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A STORM PICTURE.

This vivid description of a tempest is taken from Owen Meredith's new novel in verse, entitled " Lucille :"

After noontide, the clouds, which had traversed the Half the day, gathered closer, and rose and in-The air changed and chilled. As though out of the ground,
There ran up the trees a confused hissing sound,
And the wind rose. The guides sniffed, like chamois,

the air,
And looked at each other, and halted, and there
Unbuckled the cloaks from the saddles. The white
Aspens rustled, and turned up their frail leaves in fright,
All announced the approach of the tempest.

Ere long, Thick darkness descended the mountains among; Thick darkness descended the mountains among,
And a vivid. vindictive and serpentine flash
Gored the darkness, and shore it across with a gash, The rain fell in large heavy drops. And anon Broke the thunder.

The horses took fright, every one, The Duke's in a moment was far out of sight. The guides shouted. The band was obliged to alight: And, dispersed up the perilous pathway, walked To the darkness before from the darkness behind. And the storm is abroad in the mountains

He fills The crouched hollows and all the oracular hills
With dread voices of power. A roused million more
Of wild echoes reluctantly rise from their hoar
Immemorial ambush, and roll in the wake
Of the cloud, whose reflection leaves the livid lake. And the wind, that wild robber, for plunder descends From invisible lands, o'er those black mountain ends; He howls as he bounds down his prey; and his lash Tears the hair of the timorous wild mountain ash, That clings to the rocks, with her garments all torn Like a woman in fear; then he blows his hoarse

nord, And is off, the fierce guide of destruction and terror, Up the desolute heights 'mid an intricate error Of mountain and mist.

There is war in the skies!

Lo! the black-winged legions of tempest arise
O'er those sharp splintered rocks that are gleaming below
In the soft light, so fair and so fatal, as though
Some seraph burned through them, the thunderbolf

searching,
Which the black cloud unbosomed just now. Lo! which the black floud unbosomed just now. Lo:
the lurching
And shivering pine trees, like phantoms, that seem
To waver above, in the dark; and you stream,
How it hurries and roars, on its way to the white
And paralyzed lake there, appalled at the sight
Of the things seen in heaven!

PROCRASTINATION.

"I LOST A WIFE BY IT." New Year Day I returned home from a

Southern tour, and was sitting in my room in the evening, writing to some of my friends, when a she cousin of mine came in and laid a small bundle on my table. It was a slice of wedding cake, done up very neatly in gold edged paper. 'Ah,' said I, ' what have we here ?'

Wedding cake,' said coz 'Wedding cake,' said I; 'a generous

slice truly! Who of my friends have been so foolish as to commit matrimony? and when did this melancholy affair hap-'Christmas Eve,' returned coz. 'The

card that came with the cake will answer your first question;' and giving me an arch smile as she pointed to the card, left the room.

'Indeed, my old chum married?' said I to myself, as I took up the card and read Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.' 'Ha. ha, ha! who'd have thought George would have committed such an act! Mr. and should like to see the fellow, just to bore him a bit. But who is this lady? It can't be Miss ----; they were no favorites of his. Let me think,' continued I, taking out my pencil and putting on a bit of paper the names of our female acquaintances. I went on with: 'There's Ellen Rice—can't be her: Jane Green-nor her; Mary Willis -nor her,' until I had written down the names of about twenty girls, without satisfying myself as to the right one. 'So, myself. I felt truly rejoiced that it was so, and I could not help thinking how comfortable it would be to drop in of an evening with 'my lady,' for I had serious notions then of getting married-as you shall hear by-and-by-and having social times. I planned out how we would spend our evenings together in pleasant intercourse. I determined that his lady and my lady should be the best of friends: and Mrs. Adams as a sister to me, and my wife as a sister to him. In fact, such a picture of domestic happiness did I draw up-so bright and glowing with all that is delightful did the future seem in a married state-that I threw my paper one way, my pen another, jumped up, and prepared for a visit to Maria Bailey, to whom I meant to offer myself that very night, and get married as soon as the law and the minister would let us. Having put on a clean dickey-it was a cold night and I was in a hurry-I sallied forth to north end of the town with her mother, a widow lady. While on the way to the house, I will make the reader a little acquainted with Maria, and the relation in which I stood to her. I will not praise her beauty-although as beautiful a crea-

known each other, and were pretty intimate in our friendship. When I was twentytwo years of age, I concluded to take a through the States; and as I had been indisposed for some time back, with It nearly choked me. a loss of appetite, no sleep, etc., I made there was nothing like travelling for a meal as any of my fellow passengers; a meal as any or my lenow passongers, and when I stopped for the night, I slept stammer. feigned sickness only for an excuse to get away from home. The real motive of my departure was, my feelings toward Maria began to change; I always had a foolish longing to be near her, and a singular home when I called to spend a social evening; and then there was a peculiar sensation about my heart when I saw her of my companions, or when she bestowed great difference, dad?

