THE OLYMPEIUM.

now, Born in Athenæ's Springtide, ere her prime Flashed conquering rays o'er Hellas' storied clime,
Thy Temple, Zeus the Thunderer? Where art

Ye who would grasp Fame's crown, who scorn the peace Of lowly hearts secure, the heaven of home, Lured by vain glitter of some golden Fleece, That mocks the winner—watch Callirhoe's

foam, yon wrecked shrine, achieved when woe-

ed to the sword sweep of imperial Rome. -C. A. Kelley in Blackwood's Magazine.

THE SHADOW.

On the border line between New York and Canada is a small sheet of water overhung at one point by a high cliff known as The Smnggler's Shadow, concerning the origin of which name is given the following singular story:

"What did you make o' them, Burk?"

"They are a s'picuous looking crowd, and I set them down as United States officers."

"Jes' my jedgment; and I reckon the boys had better be put on the lookout."
"Co-rect. Tell them to meet down to Lingo's and I'll be 'long later. I jes' wanter see if everything is all right at the Horse Shoe."
"Hadn'tyou better take one o' the boys 'long with you? You"—
"Bak! do you think Burk Brandon has lost the mettle of this good right arm? No; I'll go to the Horse Shoe alone, an I'll come back, too, in spite of 'em hounds of the law."
He was a tall, burly framed man, with coarse features and grizzly locks, his ungainly form clad in a gray suit of coarse material.
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than they!" and he smiled grimly, while a latent fire shone in his small gray eyes.

It was already nightfall when he reached by boat that part of the lake's shore overlooked by granite cliffs of considerable height, but the moon har risen, so the smuggler was enabled to pursue his course without difficulty.

Winding his way amid the bowlders that hemmed in his path, and then wading through a shallow pool of water, he finally came upon a spot where the cliff overhanging the water in a semicircle formed a small cove which could not be seen until fairly reached.

A narrow shelf about midway on the side of the precipitous ascent offered a foothold, and along this Brandon unhesitatingly threaded his course.

When reaching the toe of this shoe-shaped retreat he gained an opening in the rocky wall where the curious pathway ended.

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"Poor fools!" he muttered, "to think that I shall run the risk of staying in these parts longer. Enough of these valuables to make me independent and I am off this very night! Hal hal some of this old wine will clear my head for the work before me."

Speaking thus to himself, with an occasional potation of the liquor, he passed perhaps half an hour in collecting the treasures he wished to take away with him. Then, with a farewell look at the balance of their plunder, he turned to retrace his course.

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Reaching the mouth of the cavern he found that the moon had risen above the line of the cliff so that its mellow light fell full upon Horseshoe cove, lighting the place to almost midday brilliancy.

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Extinguishing the light, he was about to step out on the rocky pathway when he started back with a low cry.

Upon the opposite wall of the cliff he had discovered the shadowy outlines of a man with one hand uplifted and

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At first he thought the wine he had drunk had bewildered his brain and that the image was but a hallucination. He rubbed his eyes and looked again to find it still there, and after a few minutes he was forced to believe his eight.

sight.
"Ha! I see!" he chuckled, "'tis some one on the cliff and his shadow falls on

one on the cliff and his shadow falls on the rock there. Perhaps 'tis one of the officers lookin for me! But his shadow has betrayed him. Fil wait till he is gone before I venture out."

On account of a projecting rock he could not see the pathway from his covert, and he dared not leave the cave lest he should be discovered and fired upon by his foes. Had he been armed with sther than a kuife he would have felt

less uneasy. As it was he lay quiet waiting for the danger to pass. The time wore tediously away while his gaze was riveted on the shadowy form until his eyes became blurred and his limbs benunbed.

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To his wonder the figure continued motionless, though once or fwice he fancied there was a slight movement. Several times he was upon the point of leaving the cave, trusting to escape, but he refrained from taking the risk. "The furies take 'en!" he muttered; "they can shoot me cave like a dog without my liftin a finger."

He chafed at his helpless position and blamed himself for coffning again to the place, while, higher and higher, the great round moon stole up the dark blue dome of night.

Still there was no visible change in shadow on the rock. In his bewildered state he never realized that with the ascent of the moon its shape would alter and its position vary, or if he did give it a passing thought it only served to intensify the mystery and increase his fears.

