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POETRY. A Morning Song.

I wake this morn, and all my life is freshly mine to live.

New thoughts to speak, new thoughts to hear.

New hopes to cheer in the sun.

New tasks with yesterday begun.

Each seeks for all the time to be.

And I, my friend, am glad to see.

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A TALE OF TREASURE.

In which the Southern Acquired Wealth of a California Man is Explained Not at all to His Credit.

When the Confederate army under General Lee, was forced back from the trenches at Petersburg by the Federal army, President Davis hurriedly ordered about \$11,000,000 of the property of the banks of Virginia and of the Confederate States to be placed in trains at Richmond and sent South, intending to convey it to the trans-Mississippi department, if possible, there to make a final stand. The treasure was carried down to Charlotte, N. C., where the railroad ended.

At this place it was decided to leave the money belonging to the banks of Virginia in keeping of their officers. The rest of the money belonging to the Confederate States was placed in wagons and the retreat continued. The brigades of Generals Basil Duke and Vaughn, who had succeeded in escaping from East Tennessee, and had arrived at Charlotte a few days before, were placed under the orders of General John C. Breckinridge to act as an escort to the treasure, and the command proceeded south until Greensborough, Washington county, Ga., was reached.

At this point information was received that the Federal General Wilson had captured Macon, a few miles distant, and in the line of retreat to the trans-Mississippi department. The news soon got among the men. They became demoralized, and a rush was made for the wagons containing the treasure. It was speedily divided up among them, the officers being unable to restrain the men. Among the lucky ones were two soldiers belonging to company B, Third Tennessee Mounted Infantry of Vaughan's brigade from Macon county, Tennessee.

One of them was named Albert Stevens, and the other was called J. T. Jones. They had charge of a wagon containing \$100,000 in gold, and when the panic spread among the soldiers and the cry was "scramble quick!" they retained their presence of mind and drove off in the woods where they divided the money, making some \$75,000 apiece, and separated. Stevens taking his home in Tennessee, where he buried it, consisting its hiding place to his mother a very old lady.

Finding that it would be dangerous for him to remain in Tennessee, owing to the unsettled condition of things there, the people being equally divided on the question of the war, he went to Georgia, where he found Jones, who had bought a small place and was quietly waiting until it would be safe for him to return home. Stevens stayed a while with Jones, and then went to another part of Georgia to visit some relatives. Before going, however, he informed Jones about the hiding of his money and his mother's knowledge of its whereabouts.

As soon as Stevens was gone Jones mounted his horse and made a beeline for Tennessee, to the place where Stevens lived. Arriving there he presented his comrade's mother with a forged letter, purporting to come from her son, directing her to deliver the money to Jones, which the old lady did. Jones then started west for California. Arriving here he procured a large tract of land in Mendocino county, land being very low at that time, and has since amassed a large fortune in addition to his ill-gotten gains, and is now highly respected as a member of the church.

In the course of time Stevens, having ascertained that it would be safe to start for home, possibly dreaming of some blue-grass farm—raising fat cattle and blooded horses—this being your average Kentuckian's or Tennesseean's idea of an earthly paradise. On reaching home he soon found out his loss. Bucking on his revolver, he scoured the entire South and West in search of his faithless friend, vowing to shoot him on sight, and only recently ascertained his whereabouts. He is now in correspondence with a prominent lawyer of this city, and an attempt will shortly be made to bring him Jones to account through the courts.—Sacramento Union, Jan. 21.

"This story is told of a father who was one evening teaching his little boy to recite his Sunday-school lesson. It was from the fourteenth chapter of Matthew, wherein is related the parable of a malicious individual who went about sowing tares.

"What is a tare? Tell me, my son, what a tare is," asked the anxious parent.

"You had 'em?"

"Johnny, what do you mean? asked the father, once again rather wroth.

"I do, though," exclaimed Lowell. "Well! of all the parables as I could have supposed, I never could have supposed him. Why, it's that blessed Glisser—from the stall next to all Basilton; a fellow that looks as if butter would not melt in his mouth."

"Where am I?—who are you?" cried the miserable culprit.

"Oh, we're particular friends of yours," returned the officer.

"But I saw—I saw one of those things move," said the man, looking timidly round with a dreadful shudder. Lowell had stripped off his white raiment by this time, and so did not shock the wretched Glisser's eyes.

"We will tell you all about that in the morning," said the constable. "What you have got to do is to come along with us."

"It was so—he had to come along," and directly the exhibitors and their staff mustered in the building, the intelligence flew like wildfire that Mr. Glisser was in custody for breaking into the stalls at night.

It was a shock to a large circle of his acquaintances and admirers, who could hardly believe it; and when on his looking being searched, the bulk of all the articles missing from the counters was found, the thing seemed more incredible still. Mr. Basilton was especially astonished, because he had made quite a confidence in the young man, and had the mortification of remembering how he himself had revealed to Mr. Glisser the various plans for detecting the thief, and that, if it had not been for Lowell's insisting on the ruse of attributing the pilfering to the afternoon instead of the night, he probably would have put the young man on his guard against the scheme which had proved successful. He recovered his wits and other articles, and his limited pounds cheerfully and gamely a reputation with which he put his name down to their subscriptions for deserving objects.