I speak of her amiable disposition, her

accomplishments, etc., etc.

upon them a smile. In fact I began to feel something more than friendship tow-

ards her. I did not let her know the state of my mind, but laughed and frolicked with her the same as ever. My affection for her increased daily. Not knowing, however, but that my love might prove only momentary, and wishing to know whether absence would wear it off-for it had always been my determination, that when I wedded, it should not be merely

a union of hands, but a union of hearts-I determined, without hinting the object of my journey to Maria, or even giving her the slightest reason to suspect the nature of my feelings towards her to take the journey, and if time did not alter my heart when I returned, to offer myself to her. I went on my journey-visited all noted places—mingled in company as much as possible—trifled with the ladies in the fashionable way; still, though surrounded with beauty in every engaging form—though flattered and caressed after all, a thought of Maria caused a throb, which none of the lovely ones

around me could create. Her image kept fast hold on my heart, and, wouldn't leave it. Finding, after an absence of six months, that the complaint which caused me to leave home increased rather than diminished, I hastened my return, and arrived home on the aforesaid first of January.

When I reached Maria's place of abode and began to ascend the steps in front of the house, my heart quailed a little. I began to grow faint-hearted, and to think in which manner I should " pop the question.' I regretted that I had not studied my part before I left home. I hesitated as I took hold of the bell-knob-my breath grew shorter, and my nerves shook. I was relinquishing my hold with the intention of taking a short stroll round the square to think over what to say—in fact, got half way down the steps, thinking I would put off my declaration until another time-when the thought of George and his wife, and the pleasant evenings we should have together, fixed my wavering heart. So, with renewed determination, I turned and ran up the steps, opened the

loor, and proceeded to the parlor. As good luck would have it, there sat Maria on the sofa, all alone, looking as arose and joyfully extended her hand, I gave it a hearty shake, and squeezed it bewitching as an angel. She blushed as she you know how, reader, I dare say. I was almost tempted to do violence by kissing it, but thinking it would seem sweeter after the trembling 'Yes,' had been said, I refrained.

' How glad I am that you have returned, aid she, 'and how improved you look!' This was said in such a tone of affection that I began to coon over an answer, which would weaken the ice, and give her a hint of what was coming.
'Yes,' I replied, 'I feel wonderfully

improved; and it appears to me,' I connued, there is also an improvement in your appearance-you-'

But how was you pleased with your journey?' interrupting me, while a delicate flush passed over her cheeks, 'did you not meet with some Southern beauty, who weaned your heart from your native place?

'Here was a fine opening. 'No, Maria, home is home, and ever dear. I must confess, however, that I was greatly pleased with the ladies of the South, yet I saw none would compare with the girls of my own town. As for being weaned from home, my heart is too strongly bound to the scenes of my birthplace, and Mrs. George Adams! Ha, ha! really, I to the friends of my childhood, to fear that. These are affections, my dear Maria, that cling to the heart, and will not forsake you, be you where you may, or your situa-

tion what it may-Here I stuck for a moment. Thinking if I neglected to strike now I should never gather courage to speak again, I took her willing hand, and, as the moments were precious—for I felt my courage oozing awav—I commenced:

'I feel truly happy in finding you alone this evening; I have something for your then, Adams is really married!' said I to private ear. You will excuse my bluntness -my intention in calling on you this evening, Miss Maria-was-'

The door at this moment opened, and my friend Adams walked into the room. 1 sprang up, and, seizing his extended hand, gave him a cordial grasp, although from my heart I wished him anywhere else, at that moment, than where he was. After we were seated, we began to talk on common topics. Shortly after, I thanked him for remembering me in the distribution of his bridal cake. 'Oh,' said he, 'that was wife's doings;

you must thank her for that.' Indeed, husband, I knew not of our

friend's return until you told me of it.' 'Husband !-wife!' Gracious heavens had a thunderbolt fell at my feet at the moment, I should not have been more astonished than when I heard those words. I started from my seat-my brain reeled, and a sudden faintness came over me. I should have fallen had I not been supportvisit my intended. Maria lived at the ed by Maria and George-Mr. and Mrs.