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Vainly he waited for it to disappear—waited, until to his feverish vision it grew plainer in outline, until the shadowy limbs seemed substantial, the body the rounded form of a living being!

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"I can't stand this any longer!" he
cried at last. "I must take my chances
whatever they be."
Freeing himself of the plunder he had
hoped to take away, so that he would
not be unduly cumbered, he crept out
upon the shelf.
Not a sound broke the stillness of the
night save the ceaseless murmur of the
sea.

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Now that his back was turned upon the phantom figure, and that his hurried survey of the scene discovered no one, he moved forward with rising hope. He had passed half of the circular distance from the cave to the end of the narrow pathway without anything to alarm him, though at each furtive glance he saw the changeless shadow, when the sound of footsteps reached his ears.

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His companion, though smaller in stature, was evidently a man of his own stamp.

They were known as farmers by the few settlers of that thinly populated country, though had the truth been known they, with half a dozen others, followed the more hazardous and unlawful vocation of smuggling.

The appearance of several strangemen in that vicinity had naturally enough aroused their fears. It had been less than a year since some officers had suddenly appeared searching for the smugglers supposed to be lurking in that locality. Though they had succeeded in throwing the officials off their rack then it would be more difficult to do it again.

Anxious each to go his way, the precious twain separated, the younger hastening to warn their associates of the impending danger, while the other bent his steps toward the hiding place of their contraband goods.

"So the hounds think to smell mout" muttred the sanuggler chief as he followed his way. "Well, mebbe they will, but more hikely they'll find that old Burk Brandon has a keener scent than they!" and he smiled grimly, while a latent fire shone in his small gray eyes.

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Smuggler's Snadow.—George Waldo Browne in Yankee Blade.

A Collection of Old Pipes.

I have a collection of old English pipes of all sizes and shapes, and have supplied my friends with specimens, which they use not actually for pipes, but as eigarette holders, and well adapted the small bowls are for that purpose. In my collection one may trace the history and spread of tobacco by the gradually increasing pipe bowl and the proportionate diminution of the supporting heel or spur until with present-day clays it is a mere ornamental appendage. Soon after smoking was introduced one writer states that "the rich use silver pipes, but the poor use walnut shells and strawa."

In 1573 Harrison, in his unpublished "Chronologie," remarks that "these daies the taking in of the smoke of the Indian herb called Tobaco by an instrument like a little laddel is gretly taken up and used in England against Rewmes." By 1619 there was an important industry in clay pipes, and the manufacturers were incorporated as "the craft of T. P. makers." Later pipes bear trademarks and initials stamped on the heel, thus isplicating the various origins.—Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.

Surface Transit in Montreal.

Montreal is probably worse off in the way of Internal transit facilities than any other large city on this continent. The snowfall is so great that three different styles of vehicles are necessary in order to enable the company to carry on its business. Cars are used when the streets are free from snow, sleighs are used during the winter, and during the breakup in the spring, when the slush is too deep to make clearing the car track practicable, heavy omnibuses are used.—Engineering News.

Cheap Signs.

A fairly cheap way of advertising wares by sign is to have the lettering painted right on the walls of the house. In some cases we find large raised gold letters fixed to the house wall. Within late years a method of affixing white enamel letters to the window panes has come much into use. Very often, however, this constitutes not so much a sign as a partial specification of the wares

Rare Books to Be Seld.

For some time past it has been rumored that the famous Althorp library, which Dibdin called the finest private collection in the world, was about to be sold, and now the announcement is made upon authority. It is hoped to sell it en bloc, but should that not be possible it will be put up to auction. Selling the most famous of the world's private libraries in a lump can mean only one thing—selling it to America. We trust that may not happen, since Lord Spencer's collection contains many volumes which it is a national pride to possess—such, for instance, as the famous Valdarfar "Boccaccio," which Lord Blandford wrested from the second Earl Spencer for £2,260, to be ultimately bought for Althorp for the bagatelle of £750. It will be an epoch making sale, for this great library contains some 50,000 volumes, mostly priceless. Scarce editions on vellum and large paper, magnificent printing and dazzling bindings by Pasdeloup and Roger Payne—these are its glories. Many of the books, too, have famous histories. They have felt the touch of the Pompadour or of Diane de Poitiers or the elegant grasp of Francis I. There are eightytwo out of the ninety-nine known productions of Caxton, to say nothing of the famous Mentz "Paalter," a copy of which has fetched £5,000. To sell the Althorp library, indeed, is almost as though we were to sell the rarest rarites of the printed book department of the British museum.—St. James' Gazette.

