language which she craved and longed for. I remember her once saying to me in a bitter way, "My dear, whatever you do, never marry a philosopher," and that was the key to the enigma—the woman always hungering for proofs of the devotion in which the whole of her daily life was wanting.—From Lady St. Heller's "Memories."

### Physiognomy Not Reliable.

I am a profound disbeliever in physiognomy. Features are false witnesses. Stupidity frequently wears a mask of intelligence. I know business men who look like poets and poets who look like business men. Men of genius invariably look like idiots, and if you pick out the man who looks most eminent in a party you are sure to find he is a nobody. I always distrust men who look magnificent. Nature is a stingy creature. She seldom gives a man the double gift of being great and looking great. She took care to lame Byron and deform Pope and disfigure Johnson. But the crowning example of her jealous parsimony is Shakespeare. He has always been disappointed with Shakespeare's face. It does not live up to his poetry. It is dull, heavy and commonplace.—From "Adventures in London."

### The Mistake.

In his biography of Alexandre Dumas Harry A. Spurr says that the impudent French author, who hated avarice, was once waiting in line for his cloak at a soiree when he saw a millionaire give a tip of 50 cents (10 cents) to the servant who handed out his paletot. Dumas, getting his cloak, threw down a 100 franc note. "Pardon, sir; you have made a mistake, I think," said the man, offering to return the note. "No, no, friend," answered Dumas, casting a disdainful glance at the millionaire: "it is the other gentleman who has made the mistake."

### Shakespeare in France.

I once stumbled upon a choice bit of French quotation from Shakespeare. It was a tale by Uchard.

The distinguished author of this tale rendered "Fraîlly, thy name is woman" by "Fragilité, c'est le nom d'une femme" ("Fragility, that is the name of a woman").—Strauss.

### A Woman's Compliment.

"I admire your hair, dear."

### "Thanks."

"But isn't it a good deal of trouble to find that peculiar shade in the shops?"—Washington Herald.

### So Gentle and Nice.

"You have no idea," said Ethel, "how my poor head hurts me."

"Well," said her friend, "why don't you take your hair off and rest it?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

## HUNDREDS OF SMALL PLOTS TRANSFORMED INTO PROFITABLE VEGETABLE GARDENS.

prepared and distributed to about 50 families.

Mr. Dix explained something about the work to the guests of the society. "It is not the purpose of the Philadelphia Vacant Lots Association to wait until a family is paperized and reduced to seeking charity," he said. "Instead we prefer to give our land labor and aid to the man with a large family of children. The work in the open air, the better quality of the food consumed and the consequent saving to the family, give it an opportunity to grow into something better as citizens than can come from the families of those reduced to beggary and subsisting mainly on charity."

The society gives work on the emergency farm, for which it pays cash, this is the only thing it "gives" excepting opportunity. A charge of \$1 for the first year, increasing \$1 each year up to \$5, is made by the society to pay for the ploughing and harrowing of the ground, for fertilizer, seeds and plants. The society maintains several teams of horses to do the hauling and preparation, and these, with other expenses of maintenance, are paid for from funds contributed by voluntary subscribers to the work. The money paid by the workers of the farms is never sufficient to meet many of the expenses.

Rains this year have kept some of the plots from being worked to the utmost, but the average eighth of an acre plot yields \$50 worth of vegetables to its temporary owner. Over 400 families have been assigned gardens this year, and in the vicinity of the farm, those known as the McIlvaine and the Joseph Fels farms, the superintendent pointed out many little gardens which had sprung into existence from the example of the Vacant Lots tracts near by.

### A New Champion for Women.

Give a woman half a chance and you will find she can reason just as well and generally is a good deal fairer and squarer than a man." This is the gallant assertion of Timothy D. Sullivan, the Bowery politician of New York city, who expresses himself as an advocate of woman suffrage. "If a man is the mighty affair he thinks he is, why should he be afraid of political competition by the women?" continues Sullivan. If man is not such a mighty affair, then it's time he stepped down and gave the women a chance to show what they can do in politics." It's a safe wager that "Big Tim" knows how to make himself sold with the women.

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## Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

### The Shapes of Eggs.

There was recently had before the Zoological society of London a mathematical discussion of the differences in the shape of eggs. A few eggs, like those of the owl and the tortoise, are spherical, or nearly so; a few, like the grebe's or the cormorant's, are elliptical, with symmetrical ends; the great majority, like the hen's, are ovoid, or blunter at one end than the other. The hen's egg is always laid blunt end foremost. Eggs that are the most unsymmetrical are also eggs of large size relatively to the parent bird. The yolks of eggs are spherical, whatever the form of the entire egg may be. This has been shown to be due to their being inclosed in a fluid, the "white," which makes the pressure everywhere on the surface of the yolk practically constant.

### Just a Bit Too Apt.

To eke out his salary the people of a small country church gave their pastor a donation party, among the presents being a fine new dress coat for the pastor and a pretty bonnet for his wife.

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### Young, but Wise.

"But mamma thinks I am too young to marry."

"Why should she think that? You're much older than she was when she got married, aren't you?"

"Yes, but father was drawing a much larger salary at the time than you're getting."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Resolve not to be poor: whatever you have, spend less.—Dr. Johnson.

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