

THE OLD HOME.

It sleeps beneath the sunny hill
As in a tranquil dream;
The giant elms are spreading still
Above the meadow stream.

A BRAVE WOMAN.

At Mr. Lonsdale's aristocratic mansion in Philadelphia the earliest letters were brought in with the rolls and coffee, so that Mrs. Lonsdale was languidly eating orange marmalade when her husband read out the contents of the letter with the black edge which had just come from Moon Mountain.

"What good does that do me?" said the widow, fixing her blue eyes full on Mrs. Lonsdale. "My terms for a room of this size are \$15 a week."

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"Bad news," said Mortimer, in a hoarse accent. "We are ruined! The business has gone to wreck—the cashier has gone to Belgium—and we haven't a cent to call our own!"

"I don't know what you mean," said he. "Then listen to me. The old lawyer has just come over from Carragee farm. He says that they have struck a rich vein of iron on the rocky hills there. A stock company want to buy it of me for \$300,000, and I've agreed to sell it. Uncle Darrow was as much your grand-uncle as he was mine. We'll divide the money, Mortimer, you and I."

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Picturesque War.

The expedition which Lord Wolseley has projected up the Nile is called by the English journalists as original and daring as anything in the annals of war. It may, however, have had its prototype in the ancient Pharaohs, who sent large expeditions into the Soudan, beyond the territory that acknowledged their sway, to procure drugs, ivory, ostrich feathers, lions and slaves.

The expedition was to contain 7,000 men in a flotilla of 800 small and narrow boats. Each boat is 32 feet long by seven feet broad and will carry ten boatmen, ten soldiers and food for one hundred days; they draw only twenty inches of water and can be sailed, rowed or poled or "tracked"—that is pulled along by a rope. It is thought that boats of this size can be hauled over the rapids with little difficulty.

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The workingwomen's Protective Union of New York has a record to be proud of. It has been in existence 20 years, and during that time has expended \$35,000 in the conduct of 7,000 prosecutions for attempted frauds upon working girls.

Victoria's Fortune.

Her Majesty possesses an immense fortune. The estate at Osborne is at least five times as valuable as it was when it was purchased by the Queen and Prince Albert about forty years ago. The Balmoral property of her Majesty now extends over 30,000 acres. Claremont was granted to the Queen for life in 1866, with revision to the country; and her Majesty purchased the property outright three years ago for £78,000. Probably its market value is not much under £150,000.

The Queen also possesses some property at Coburg, and the Princess Hohenlohe left her the Villa Hohenlohe at Baden, one of the best residences in the place. With regard to personal property Mr. Nield left the Queen over £500,000, and the property left by the Prince Consort is believed to have amounted to nearly £300,000; but the provisions of his will have been kept a secret, and the document has never been proved. The Queen must also have saved a vast sum out of her income, which has always been very well managed. Since the death of the Prince Consort the general administration of the Queen's private affairs has been confided to Lord Sydney, who is a consummate man of business. I have reason to believe that in due course application will be made to parliament on behalf of the children of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Indeed, there is to be a royal message on the subject of Prince Albert Victor's establishment next session. The country will not, however, be asked to provide for the younger members of the royal family. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are already wealthy, and on the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha they will migrate to Germany; but the Connaughts, Albanys, Christians and Battenbergs will look to the Queen for provisions; and so, also, will any of the younger children of Princess Alice who may happen to make poor matches. It will be seen, therefore, that the Queen will have plenty to do with her fortune, large as it undoubtedly is; and although in the event of her Majesty's death the country would be asked to provide for Princess Beatrice, yet she naturally will occupy an important place in her mother's will.

Thousands of large haystacks are visible over the length and breadth of the Jersey marshes. Laboring in these great harvest fields that rest on watery foundations is not attended with the arduousness which is associated with the same work among clover and timothy. There is no suggestion of lowing kine, no sweet scented breath of new mown hay, no rest at noonday beneath the cool spreading trees. The fragrance of the salt meadows is that wafted from the sluggish ditches and stagnant pools choked with the decaying vegetation of years, and from the great sources of oozy, malarious slime which the receding tide exposes to the sun. Mosquitoes are born in millions in these congenial breeding spots, and swarm constantly about the ears of the mowers. This salt hay, after being cut and stacked, is left in the meadows until winter weather has so stiffened the marshes that horses may be safely driven on them. Then the hay is hauled to the farm or premises of the owners. This hay is prized and principally used as bedding, although it serves in some places as food for cattle especially if upland hay is scarce and high. Large quantities of it are sold in Newark and Elizabeth to livery stables, brewers and manufacturers for bedding for horses. It is worth about what the purchaser may feel like paying for it, although in some seasons it has brought \$5.00 a ton.

Speaking generally it is not to the laboratory of the chemist that we should go for our potash salts, but to the laboratory of nature, and more especially to that of the vegetable kingdom. They exist in the green parts of all vegetables. This is illustrated by the manufacture of commercial potash from the ashes of twigs and leaves of timber trees. The more succulent the vegetable the greater the quantity of potash it contains, though there are some minor exceptions to this. As we have already stated we extract and waste a considerable portion of these salts when we boil vegetables and throw away the potage which our wiser and more thrifty neighbors add to their everyday menu. When we eat raw vegetables, as in salads, we obtain all their potash. Fruits generally contain important quantities of potash salts, and it is upon these especially that the possible victims of lithic acid should rely. Lemons and grapes contain them most abundantly. Those who cannot afford to buy these as articles of daily food may use cream of tartar, which when genuine, is the natural salt of the grape.

Court wisdom ardently. First understand, then argue. Be just to all, but trust not all. The beauty of the face is a frail possession, a short-lived flower, only attached to the mere epidermis, but that of the mind is innate and unchangeable. A man's domestic relations don't bother him as much as the relations of his domestics.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

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