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Poetry.

The Last Hymn.
MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.
The Sabbath day was ending in a village by the sea,
The uttered benediction touched the people tenderly,
And they rose to face the sunset in the glowing, lighted west,
And then hastened to their dwellings for God's blessed boon of rest.
But they looked across the waters, and a storm was raging there;
A fierce spirit moved above them, the wild spirit of the air,
And it lashed and shook and tore them, till they thundered, groaned and boomed,
And alas, for any vessel in their yawning gulfs entombed!

REBEL PRISONS.

By DR. R. ROTHROCK.
The situation was pleasant; the green grass, to which our sight had been unused for many weary months met the eye with refreshing pleasantness. The situation was better than we had anticipated, though we were disappointed in not being placed down on the islands, where we could see the flash of friendly artillery, or perhaps the dear old flag, for no one who has not had such experience can understand the longing of our hearts for the old flag, and for familiar sights. But our greatest disappointment was in not being put into our transports, and taken to our homes where our wives and little ones were awaiting us with rapturous hearts, and joyful anticipations, and indeed, beyond expression.
The fair ground proper, when seen under favorable circumstances, must have been a beautiful spot. It contained an area of about forty acres, surrounded by dense overhanging trees, interwoven by ivy, laurel, and honeysuckle, forming an almost impenetrable foliage. Aside from a distant view, we were not allowed any of the enjoyments which such shade and beauty could confer.
We were placed in the centre of the Fair Ground, with no shade or habitations, except such as we might construct from our governments or ragged blankets; but there was a cool breeze from the ocean, and the sound of bells and the rattle over pavements came pleasantly to our ears.
The sight of green foliage refreshed the gaze of miserable men, for a long time unused to pleasant sights and sounds. The night of our arrival, three "hard-lack" were issued as rations, for twenty-four hours, to each man, and we were in the third heaven in anticipating such luxurious rations each day.
That night, after devouring two of my "hard-lack," I lay down to rest with the remaining one in my tin pail, under my head, for my morning's breakfast. I found it impossible to keep my mind from the hard-lack long enough to get to sleep, supposing some one would steal it while I was slumbering; the thought was maddening. Vainly I endeavored to divert my mind from craving hunger, by repeating the multiplication-table. It was "no go."

but were not allowed to trade over the guard line with the prisoners. Others, actuated by pity, watched for chances, and, when the rig of the guard was relaxed, throw cakes, potatoes, or some like luxuries, over the guard line among the wretched creatures who gathered waiting for luck to favor them in some manner.
The food thus thrown in was, however, but a drop in the Maelstrom of human miseries, who, actuated by hunger, struggled madly among each other for its possession.
After a time, this feeding of the common prisoners was stopped, and the women were told to confine their manifestations of pity to the hospital, which was situated outside of the prison grounds, in our rear.
Many a poor fellow, who otherwise would have died, lives to bless the women of Charleston.
May those whose hands were thus lifted in pity never be stricken down with that hopeless hunger which they sought to relieve!
The next evening we received as rations two hard-lack per man, and a rarity of about two ounces of fresh meat—which last was, so far as I observed, eaten raw throughout the camp at one sitting.
Thus it was that we were inclined to be pleased with the change in our situation, in spite of disappointment about exchange. During the first two weeks, I had not been fortunate enough to get the means to construct shelter.
One day, when wood was being brought to the camp for the use of the prison, I accosted an officer, whom I saw around camp, and requested him to get me three sticks from the wood-pile, that I might construct a shelter from the sun, by raising my blanket upon the sticks of wood.
Contrary to my expectations, he at once kindly complied with my wishes, and I was made happy with the means of constructing a "shabang." Upon subsequent inquiry, I found this officer to be Lieutenant-Colonel Iverson, in command of the camp. He had very strong prejudices against yankees, but was inclined to do all within his limited power to better the condition of the poor God-forsaken prisoners.
At Charleston we obtained a kind of brackish water, by digging shallow wells from six to eight feet deep. In a short time, so easy were they to dig, they became so plenty as to be annoying and inconvenient to the pedestrians around camp.
Plenty of water, coupled with the fact that, about twice a week, we got a small piece of soap, caused clean faces to become more common than ever before in prison. The inconvenience above mentioned was so great, that one could not walk around in the evening without being precipitated into a well.
Thus many a fellow took an extemporized bath, in which his feet and legs, or head and shoulders, got the unaccounted benefit of water. Under such disadvantages, night-walking became unpopular and very unpleasant.
Each morning, about sunrise, shell from the guns of the Federal batteries down the harbor would begin to burst over a prominent steepie of the city. The report of a gun which sent the missile could not usually be heard.
These were termed, among the prisoners, Gilmer's morning reports. Sometimes a shell would burst over the Fair Ground, which would be received with great enthusiasm among the prison boys, such as, "Bully for the swamp Angel," &c., &c.
Some days the bombardments would be very active, and we could hear in the city the dull thud, and the nipping, ripping and tearing, as the shell penetrated or burst in buildings.
As may be supposed, it was diverting to us to see and hear these evidences of retributive justice going on among our foes. If one had fallen in our very midst, I have no doubt our boys would have cried, "Bully! so welcome, always, were these evidences of the nearness of friends."
The people of Charleston seemed to have got accustomed to them so

