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Original Poetry.

THE BOY FROM HOME.

By J. C. MANN.

Of all spots on earth the dearest,
And most to my heart dear,
Is that little town of my birth,
Where I first saw the light,
And where I first learned to read,
And where I first learned to pray,
And where I first learned to love,
And where I first learned to die.

Miscellaneous.

DORA'S MISTAKE.

By LAURA McALL.

"I am going to marry you, Dora,"
said he, and she was so glad,
That she had almost forgot to breathe,
When he said that to her.
But when he said, "I love you,"
She felt that she was not alone,
For she had a feeling in her heart,
That she was not alone.

CONDENSED HISTORY OF STEAM.

By ALBERT HARTON.

About 380 years B. C. Hero of Alexandria, formed a toy, which exhibited some of the powers of steam, and was moved by its power.
A. D. 640, an architect arranged several caldrons of water, each covered with the wide bottom of a leather bag, which rose to a narrow top, with wings extended to the rafters of the adjoining building. A fire was kindled beneath the caldrons, and the house was shaken with efforts of the steam ascending the tubes. This is the first notice of the power of steam recorded in history.

ARCHITECTURE OF BIRDS.

By ALBERT HARTON.

Birds, like savage men, build with the material which comes readiest to hand. The kingfisher uses the fish bones which are the remnants of its feast; roots and fibres line the nest of the field-hunting hawk; while its cousin, the crow, which frequents warren and sheep-walk, finds a suitable material in fur and wool. A nest of a chaffinch, taken in the neighborhood of a house, was shown at a meeting of the Zoological Society, which had been partly constructed of blotting-paper, fragments of visiting cards, and modicum from crackers; and a naturalist of eminence stated that he knew of more than one instance of a nest being built with the wires from soda-water bottles. The tools, moreover, as well as the material, determined the architecture of the bird. The dodo, which was one of the wren is associated with long legs and a slender beak, while the pigeon, heavy in body but weak of foot and bill, contents itself with a nest of mud and sticks, and a well-closed barn, with a hole for entrance, with far clumsier tools, must perform its eggs on the bare ground.

A LAND OF WONDERS.

By ALBERT HARTON.

Among the many descriptions of "wonders" and scenes in California, the following is the most accurate and realistic, it is one of the most graphic and realistic. It is from the pen of B. Shillaber, Esq., of Boston, Mass., and is published in the "Illustrated London News" of the 11th of July, 1876. It is a part of a recent private letter to one of the editors of the "Times and Dispatch," Reading, Pa.
I have had a grand time in California, and seen more in the brief space of two months than ordinary tourists would see in six. I have seen the State at its best, and so I am going to tell you about it. I am going to tell you only about the most wonderful things I saw. I saw the State at its best, and so I am going to tell you about it. I am going to tell you only about the most wonderful things I saw.

INDIAN RUNNERS.

By ALBERT HARTON.

This system of Indian runners seems to be little understood. If important news is to be carried an Indian messenger is sent, and he carries the news on his back. He is a man of great endurance and speed, and he can carry a heavy load. He is a man of great endurance and speed, and he can carry a heavy load.

THE RIGHT TIME TO GET MARRIED.

By ALBERT HARTON.

One of the things which young people seem to be the most anxious to know is, "the right time to get married." It is a question which is asked by many young people, and it is a question which is not easily answered. It is a question which is asked by many young people, and it is a question which is not easily answered.

NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

By ALBERT HARTON.

STEPHEN'S VISION. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost (see ch. vi: 5) looked up steadfastly into heaven, and gazed intently towards heaven. It does not necessarily mean that he could see glory from where he stood. And so the glory of God was made manifest to him. What the form of the manifestation would seem to have been, we cannot determine. Some form of light would seem most probable. It may have been such a vision as dying saints often enjoy. 'And Jesus standing on the right hand.' The right hand of God is the place of honor and power. He saw Jesus, therefore, clothed with glory, and in the glory which he had with the Father before the world was. He saw him standing; as if to receive and honor him, or pleading for him that his faith might not fail.

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