

I have learned that contentment's joy. Then here in seclusion, Aloof from confusion, With my wife and my children dear ; No honors desiring, To fame unaspiring, I'd peacefully dwell, Tili death's solemn knell Calls me home to a purer sphere. SUNNY GLEN.

From Chambers' Journal. ALEAP IN THEDARK.

One of the getlemen who visited Mount Sinai in company with Bishop Clayton, happened on his return to England; to pass through Sicily. Though by no means a person of romantic character, he had a fancy for wandering about mountains, for getting belated in forests, and supping by the light of wood-fires under a rock. It was perfectly of phosphoresence which like small luminous batural, therefore, that he should wish to visit Mount Eina, look at the great chestnut trees. as it pleases the mystery of these phenomena and examine that marvellous belt of vegetavolcano, and marks the point at which in on fire, looking like so many glowworms ser- spite of the volcanic glow, his face assumed ment. general the streams of lava are arrested in eral leagues in dimensions floating leisurely their downward progress.

Our traveiler's unromantic name was Fennel, and he had along with him two friends young clergyman, the other a barraster. Two went, wrapped in his cloak, to sleep, like an servants, not much accustomed to sojourn in Indian, with his feet towards the fire. strange countries, rough Yorkshiremen, speaking their native dialect in perfection, and despising everything uot English, waited upon

We are very clever in our way, but nature

s often to many for us. According to their

"How are we to get out of this situation ?"

"You are right," declared the guides ; "for

inquired he.

us in.'

For nearly a week before they set out, the mountain had exhibited some symptoms of internal uneasiness. Earthquakes passed like gentle tremors beneath the city-not rocking or heaving up the earth -not cracking the walls, or dismantling the houses-but just ed the very soil in their gardens, and the able proofs of it. They were standing on a fruits they ate had a rich lava relish. In knoll skirted on the side of the cone with the plunge of the clergyman and the simul- a burnt child dread the fire caused him to to recover your money?" some sense, they were half lava themselves- | trees, and on the right and left, a broad stream | cold without, fiery within, feeling much re- of fire, glowing like a furnace, was rushing aroused them at last was the lava glow, flashflecting little, always on the brink of an im- down into the plains, overthrowing every- ing upon them from the rocks above. They passioned eruption, but kept from running thing in its passage-trees, rocks, and where over, except at widely distant periods, by the it encountered them human dwellings. Nevpaucity of materials in their constitution. Mr. Fennel, as a true Englishman, loved to as the red glare cast upon the woods by the of the Etnean surges, and therefore pushed

see sights, and therefore longed for an erup. desolating torrent as it swept on. He turn- along with eager speed till they reached the tion; but the Catanians assured him he ed to the guides, who stood beside him parawould have to wait at least a month, in or- lyzed with terror. der to enjoy that peculiar spectacle. He dedetermined to wait two months if necessary ; but in the meantime, thought it would be pleasant and interesting to run up and get a from the west, and spun out the dusky smoke sparks among the fuliginous vapor, which and cracking at its touch like fine grass." now and then increased largely in volumpe, and issued from the breast of the mountain young clergyman observed jocularly that En- before the fiery streams meet below, and hem spoke of his leap in the dark. celadus was shorting or shoring in his sleep. But the Barrister, familiar with the slang of men about town, maintained that there was the lava is pursuing the course of two ravines a row among the Titans, and that Typhœus which have their confluence below yonder having got Mr. Encelodus' head into Chance. hill ; and if we fail to precede them, we are

ry, was pommelling him about the nob, and lost." making him seek to deliver himself with fierce puffing and contortions. Mr. Fennel clined to joke now. The lava was sending 'f Do ye tell me that now ?