er portion of the city, the boys were unconcernedly flying their kites. I counted eighteen kites while one of the heaviest bombardments was going on. Fires were of such frequent occurrence, resulting from shells, that the fire department became almost as important as that of the military. On the first week of my confinement at Charleston, our old enemy, the dead line, was introduced. A negro, superintended by the "irrepressible" white man, was sent around camp, turning a furrow with a plough and its mule attachments. This was the line, to overstep was death to the prisoner.
None but those prisoners in comparatively good health had been sent from Andersonville. For quite a time an effort seemed to be made to relieve our misery; but the great mass had been starved and exposed to sun and rain too long to be benefited by anything short of a most radical change.
Hence men died about as fast, in proportion to their numbers, as at Andersonville. Scary, diarrhoea, and fever swept the prisoners off in vast numbers.
The place dignified by being called "the hospital," did not contain a single tent, the only shelter being here and there, blankets raised on sticks, which were inadequate protection from rain and sun.
Col. Iverson, who, I believe, was, for a time in command of the prison, made strenuous efforts for our benefit. A sutler was appointed for the camp, who was not allowed to ask of prisoners higher prices than asked in the city.
This was a convenience to those who had money, but the great majority had none.
To be Continued.
A Perjuror Paralyzed.
A colored man, named James Price, was on trial before Esquire Allen, a justice of the peace, who had an office on the Mason road, between Germantown and Bartlett, Tenn. Price had been boating a number of women in the neighborhood. Isabella Jackson, a colored woman was put on the witness stand to tell what she knew of the matter. She began her evidence, but was soon after asked by the Justice: "Do you know that you are lying?" She answered: "Yes, sir."
These were the last words Isabella Jackson ever spoke. She appeared quite independent and to some extent impudent when first put upon the stand, and after her last remark a number of questions were asked, but the woman made no reply. Believing that she was shamming, the justice directed Constable W. H. Allen to escort the witness from the court room, but when ordered to follow the officer she did not move. Two men of her own color were then told to carry her out of the room. While in the act of carrying her out it was observed that she was in a helpless condition. She had been paralyzed in every part, her limbs were motionless, her tongue had no power, and it soon became apparent to all present that the hand of the Almighty had been laid heavily upon her.
For two hours or thereabouts the woman remained in this passive state, after which she was placed in a wagon and conveyed to her home. She never moved or spoke afterward but on Saturday evening she expired no antidote applied during the interval having availed in affording the slightest relief. The incident is verified by Esquire Allen, before the woman appeared, and also by a number of persons present at the time of its occurrence.
Pat Maloney kept a ferry over one of the small Western streams. A crank whooped and hollered one stormy night for Pat to come and ferry him over the river. As the boat neared the shore he espied the Pat for calling him out such a night.
"That's all right," said Pat, "I make me living with this old boat."
"Pat, Pat I have not a cent of money to pay you with."
"O! I'd be gabers, that's it," said Pat, "so be quickly pulled for the other shore."
"That's it, well, if you have no money it don't matter which side of

A Discreet Young Lady on Her Travels.
"May I open the window for you, Miss?" politely inquired a gentleman of a young lady on the Northern Pacific road, as he saw her tugging away at a sash that had not recovered from the preceding winter.
She glared at him a moment, and gave a reluctant consent.
" folks can't be too careful who they speak to or accept favors from," she remarked, after a long pause.
"That's very true," replied the gentleman quietly.
"Are you a Boston drummer," she inquired.
"No, I am not," he answered.
"A hotel clerk?"
"No, not a hotel clerk?"
"I am glad of that," said she. "I never let a drummer or a hotel clerk speak to me. May be your an actor?"
"No, not an actor."
"That first class," she exclaimed, showing her dimples and becoming more and more confidential. "If an actor should speak to me I'd die. What is your business?"
"I'm a barkeeper, and I'm traveling West to get a territorial divorce from my wife."
"O! I'm so glad," giggled the girl. "Reach down my satchel, there's a bottle of whiskey and a pack of cards in it. I'll play you an odd game of California Jack for \$5 a corner. I like to meet gentlemen, and I know when I meet one. Ask that baldheaded chap across there if he's got a cork-screw, will you?"
Great mineral deposits are found to exist along the eastern shores of James and Hudson Bays, in British America. Rich anthracite coal and iron beds lie close together. Professor Bell, in his recently published report of explorations, thinks the James Bay region may turn out to be another Pennsylvania. The supply of good magnificent iron ore is deemed to be inexhaustible. Galena, gold, silver, molybdenum and copper were found on the east coast of James Bay. This is undoubtedly the finest mineral region in the Dominion. It lies between the 53rd and 53.1 parallel of latitude, and not so distant from Lake Superior as to preclude the idea of cheap transportation to southern markets.
What kind of a field is older than you are? One that is pasturage.
The paper having the largest circulation—the paper of tobacco.
A man who was formerly a night watchman refers to his late occupation.
The business of a telegraph company is spread from pole to pole—Jay Gould. So is that of the washerwoman.
The average age of every fish, fowl and animal is known to naturalists, with one exception. The exception is the age of a spring chicken.
A wag seeing a door nearly off its hinges, in which condition it had been some time, observed that when it had fallen and killed someone, it would probably be hung.
A Lexington, Ky., youth, who went to work in the country, wrote to his girl, a June graduate, that he was raising a calf. Imagine his feeling when the girl replied: "I am glad you have begun to support yourself."
A man in passing a country churchyard, saw the sexton digging a grave, and inquired:
"Who is dead?"
"Old Squire Humblebee."
"Was he a good man?"
"No complaint. Every body satisfied," answered the Sexton without looking up.
A charitable man writes to a newspaper about the duty of helping the poor who ask for aid, would not by asking; "If you can give nothing else, you can at least give the applicant a kindly word." The printer made it "kindling wood," and like Shakespeare he builded better than he knew.
A short time ago two young ladies were accosted by a gypsy woman, who told them that her husband had been killed, and she had a young child, and she would sell them their husbands' souls for a pair of rings, which she had with her.

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