A Volcano at Sea.

Only last fall there was a strange occurrence near the island of Pantellaria, between Sicily and Tunis, which would have filled the imagination of a Homer or a Virgil with pictures of a supernatural monsters and poetical fances about the extravagant doings of the deities of the sea.

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A submarine volcanic cruption occurred there, and the inhabitants of the island saw what seemed like some great fish disporting himself in the troubled water, while columns of smoke arose around him.

Those who ventured near to the scene in boats saw hot volcanic bombs, composed of black scoriaceous material, rising to the top of the water and there running and darting about in the most singular fashion under the impulse of the steam which they discharged. Some bounded more than sixty feet up into the air as the steam exploded.

Such outbursts of heated matter from the bed of the sea furnish perhaps an even more impressive indication than ordinary volcanic cruptions do of the strange conditions prevailing at no great depth beneath the surface of the earth.—Youth's Companion.

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An Antidote for Mosquito Bites.
The best antidote for the bite of a mosquito undoubtedly is ammonia, weakened with a little water or salt and water. Some people go so far as to press the poison out of the bite with some small metal instrument like the point of a watch key before applying the antidote. This prevents the painful swelling that some times occurs. As in other cases, "one man's meat is another man's poison," and the same remedy will not apply to all individuals. Some find camphor most efficacious, and salt and water will not avail. Ammonia, however, seems to be generally successful as a neutralizer of the mosquito poison. Where there are large quantities of mosquitoes and no reason for their appearance is apparent, it is well to look about the premises for something which attracts them. An uncovered barrel of rainwater will bring them in hordes, and damp places and stagnant pools are spots where they delight to congregate.—Salem Gazette.

Ball Lightning.

During a severe thunderstorm Monday the phenomenon of ball lightning was seen in this village. An inspection of the locality shows that the ball was located between a telephone wire and a conductor pipe about three feet distant, and was doubtless of the nature of an electric brush preceding the disruptive discharge. It was of a reddish color and exploded with a report like a musket, but did no damage, nor was it attended by any smell perceptible to those who saw it, although they were distant not more than five feet.—Lyons (N. Y.) Cor. Science.

Science.

Wagner's Son Coming Here.

Herr Siegfried Wagner, the only son and heir of the composer, Richard Wagner, and of Frau Cosima (daughter of the Abbe Liszt), is making the modern grand tour. Last autumn he visited England, but letters which have just arrived state that he is now visiting Japan and China and will return home to Baireuth via San Francisco. In New York the adherents of German opera propose to organize in his honor an important fete, in which of course his father's music will play a prominent part—London News.

A Double Golden Wedding.
A double golden wedding was celebrated a few days ago at Thompson, Conn. The principals were Deacon and Mrs. Hiram Arnold, of Thompson, and Deacon and Mrs. Alvin Green, of Westerly, R. I. Deacon Arnold is Mrs. Green's brother, and both couples were married by the same clergyman at Pawtucket, R. I., in 1842.—Yankee Blade.

Petunia Cuttings.

If you have a choice petunia among the seedlings in your bed of summer blooming plants, make cuttings from it for use in winter. Stick these cuttings in the soil near the parent plant, and they will soon take root and be in fine condition to pot by the time cold weather comes.—Exchange.

Goodby to the Ice Cart.

A Wilkesbarre lawyer has invented a practical and cheap household apparatus for rapidly cooling boiling water and making it palatable without ice.—Scranton Truth.

The Frolicsome Chipmunk.

As the woodchuck sleeps away the bitterness of cold, so in his narrower chamber sleeps the chipmunk, happy little hermit, lover of the sun, mate of the song sparrow and the butterflies. What a goodly and hopeful token of the earth's renewed life is he, verifying the promises of his own chalices, the squirs rel cups, set in the warmest corners of the woodside, with libations of dew and shower drops, of the bluebird's carol, the sparrow's song of spring!

Now he comes forth from his long night into the fullness of sunlit day to proclaim his awakening to his summer comrades, a gay recluse, clad all in the motley—a jester maybe, yet not a fool.

