

THE WAXING MOON.

BY W. C. BRYMAN. I've watched too late; the moon is near! One look to God's broad silent sky! O hopes and wishes vainly dear, How in your very strength ye die!

Even while your glow is on the cheek, And scarce the high pursuit begun, The heart grows faint the hand grows weak, The task of life is left undone.

See where upon the horizon's brim, Lies the still cloud in gloomy bars; The waning moon, all pale and dim, Goes up amid the eternal stars.

Late, in a flood of tender light, She floated through the ethereal blue, A softer sun, that shone all night, Upon the gathering beads of dew.

And still thou waxes, pallid moon! The encroaching shadow grows apace; Heaven's everlasting watchers soon Shall see thee blotted from thy place.

O Night's dethroned and crownless queen! My may thy sad, expiring ray Be shed on those whose eyes have seen Hope's glorious visions fade away.

Shine thou for forms that once were bright, For faces in the mind's eclipse; For those whose eyes were once of night, But falter now on stumbling lips!

In thy decaying beam there lies Full many a gem on the plain, Of those who once their dying eyes In grief that they have lived in vain.

dirks in the long gallery, and that no indication appeared of the manner in which it had been abstracted, nor could the slightest clue be obtained as to the way in which the thief had obtained admittance to the gallery.

Amid the greater grief inspired by the loss of a dear friend, the lesser sorrow for that of the privation of a jewel, however precious, is scarcely heeded. No notice of the event was taken at the moment, and indeed, the dagger was offered to remain deprived of its jeweled ornament for more than two seasons, the idea of replacing it having been forgotten amid more serious pre-occupations.

When, to the astonishment of the whole chateau during one of the most stormy nights of last winter, the gentleman ranger, who lives in the apartment beneath the gallery, having been disturbed about midnight by the bursting open of a door, as he thought, by the wind, which was blowing a perfect hurricane, ascended to the gallery in order to close it.

He declares, and everybody is free to question him upon the subject, that as he entered the gallery he perceived a figure which blew in from the casement, which had been carelessly fastened, and was swinging to and fro, nearly blew out the light which he carried, and yet, for all that, he was conscious of some one entering himself in the gallery and as he advanced, he became distinctly impressed that some one else was retreating from the side of the gallery where hung the trophies towards the open window.

The official is a bold man and a great philosopher. He rushed to the window and closed it hastily. Nothing was to be seen without, and holding the light above his head, he gazed down the whole length of the gallery, which was empty likewise, but, as he turned, he started with amazement, for the light fell upon the Scottish dirk, and the cairngorm, so bright, fiery, and dazzling as ever, seemed to dart living rays upon him as he gazed!

No single incident has ever been made known by which the mysterious disappearance and still more mysterious appearance of the jewel can even be guessed at. The fair relative of the princely donor of the dagger, who had evinced the most poignant regret at the loss of the gem, was immediately written to at her castle in the Highlands with the announcement of the restoration of the lost jewel. But here again arose another romantic circumstance of this mystery—the answer brought back from the Highlands, which had taken place on the very night of the disappearance of the gem, and the replacing of the cairngorm in the dagger!

The guide-books to Compeigne bear testimony to the absence of the jewel during the last two seasons. The story of this year will tell of its restoration. The story is given here as told by the Emperor to his circle of visitors, and as certified by the inhabitants of the chateau. The Sunday crowd of visitors to Compeigne during the summer had been obliged to notice the cairngorm, as a series of curious coincidences were attached to it, until his Majesty related them clearly and neatly they had not been told in their complete form as above.

An Englishman who was traveling on the Mississippi river, told some rough stories about the London thieves. A Cincinnati chap named Chase heard the narratives with a silent but expressive "hump," and then remarked that he thought the London thieves had a London operators all hollow.

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