Mr. Glisser's proved a very bad case, and he was lost to sight for some years after the date of the exhibition of 1862.

Raising Ostriches in Africa.

A correspondent of the London Field states that domesticated birds have lately been seen in the Benfont and Oupshorn district for the last eight years, and in the George district for four years at least. Over one hundred chickens were brought out last season with an incubator known as Dr. Laurens', which is very simple and easily worked; the birds were healthy and strong. It is a mistake to imagine that the hen ostrich does all the sitting; the truth is that the father takes his turn at it, or, thereabouts, and sits till about 8 o'clock next morning, is far more jealous than the hen, and resorts to any and every very unpleasant manner, by letting out with his right and left such kicks (forward) as would send the strongest man spinning a dozen yards, following up the same if the unhappy intruder should be able to get on his legs again; if not, the bird hammers him on the ground.

As regards the statement that the ostrich destroys the eggs if the nest is discovered, this is entirely a mistake; in this and the adjoining districts they frequently make their nests near honest make their view from the windows. In the following will show the way they care about being found out: I was visiting a pair of birds that were sitting; to my surprise, both birds were away from the nest. Thinking there must be something wrong, I went to the nest, having previously given the cock bird a good feed of Indian corn at a distance from the nest to keep him employed. The nest was full of water, and the eggs were stuck fast in the mud. I had just taken them out when the cock perceived me, and came down the field thirty miles an hour, giving me just time to dive in to the ledge, where I remained until he thought of his food again and went off the hen then came down, and the cock seemed satisfied that she would look after the business, and took little notice of my scooping out the mud and water with my hands as best I could. The hen seemed much interested in the proceedings, and when I had replaced the eggs she at once sat upon them, and the pair have been sitting alternately ever since.

A farmer of Broom county, New York, says: I put bells on sheep to keep the dogs off. I have tried it thirty years, and never lost one. My neighbors all around me have lost sheep frequently. They did not—

the constables.

"No, sir," said the man.

"Then, you shall be."

The application for the constable's change of duty was doubtless made, for he disappeared from his accustomed patrol.

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enjoined on the sergeant entirely, and by Mr. Basilton pretty well, and as only meant his plan to Mr. Chat-noz at the French stall just by, and to his neighbors, Mr. Rynds and Mr. Carrables. Mr. Carrables, by the way, was not there that morning; so Basilton told Mr. Glisser, Mr. Carrables' foreman, instead, who in a beamingly sly snatching tone, wished him success.

The evening came, the spies met, and hung about the passages of the vast building until deepest twilight, and until Basilton was pretty nearly tired of being on his feet.

"Now," said the sergeant, unconsciously dropping his voice as he spoke, "we will take up our quarters if we can not get there unperceived. I have arranged what I think you will find a pretty good corner."

"All right," returned the exhibitor, in the same guarded tone; and they stole noiselessly on, passing, once or twice, a constable; but the presence of the sergeant of course prevented any questioning. Some large boxes

left apparently by accident, at the angle of a stall, were in reality so placed that they formed an almost perfect screen; and, without any reason to suppose that they had been noticed, they slipped in and set down. Presently the moon rose; and as it climbed higher, and its light grew stronger, the building became visible throughout with a light which was most unearthly and ghostly in its character. This impressed itself very much upon Basilton.

"I had no idea, sergeant," he whispered to the officer, "that the place was such a strange, cometary sort of a spot as this. I must own, should not like to be here on duty all night. However, I have brought some tea and biscuits with me, as I thought the night would be comfortable."

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interest in the matter, owned that he had changed his opinion about the manner of the robbery. He was convinced, he said, that if the thief came by night, he would have been caught long before, but that every body was on the wrong scent, and that the thefts were really committed in the bustle of closing for the evening, not being found out till the morning; it was actually supposed that the thief came in the night. Mr. Glisser was very much struck by this view, which he commended highly, and argued in a logical and plausible manner the time spoken of.

While this was going on there had been no fresh deprivation from the counters, and Constable Lowell had been absent from duty, although no one seemed to notice it. When the visitors departed at the close of the day, all the interior of the building became depressing enough, as the light faded away, and there were no places more spectral in their aspect than those where clustered most closely the white statues, which were plentifully sprinkled about. Nymphs, Naiads, Bacchantes and Apollons, Grecian hunters, scriptural and methodical figures, all looked equally ghastly in their dim white when the twilight of night had fallen upon them. So, in the gray of the evening, all the statues looked mystic and unearthly enough, as the story figures looked down from their pedestals; but none looked more spectral than did a tall shagged figure which occupied a pedestal slightly removed—came from the direction the visitor might—by two or three large groups. This figure might have been taken in the distance, and in the dim light for a leviathan, or a giant, or any one of the kind; but had any one come near enough to inspect, it would have been seen that the long robe was of man, not stone, and that the face was less that of an ancient hero than a modern one. And what was rather strange, this particular pedestal was empty all day, and only occupied by night.