It was already one o'clo k, when the guides an end to their agonies at once i With sen- in the morning." With a knowing wink, he unprecedentedly successful detective, and, "Under ordinary circumstances the more reg. A rebellion so iniquitious and necessarily who are perfectly despotic during such un- sations which baffle all description, they ap- turned off, perfectly satisfied of Tuplit's in- during the time he hell the office of Chiegof a charter from the Perfectly and and necessarily involving such awful consequences, has never dertakings, pronounced it time to halt and proached the edge of the rock, and holiest

take a little refreshment ; after which, if so over it. Could they discern anything below? Sufficient to the day is the evil, and was as all evil-doers. inclined, the whole party, they said, might No; all was thick darkness, suggesting upgood a guide for Triplit's philosophy as a In those days it was always the policy of lover of case would search for. So no one the government to have always at the head sleep for two hours without running the least fathomable depth. They would remain thererisk of not reaching the edge of the crater by fore where they were, in the hope that the was troubled any more about for it for the of the Central Bureau of Police an ex-thief. sunrise. They did halt; and while the serv- lava might rise no higher, and that when the time. auts were kindling a fire with dried wood, light of day should make its appearance, they

two jolly sons of Erin, one day not long since,

'I say, Jimmy, did iver you see such a

has a point to it.

Circuit Court came on; grand jury em-an equally expert, but less noted reformed panneled, sworn and charged; State docket rascal. Hereupon M. Vidocq set up on his which lay about in plenty, Mr. Fennel amus- might see some avenue of deliverance. But ed himself with looking down the vast sweeps | this hope the guides dissipate l. of the mountain towards the sea. In that . They knew too well that the lava-streams taking up the civil docket; called out, " Al. the elucidation of such mysteries of rascality,

part of the world, nobody appears to sit up now separated would meet and mix before anson Morchouse, administrator de banis non as, for certain reasons, the sufferers or parlate; and at the time to which I now refer, morning, and leave not one inch of the of the estate of Andrew Latting, deceased, es. takers therein found it expedient to keep fit to instruct as to present a charter, having disthe Sicilian cities had no lamps. You con- ground they now stood on unflooded by fire. Lint in Ward-Debt-Vanmeter for plaintiff from the knowledge of the public and the sequently beheld nothing on shore, save dus Vet all hesitated to plunge down they knew and Triplit for defendant." Vanmeter, ad. government. He made it his business to 5lage, and now propose to submit it to a full ky irregularities descending and undulat not whither in the dark. While they lived, dressed the Court, saying he supposed no re- hunt up and restore letters, which, in recip vote of the people for approval or rejection." ing to the extreme verge of the shore. But while they breathed, something like a mira, al defence would be made, as the action was lient hands, compromised the writers ; to keep the sea, when it bares its breast to the stars, cle perhaps might occur to preserve them. | upon a note of hand; nor hadn't been in law watch over the morals of wives at the in- the territorial government is here distinctly has always a faint glimmer diffused over it. They would therefore hope, and defor taking these many days; the note was not barred stance of their husbands, or husbands at the On the present occasion, there were patches, the fatal plunge th there should be nothing by the statute of limitations, consideration instance of wives; to trace up private robbe- government is acknowledged, it concedes that else left them. It soon came to this; the was expressed upon the face of the instru- ries in respectable and fashionable circles, iles, flashed and floated between you and the fiery circle became contracted, the heat and ment, it was not on account of a usurious or where the restoration of the stolen articles Tarentine promontory. Science may dissipate the sense of suffocation intolerable, and at gaming transaction; in a word, there was no was more an action than the exposure length the young clergyman, with a mixture fraud about it, and no good reason why the of the robber-in short he was a private de- or authority, yet you asked and failed to retion, so admirably described by the command but nothing can still that disquietude of the of horror and resignation in his countenance note should not have been long since paid.— tective. In his employment he was very ceive a charter from them. and Dollian, which encircles the cone of the beart with which you contemplate the waves volunteered to make the first plunge. In And, if your Honor pleases, I ask a judg. the hue of death as he approached the rock.