'My dear friend, what is the matter exclaimed both, as I began to revive. 'Nothing-nothing at all,' I replied, only a touch of-my old complaint-a dizziness!' As I revived, I added, 'with ture as eye ever rested on-neither will your leave I will retire.'

They urged me strongly to stay-were fearful I might have a second attack on Maria and myself from childhood had the way home, etc.—but in vain. When I stood in the entry, waiting to bid them good night. I trembled like an aspen; and it was with the greatest difficulty I made out to utter, Mrs. Adams-good evening.

When I got home, and within my room, this my excuse- I travelled for my the first thing I did was to throw Maria's When I made this declaration, wedding cake into the fire-frosting and all; and, moreover, I drove a large tenhealth-everybody recommended it. So penny nail through the card into the bed-I started, with the intention of being ab- post, and then went to bed. I was confined sent a year or more. Travelling, I must to my chamber seven days with a fever, at say, agreed with me completely, for at the end of which time I got about again. the first stopping place I made as hearty I am now quite reconciled to my fate, and can say 'Mrs. Adams' without hardly a

> Reader the moral: If you are in love. go instantly and offer yourself. Learn from this the danger of procrastination.

Mind, John,' said a father to his feeling of regret when she was away from son, if you go out into the yard you will

wish you had stayed in the house.' Well, if I stay in the house, I shall engaged closely in conversation with any wish I was out in the yard; so where is the

The Big Trees of California.

DESCRIPTION BY REV. THOMAS STARR KING. We find in a late number of the Boston Transcript the most graphic account yet written of the grove of mighty trees at Mariposa, California. We quote the most striking passages.

The flowers are plenteous along all the steadily rising trail. Here and there we must pause before one of the seductive sugar pines, which looks so full of melody that it seems as if the first breeze that brushes it would make it break forth into a Mozartish song. What if we should meet a grizzly on a

flowery bank under one of the graceful sugar pines? While we were discussing this possibility, we came upon fresh traces of a very large one. I was eager to get a glimpse of him, but the majority of the company prayed that they might not see one of the shaggy monsters, and their prayer was answered. There are two large groves of the mammoth trees in California. The one which is usually visited is in Calaveras county. It contains hardly a third as many trees as the Mariposa cluster which we were in search of in this letter, but is much more easy of access. It covers about as much space as the Common, and a good carriage road leads to the heart of it. At the portal of the grove stand a pair of sentinels, twenty-five feet apart, which are sixty feet in circumference and three hundred feet high. They are well named the "Two Guardsmen." What a pity, for Dumas' sake, that there is not one more? Passing these warders, you drive up to a hotel, and find the grounds trimmed up and the trees named and labelled for guests. Some of the labels are of gilt letters on marble, we are told, and are tastefully inlaid in the bark from six to twenty feet above the ground. The "Hercules" in this group is ninety-three feet in circumference .- The "California," seventy-three feet in circuit, shoots up straight as an arrow three hundred and ten feet. "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is a tree which has been burnt out; it is eighty-three feet in circumference, and will lodge twenty persons. The "Mother of the Forest" three hundred and twenty-seven feet high,

and nearly eighty feet in girth.

* * * One of these Culaveras trees, three hundred feet high, was cut bowling alley, and the stump, twenty-five feet in diameter, covered with a canopy of green boughs, is now a dancing saloon. To cut it down, pump augers were used from either side, until the tree was completely severed from the base. But so nicely poised was it that it would not fall. Only by driving in large wedges with immense battering rams, could its equilibrium be disturbed sufficiently to make it top-heavy. Five men were at work twenty-five days in this wretched drudgery of

destruction. The Mariposa grove stands as the Creator has fashioned it, unprofaned except by fire, which long before the advent of S xon white men, had charred the base of the larger portion of the stalwart trees. We rode on for an hour, climbing all the time till we reached a forest planted five thousand feet above the sea. This, in New England, is the height of Mt. Madison, where not a shrub can grow.