His voice, for all its monotony, is inspiring of gladness and contentment whether he utters his thin, sharp chip or full mouthed cluck or laughs a chittering mockery as he scurries in to his narrow door.

He winds along his crooked pathway

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of the fence rails and forages for hal
forgotten nuts in the familiar grounds
brown with strewn leaves or dun wit
dead grass. Sometimes he ventures t
the top rail and climbs to a giddy ten-foc
height on a tree, whence he looks abroad
wondering on the wide expanse of a
acre.

him.—Forest and Stream.

Journeyed Through Thibet.
Two travelers have lately arrived a Shanghai, China, whose names deserv not an unimportant place in the roll of distinguished explorers. They are Cap tain Bower, of the Seventeenth Benga cavalry, and Dr. Thorold, of the Indian medical staff, and their claim to distinction rests upon the fact that they hav journeyed through Thibet by the long est route that can be taken through tha mysterious country. They followed an imaginary line drawn from the Cash mere frontier, in the northwest, to the Chinese province of Szechnen, where i adjoins the southeastern border of the territories of the Delai Lama.

They were upward of ten months in Thibet and a great part of their journel lay through a series of elevated tabliands, seldom lower than 15,000 fee above the sea level. On approaching Lhassa they were turned back when within eight days' journey of that city by the officials, but after some parley ing were permitted to proceed on prom sing not to attempt to enter the Thibetan capital. No foreign travelers have befor followed the same route,—New Orlean Picayune.

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A New Lifeboat.

The self righting lifeboat is expected here soon on its way to llwaco. These boats right themselves in ten seconds after being capsized. The boat expected here is thirty feet long, seven feet beam and three feet deep, caravel built and with air chambers at bow and stern, covered with waterproof canvas. The peculiar features in the construction are the presence of a false bottom, which runs from stem to stern precisely at water line, and is furnished with two circular gratings, into which, if necessary, pumps can be inserted. In the sides, just about midships, there are long flaps working on hinges which, when opened, will permit any water above the false bottom to run out, and when closed are water tight. The space below the false bottom is packed with dry tule grass, which is even "lighter than cork and almost impervious to water.—Washington Astorian.

Pussy and Her Feathered Brood.
Mr. James Forwood, of Darlingtor
Harford county, has a cat which has de
veloped an interesting trait. Being kit
tenless, she adopted as her own a broo
of motherless young chickens, whic
come to her when she purrs and follow
her around. When any of the broo
stray into a neighbor's premises the ca
follows, and picking each chick up care
fully by the back of its neck description. stray into a neighbor's premises the c follows, and picking each chick up ca fully by the back of its neck, deposits safely on its owner's premises. Calli the chicks to her the cat lies down a hovers over them as fenderly and ca fully as their feathered mother woo have done. The chicks appear to acc the situation and are thriving.—Co Baltimore Sun.

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Royalty's Traveling Expenses.

Last year the queen's trip to Grasse cost her £10,000, and it was estimated that the Hyeres expedition would have been accomplished for about the same amount. The queen's visit to Darmstadt, however, involved so much additional expense that her majesty's outlay in connection with her Continental tour will be nearly £15,000, which is the largest sum that has so far been expended on one of these trips, except in 1888, when the queen went to Florence and then visited Berlin on her way home.—London Truth.

Grandsons of One of the Signers.

It is a curious coincidence that two grandsons of Josiah Bartlett, one of the signers of the beclaration of Independence, should die in New York state within a week of each other, both being doctors and both graduates of the Dartmouth Medical school. Dr. Eara Bartlett was a native of Warren, N. H.; Dr. Levi Bartlett was a native of Haverhill, Mass.—Boston Journal.

A number of fine pearls, some of them of considerable value, were found recently in mussel shells on the shoals in White river, near Seymour, Ind. One man realized seventy-five dollars from his find in a few weeks.

Lily of the valley should be transplanted as soon as the foliage turns yellow. Shift to a pot of larger size, disturbing the earth around it as little as possible.

The discovery of a basilica at Sil-chester, England, is announced and creates much excitement among anti-quarians. It belongs to the Fourth cen-tury.

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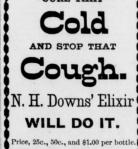
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