Mr. Triplit thought, if his honor pleased, activity and decision, and the utmost secrecy. away before the wind. From enjoying this He did not dash forward-he did not throw the gentleman was somewhat too fast; if he In such services he accumulated in a few prospect, Mr. Fennel was called away by the himself headlong-he turned around, and would get himself slow enough for an Ar- years a considerable fortune, and then retired announcement that supper was ready. He clinging to the rock with his hands, remained kansaw dirt road, and take a look at the paconsiderably younger than bimself, the one a then joined his companions, ate, drank, and there suspended for a moment, and then- pers in the case, he would find the " general for many years in the Quartier Poppincourt, What was that noise !-- that of a body issue," filed to his declaration. As to the in the midst of poor people, in great obscuridashing against the rocks-down, down gentleman's ability to see what defence could ty.

day and generation, those travellers were him to reply if he still lived. But no an- other defences hitherto made, of which the the triad of travellers ; and when they left highly scientific, knew all about volcanoes, swer. Mr. Fennel then said it was his turn, gentleman but now enumerated so glibly, merchant. Catania, two guides were hired to conduct could dissertate learnedly on gases, and de- and in the same way he committed himsolf but until hammered into him, was perfectly the party through the labyrinth of the woods, cide beforehand to an inch how far a heavy in o the debth of air. There was another ignorant. "If your honor please, I ask a gorges, glens, ravines and precipices which in. body, by whatever cause put in motion, could pause of suspense and agony. Again the jury." Mr. Vanmeter thought it a useless tercepts the ascent to the crater, and renders travel in two hours. With regard to the su vivors listened ; again no answer came .--- | waste of time. " Never mind, Mr Vanmeter, Lief-catcher. it at all times an enterprise of considerable guides, it was altogether impossible that they Then followed the barrister ; and after that I know, or think I know, bow to manage my could ever be taken napping : they under- pell mell, rushed down servants and guides, cases, and when I desire your advice, will stood all the tricks of Eina as we I as he did and there was silence. They had all taken call on you for it. Yes sir, as piteously as also, a very considerable sum."

himself, and could always decide whole days the leap in the dark, and were they on the did the Roman youth when struggling "Are you married ?" beforehand what he was going to do next. _____ sho is of Acheron? The precipice, if I may against the angry Tiber, upon his more stal-Nevertheless, he now stole a march upon bourdw an Hiberianism for the occasion, was wart companion. So (stretching out both "Yes." them. Awaking with a start, they were sur- no precipice at all, but a very shallow rock, hands towards his adversary, with one foot she virtuous ?" prised at feeling a warmth much greater than | with soft grass growing upon its base. Why, | in advance of the other,) never mind, never giving a tremulous motion to the pavement their wood-fire was calculated to impart; the then, did they who langed not answer ! They mind Mr. Vanmeter ; if your honor please, I under your feet, and at night causing the pil-low under your head to seem for an instant glate, which bewildered at once their senses and that thought for a moment paralysed ing the jury. Mr. Vanmeter was catefully ex-"Po was nothing : they had been used to it from suggested itself to their minds that the erup- speech for several minutes. Those minutes declaration ; and seeing no fault, would wife is pretty--those are facts--is it not so ?" States. the cradle. Their houses all stood upon lava tion was in full progress. Indeed, they had had appeared an age to those who awaited have felt easy were it not for that nonchawere built with lava ; the detrius of lava form | but to look around them to discover undeni- a reply. But, long as the time seemed, there lance of Triplit's having seen it before, and beautiful-but-___" elapsed, probably, only a few seconds between | felt its effect ; the same principle that makes

> taneous spring of the servants guides. What look wild. Certainment." The jury were soon selected from among " You have faith in me?" the bystanders, sworn and seated on a horse-" The fullest." rose with a feeling of indiscribable gratitude, trough, turned bottom upwards by the shermingled with fear, and hastened forward over iff, just under the shade of a large tree, in a er did Mr. Fennel witness anything so awful the plain. They were not beyond the reach horse lot, which was considered the place to as the red glare cast upon the woods by the of the Etnean surges, and therefore pushed "come into court" at the summer term. " Put your case to the jury, Mr. Vaumement in your house. point where the lava streams must soon have ter"-which was as follows :

