

THE DROVER'S STORY.

My name is Anthony Hunt. I am a drover, and I live miles and miles away upon the western prairie.

I went away from home to sell some fifty head of cattle—fine creatures as ever you saw. I was to buy some groceries and dry goods before I came back, and above all a doll for our youngest Dolly.

Dolly could talk of nothing else, and went down to the very gate to call after me to buy a big one. Nobody but a parent can understand how full my mind was of that toy, and how when the cattle were sold, the first thing I hurried off to buy was Dolly's doll.

I found a large one, with eyes that would open and shut when you pulled a wire, and had it wrapped in paper and tucked it under my arm while I had the parcels of calico and delaine and tea and sugar put up.

Then, late as it was, I started for home. It might have been more prudent to stay until morning, but I felt anxious to get back, and eager to hear Dolly's prattle about her toy.

I was mounted on a steady going old horse of mine, and pretty well loaded. Night set in before I was a mile from town, and settled down dark as pitch while I was in the middle of the wildest bit of road I know of.

I rode on as fast as I could, but of a sudden I heard a little cry like a child's voice! I stopped short and listened—I heard it again. I called and it answered me. I couldn't see a thing; all was dark as pitch. I got down and felt about in the grass—called again, and again was answered.

I began to wonder. I'm not a timid man, but I was known to be a drover and to have money about me. It might be a trap to catch me, and I was not superstitious—not very.

But how could a real child be out on the prairie on such a night, at such an hour. It might be more than human.

The bit of a coward that hides itself in most men showed itself to me then, and I was half inclined to run away; but once more I heard that cry, and I said:

"If any man's child is hereabouts, Anthony Hunt is not the man to let it die!"

I searched again. Not a trace of a hollow under the hill, and groping that way, sure enough I found a little thing that moaned and sobbed as I took it in my arms. I couldn't see it, but I thanked heaven. I called my horse, and the beast came to me, and I mounted, and tucked the little soaked thing under my coat as well as I could, promising to take it home to "mummy."

It seemed tired to death, and soon cried itself to sleep against my bosom.

I had slept there over an hour when I saw my own windows. There were lights in them, and I supposed my wife had left them there for my sake, but when I got into the door-yard I saw something was the matter, and stood still with a dead fear at my heart for five minutes before I could lift the latch.

SING AWAY YOUR GRIEF.

Teacher gives the following excellent advice:

We can sing away our griefs earlier than we can reason them away. The birds are the earliest to sing in the morning; the birds are the most without care than anything else I know of.

When they have done their duty when they have done their last flight, and picked up their last morsel of food, and cleansed their bills on a napkin of a bow, then on a top twig they sing a song of praise. I know they sleep sweeter for it. They dream music, for sometimes in the night they break forth in singing, and stop suddenly after the first note, started by their own voice.

O that we might sing evening and morning, and let song touch soul all the way through. As I was returning from the country the other evening, between six and seven o'clock, bearing a basket of flowers, I met a man that was apparently the tender of a mason. He looked brick and mortar all over! He had worked the entire day, and he had the appearance of a man that would not be afraid of work.

He walked on with a light step, and singing to himself as he passed down the street, though he had been working the whole day, and nearly the whole week. Were it not that my good thoughts always come too late, I should have given him a large allotment of my flowers. If he had not been out of sight when the idea occurred to me, I should have hailed him, and said, "Have you worked all day?"

"Of course I have," he would have said. "Are you singing?" "Of course I am." "Then take the flowers home and give them to your wife, and tell her what a blessing she has in you."

O, that we could put songs under our burdens! O, that we could extract the sense of sorrow by song! Then these things would not poison so much. Sing in the house, teach your children to sing. When troubles come, go at them with songs. When griefs arise, sing them down. Lift the voice of praise against cares. Praise God by singing; that will lighten you about the weight of every trial. Attempt. They sing in heaven and among God's people upon earth song is appropriate language of Christian feeling.

The Chinese in San Francisco.

It is evident that the antagonism which has been growing up between the native and Chinese population in California will before long culminate in bloody collision.

The San Francisco Herald, speaking of the Chinese, says that notwithstanding their former subservient and peaceful spirit, they have suddenly changed their conduct, and for months past the courts have been burthened with investigations of their crimes—investigations that have come to naught, for those people have no regard for the sanctity of an oath, and perjure themselves by wholesale.

The Herald continues: They have introduced into our Christian city all the barbarous practices of their native land—they do not hesitate to hatch conspiracies, abduct and assassinate, and what is worse, they employ an organized gang of braves to slay their enemies or rivals, and gauge the reward according to the punishment that may be inflicted upon them.

A Chinaman can be paid to assassinate, even with the death penalty staring him in the face, and can coolly stipulate for the price of his neck to be paid to his relatives in case he is hung. It is said they have carried their barbarous practices to such an extent in this city as to offer large rewards for the heads of their enemies.

What can be done with such a people? They are soulless, conscienceless, devilish. Their vile passions, long kept in restraint from submission to the moral influence of the white man, are now breaking forth in barbaric fury—they openly defy our laws, and with brazen insolence insult our civilization. Let us exhaust all the resources of the law to restrain them, and if they fail, let us advise them to return.

Notice.

It is a well established fact that fully one-half of the female population of our country are afflicted with the disease of Pimples on the face, which is a most distressing and disfiguring ailment. It is caused by a diseased condition of the system, and is attended with a great deal of suffering and inconvenience.

The water was warmed for the comfort of the candidates on a baptismal occasion in a Baptist church at Providence, Rhode Island, last Sunday week. The rising steam caused a general stampede among the congregation and fainting among the ladies, who thought the building was on fire.

That's Dolly yonder with her mother in the meadow, a girl worth saving I think (but then I'm her father, and may be partial), the prettiest and sweetest thing this side of the Mississippi.

HARD ON THE ENGINEER.—An engineer on the O. & M. R. R. tells the following story on himself: One night the train stopped to wood and water at a small station in Indiana. While this operation was going on I observed two green looking countrymen, in "homespun," curiously inspecting the locomotive and occasionally giving vent to expressions of astonishment.

Finally one of them looked up at me and said: "Stranger, are this a locomotive?" "Certainly. Didn't you ever see one before?" "No, haven't never saw one afore. Me'n Bill come down to the station to tell purpose to see one. Them's the bier, ain't it?"

"What yer call that you're in?" "We call this the cab." "And this big wheel?" "That's the driving wheel." "That big thing on the top is the chimney, I suppose?" "Precisely."

"Be you the engineer wot runs the machine?" "Bill," said the fellow to his mate, after eyeing me closely for a few minutes, "it don't take much of a man to be an engineer, do it?"

It is estimated that there are two hundred and twenty-five thousand threshing machines in the United States, without counting the school-marmas.

Misfortunes are moral bitterns, which frequently restore the healthy tone of the mind after it has been cloyed and sickened by the sweets of prosperity.

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