Riding on a few rods, through ordinary evergreens with dark stems, we at last catch a glimpse of a strange color in the orest. It is a tree in the distance, of a ight cinnamon hue. We ride nearer and earer, seeing others of the same complexion starting out in the most impressive con trast with the sombre colums of the wilderness. We are now in the grove of the Titans. The bark has a right loonine effect on the eye. We single out one of them for a first acquaintance, and soon dismount at its root.

I must confess that my own feelings, as first scanned it, and let the eye roam up its tawny pillar, was of intense disappointment. But then I said to myself this is one of the striplings of the Anak broodonly a small affair of some forty feet in girth. I took out the measuring line, fastened it to the trunk with a knife, and walked around, unwinding it as I went. The line was seventy-five feet long. I came to the end of the line before completing the circuit. Nine feet more were needed. I had dismounted before a structure eighty-four feet in circumference and nearly three hundred feet high, and I should not have guessed that it would measure more than fifteen feet through.-It did not look to me twice as large as the Big Elm on the common, although that is only eighteen feet in circumference, and this was twenty-eight in diameter. During the day I had seen a dozen sugar pines which apneared to be far more lofty.

The next one we measured was 89 feet and 2 inches in girth; the third was 90 feet. There are nearly three times as many of the giant species in the grove as in the Calaveras cluster. Divided into two groups, there are 650 of them within a space of a mile and three-quarters. Colonel Warren, the faithful and self-sacrifining friend of agricultural interests in this State, proprietor and editor of the California Farmer, measured the principal trees of one group on this ridge, some three years ago, and found one of 102 feet, two of 100 feet, one of 97, one of 92, one of 82, one of 80, two of 77, three of 76, and thus gradually, diminishing, till more than a hundred trees were on his list that measured fifty feet and upwards in circumfer-

ence. Thiscrowd of majestic forms explains the disappointment in first entering the The general scale is too immense. grove. Half a dozen of the largest trees spaced half a mile apart, and properly set off by trees of six and eight feet in girth, would shake the most volatile mind with awe. We ought to see the "Fountain Tree"

f the Mariposa grove, a hundred and two feet in circuit, rising near the Bunker Hill Monument, and bearing up a crown eighty feet above it, to feel the marvel of its bulk and vitality. Think of that monument as a living structure. Conceive it as having grown from a granite seed, whose outpouring life absorbed from the earth and attracted from the winds fine granite dust, to be slowly compacted, by internal and unerring masonry, into solid squares, of its strength and its tapering symmetry. A work far more marvellous than this has. been wrought by each fragment of a cone that took root five thousand feet on a ridge

in whose trunk Bunker Hill monument could have been inserted and hidden, while the stem would still spring more than two hundred feet above its apex stone. For the ruins of one, now lie in the Mariposa grove, which was forty feet in diameter, and must have towered more than four

Newly Married Couple.

William, dear, William,' said the wife with a world of affection in her eyes. 'Speak, heavenly charmer,' replied the new husband, returning with interest the expressive glance of his spouse.

Dear William! 'Adored Eliza!'

hundred feet high.

'Sweet flatterer!' 'Angelic creature.' Dear, dear William, pardon me-but do you think a short walk would hurt us, as the divine Willis says!

'I fear loveliest of thy sex, that you may be fatigued. Fear not, dearest ! ' Heavenly emanation-bright dream of

my precarious existence—but I cannot elp fearing. Sweet William.

'Celestial Eliza!' Here they fell to violent kissing, which asted about fifteen minutes. Almost breathless the lady exclaimed:

William, dear William, why are you so sweet? Oh, this joy, the ecstacy of wedded bliss! Best beloved will you ever love me thus!'

'By yonder fearful-I say tremendous -orb I swear; ' he exclaimed, pointing to the setting sun. 'And as a memento of our wedding day,

you will yearly bring me here-will you, cherished idol ? ' 'Yes, my only pet--my life-my lovewill bring you here every year—if my capi-

out!' tal holds 'Ah! bravest and best of thy noble sex, talk not of capital in this, our hour of

bliss. How much longer they talked the writer cannot say, for he was called away at this moment to welcome some friends from Maryland. But he is firmly of the opinion that none but married folks know what real happiness is .- While the above happy couple were talking he felt as if immersed in molasses, and every thing since has looked, felt, and smelt sweet.

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