their confluence. They dashed through the " Gentlemen of the Jury : This is an ac gap--they ascended the rocks on the side of tion of debt brought upon this instrument. the Catania, and soon stood upon a high ter- which I will read to you-' One day after "We don't know," they replied : " we have race before the city walls, from whence they date I promise to pay. Alanson Morehouse, never before been placed in such circumstan- beheld Etna vomiting forth its smoke and administrator de bonis non, of the estate of At length she ordered suppor to be brought peep at the crater. The wind blew strongly ces, But we must make some movement, and thundred and fifty dol- into her private room, and close upon the charter, and instructed them to enter upon pany the troops to Lawrence with a view to that speedily, too, or we shall be burned to intervals, desolate and fertilize the plains of lars, for value received-signed-and to supper followed a rather handsome young the immediate discharge of their duties, in- prevent, if possible, any conflict, and in the cluding the adoption of ordinances and the sincere bope that the revolutionary morement into long ribbons in the air. Once or twice cinders where we stand. Look! the lava is Sicily, suggesting ideas of immeasurable an- which the general issue is pleaded. I am man. in the night, he thought he could detect red coming : and those vast trees are bending tiquity, since all that part of the island has sorry the defendant's counsel has forced you been gradually created by the mountain .- here on that hard trough; thereby consu- the young man. "But I fear that he sus-"Well," replied the traveller, " lead the With sobered feelings, and curiosity thor- ming the time of the court and our time, pects us, or at least you !" way-you must know it better than we- oughly quenched, Mr. Fennel set sail, on the when we are so anxious to see our families. with something like a deep grunt. The that we may get out into the plain country following day, for England, where he often And, gentlemen, having perfect confidence in your intelligence and honesty, I will leave and a final proposition. this case with you and this honorable court, nn-FF The following conversation between

less I may desire to say a word after the gen-tleman concludes." At these words Videe Mr. T. arose, and with a cool, studied dig-

nity, carefully and slowly examined the writ, pair in his peculiar.way---a similar examination, and with an easy more- your brains out. Where is the money you justices of the peace and other offices acting tal enterprise, is the since wish of your fellowment, pitched them over on the far side of have appropriated !"

vincibility, and of bis, a neguent safetr. the Paris Muncipal Police, was the terror of a charter from the Territorial authorities. As before disgraced any age or country. The Territorial government, however, in no sense represents the people of Kansas, was not elected by them, and can have no right to legislate for to the analysis of the United States, the government to have always at the head them, we cannot accept a charter at its hands. And, as the State government has not, as yet, Vidocq was somehow superseded by Lacour, deemed it advisable to proceed to the organization of local and municipal governments, we can not obtain a charter from it. There is thefore disposed of. His Honor, James Russell, on own private account, and devoted himself to left us only the alternative of a charter spring-

ing directly from the people, or a continuance in our present unorganized condition. cussed its provisions in a preliminary assem-It will be perceived that the anthority of denied, and whilst that of the so-called State no charter has been granted by them. Indeed, it is a fact that, although this so-called State government has; in itself, no legal existence

Under these circumstances, you have proknowledge of Buman nature, great kneenness, ceeded to establish a government for the city of Lawrence, in direct defiance of the Territorial government, and denying its existence or authority. You have granted to the entirely from active life. He has been living city government the authority to select a Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City Assessor, Treasurer, Justices of the Peace, City Marshall. &c. You have granted to the Mayor fearfully into some unfathomable gulf. The be made, he, Mr. T., had nothing to do, but His last act as a private detective was and Aldermen most extensive powers, includ-survivors shouted in agony, and besought supposed he would recollect it as vividly as the recovery of a part of a sum of 150,000 ing the right to levy and collect taxes upon francs which had been stolen from a rich real and personal property within the limits of the city, whether belonging to residents or The loser, a middle aged man, of unprepos-

non-residents, and all the other powers usualessing exterior, laid the case before Vidocq. ly incident to city government. "How old is your cashier ?" asked the You have imposed upon all these officers the duty of taking an oath to support this Twenty-five years of age. But I am conso called State Constitution, thus distinctly vinced that he is not the thief; he has lost superseding, so far as in your power, the Territorial government created by the Congress of the United States. You have caused these proceedings to be printed in handbill form, "How old is your wife! Is she pretty ! Is and have distributed them, as 1 am informed. throughout the Territory, with the view to in-

"My dear sir, my wife is a model of virtue and propiety. I can have no personal doubt ment, thereby placing the people of this Ter-"Perhaps not; but you say your bookritory, so far as in your power, in open conabout to float away. To the Catanians, this and their imagination, and the terrible idea them, so that they did not recover the use of amining the writ, the return upon it, the keeper is twenty-five years of age, and your flict with the government of the United "Yes-if I must say so my dear wife is The more considerable portion of your par-

ty having induced your Topeka legislature to "But! I don't want any buts. You desire enact the laws urged by you, creating muncipal government, you have even in defiance of their authority, which you profess to acknowedge, proceeded to create such a goverment for Lawrence, and are now urging oth-

"Bien! Now, go you home, and imme-"Bien! Now, go you home, and imme-diately prepare yourself to start on a journey evident purpose is to thus involve the whole as practicable; but if you persist in passing-of some days. Mountime as manufactories as the start of the start you, then, must rest all the guilt and respon-

giving his wife due notice. Vidocq concealed will be justly chargeable in law and in con- your associates. It will be my purpose, if you himself in a closet of the house, whence he science with all the blood that may be shed still persist, to spare all bloodshed as far as could watch the actions of his client's wife. in this contest, and upon you must full the practicable, and subject the leaders and pro-He had some time to wait. punishment.

You have elected your officers under this "He is gone, Arthur !" said the lady to execution thereof, under an authority having contemplated by you and now so nearly ac direct defiance of the government of the doned by you. To this Arthur, the book-keeper, made an United States.

answer by some assurance of attachment,

front and back. The declaration underwent "Be quite still, my children, or I will beat similar purposes will be disregarded, and the peace, and influence you to abandon this in-

to the results of your revolutionary proceedings. You are inaugurating rebellion and revolution; you are disregarding the laws of Congress and of the Territorial government, and defying their authority; you are conspiring to overthrow the government of the United States in this Territory.

Your purpose, if carried into effect in the mode designated by you, by putting your laws forcibly into execution, would involve you in the guilt and crime of treason. You stand now fellow citizens, upon the brink of an awfui precipice, and it becomes my daty to warn you ere you take the fatal leap into the gulf below. If your proceedings are not arrested, you will necessarily destroy the peace of this Territory, and involve it in all the horrors of civil war. I warn you, then, before it is too late, to recede from the perilous position in which you now stand.

I appeal once more to your reason and patriotism. I ask you in the name of our. common country, in the name of the Constitution of the Union, to desist from this rebelien. I appeal once more to your love of country, to your regard for its peace, prosperity and reputation, your affection for your wives and children and to all those patriotic motives which ought to influence American citizens, to abandon this contemplated revolution. If you have wrongs redress them through the peaceful instrumentality of the ballot-box, in the mode prescribed by the laws of your country.

As all arguments heretofore so often addressed by me to you, have failed as yet to produce any effect upon you, I have deemed-it necessary for your safety, and that of the Territory, and to save you from the perilous. consequences of your lown acts, under the authority vested in me by the President of the United States, to order an adequate force of the troops of the United States into your imimediate vicinage, to perform the painful duty of airesting your revolutionary proceedings. cite the other cities, towns and counties of Let me implore you not to compel me to ap-Kansas, to establish insurcctionary govern. peal to that military power which is required peal to that military power which is required in the last resort, to protect the government of your country. You cannot carry your rebellious purposes into effect without coming into unavoidable and open conflict with the troops and government of the United States. Let me affure you, then, once more, to abandon these proceedings before you involve yourselves in the crime of treason, and subject the people of Lawrence to all the horrors and calamities of insurrection and civil war. If you will now depist from the projected

these laws and caarying them into execution; thus defying and superseding the government of you country, the deplorable consequences The merchant departed on his journey sibility of this contemplated revolution. You must be upon your own heads and those of jectors of this revolutionary movement to the punishment prescribed by law. - I will accomin itself no legal existence, and established in complished, will, ere it is too late, be aban-

If you can be influenced by no other mo-From all these facts, it is obvious, if you tives, the evident fact that the power of gov-The charters granted by that government for country, may now indline your bearts to

Whin !' | ment, pitched them over on the far side of have appropriated !" | under their authority, while or prought neces. | citizen, the table. This management got the court, | There was a momentary silence--then_____ is avily into conflict and colision with these laughed at their absundity, which he did not its intolerable heat bofore it, warning them | ' Last winter, be jabers!' R. J. WALKER Governor of Kansas Territory.