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Words are lighter than the cloud from Of the restless ocean spray; Value than the trembling shadow That the next hour steals away.

Yet on the dull alliance breaking With a lightning flash, a word, Bearing endless desolation On its lightning wings, I heard.

I have known one word hang star-like O'er a weary waste of years, And it only shone the brighter Looked at through a mist of tears.

I have known a spirit calmer Than the calmest lake, and clear As the heavens that gazed upon it, With no wave of hope or fear.

I have known a word more gentle Than the breath of Summer air, In a listening heart it nestled, And it lived forever there.

Words are mighty, words are living; Serpents, with their venomous stings, Or bright angels, crowding round us With heaven's light upon their wings.

Address to the People of the Slave States and of the American Union, Read before a Convention at Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., March 8, 1861.

COUNTRYMEN AND BRETHREN—Three-quarters of a century have rolled over our beloved land since the day when a band of immortal men, from the thirteen colonies, signed the Declaration of Independence.

Resolved, That we recommend to the people of the United States that they unite in fixing the FOURTH OF JULY, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX, the Centenary of American Independence.

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horse, and 16,000 chariots armed with scythes. Italy, a little before Hannibal's time, was able to send into the field nearly 1,000,000 men.

Semiramis employed 2,000,000 men in building the mighty Babylon. She took 100,000 Indian prisoners at the Indus, and sunk 1,000 boats.

Sennacherib lost in a single night 185,000 men by the destroying angel—2 Kings xix: 35-37.

A short time after the taking of Babylon, the forces of Cyrus consisted of 600,000 foot, 120,000 horse and 2,000 chariots armed with scythes.

An army of Cambyses, 50,000 strong, was buried up in the desert sand of Africa by a South wind.

When Xerxes arrived at Thermopylae, his land and sea forces amounted to 2,641,610, exclusive of servants, eunuchs, women, sutlers, &c., in all numbering 5,488,320.

The army of Artaxerxes, before the battle of Cunaxa, amounted to about 1,200,000.

Ten thousand horses and 100,000 foot fell on the fatal field of Issus.

When Jerusalem was taken by Titus, 1,100,000 perished in various ways.

The force of Darius at Arbela numbered more than 1,000,000. The Persians lost 90,000 men in this battle; Alexander about 500 men.

The Greeks 1200. The army of Tamerlan is said to have amounted to 1,600,000, and that of his antagonist, Bajazet, to 1,400,000.

The Fly. To be recited to a Little Child. BY THEODORE TILTON.

Baby Bye, Baby's fly; Let us watch him, you and I. How he crawls Upon the walls— Yet he never falls!

I believe, with such legs You and I could walk on eggs! There he goes On his toes Ticking baby's nose!

Spots of red Dot his head; Rainbows on his back are spread. That small speck Is his neck; See him nod and beck!

I can show you if you choose, Where to look to find his shoes; Three small pairs Made of hairs; These he always wears!

Black and brown Is his gown; He can wear it upside down. It is laced Round his waist; I admire his taste; Yet, though tight his clothes are made, He will lose them, I'm afraid.

In the sun Webs are spun; What if he gets into one? When it rains He complains On the window-panes; Tongues to talk have you and I; God has given the little fly No such things; So he sings With his buzzing wings.

He can eat Bread and meat; There's his mouth between his feet. On his back Is a sack Like a peddler's pack. Does the baby understand? Then the fly shall kiss her hand! Put a crumb On her thumb May he will come!

strange but blessed watchword; never to be forgotten. For many a day and year, no doubt, it would be the joy and rejoicing of his heart.

VARIETIES. Preaching Politics.—In Dr. Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit" is a sketch of the life of Dr. David Ely, of Huntington, Conn., in which may be found a very good illustration of the complaints made against political preaching now-a-days.

The Doctor was a zealous friend of the cause of the American Colonies in the days of the American Revolution, and among his people were a good many Tories, who were on the watch for his words.

He was charged with preaching politics in a neighboring parish, and it was thought proper to trace the report to its source. The parish was visited, and inquiry made: "Did Dr. Ely preach politics when here?" "Yes," "What did he say?" "Well, sir, if he did not preach politics, he prayed politics."

Antiquarian Discovery.—Sir H. Rawlinson announces to those who are interested in the comparative chronology of the Jewish and Assyrian kingdoms, the discovery of a Chaldean document, which promises to be of the greatest possible value in determining the dates of all great events which occurred in Western Asia between the beginning of the ninth and the latter half of the seventh century B. C.

Giving the Hand.—A very solemn method of taking an oath in the East, is by joining hands, uttering at the same time a curse upon the false swearer. To this form, the wise man probably alludes in that proverb: "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished!"

A Good Suggestion.—It has been suggested that in view of the times and the character of the people being prepared for any day of emergency, that each of the townships form within their limits military organizations for the purpose of drilling and acquiring general military knowledge, and that one afternoon of each week be fixed for the purpose of taking practical lessons upon the subject.

Rebel Audacity.—A young German, who had just escaped from Richmond, says: United as the rebels are on most points, they are still more so in favor of the grand scheme for the invasion and plundering of the North. Of this they talk by day and dream by night. The hope of the rich plunder of Northern cities, and the retribution which they expect to mete out to the hated Yankee race, is the great spur to their valor, and woe to the North if they should succeed. Their first movement of invasion, they assert, will be made in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The British Revenue.—The total revenue of the United Kingdom for the year ending June 30th, 1862, amounted to £69,683,789, derived from the following sources:

Table with 2 columns: Source and Amount. Customs, £28,644,000; Excise, 18,047,000; Stamps, 8,657,945; Taxes, 3,154,000; Property tax, 10,549,000; Post Office, 3,585,000; Crown lands, 2,000,000; Miscellaneous, 1,802,844.

This is \$648,428,945, being more than double our tariff, excise, war tax, and all our other national incomes; and yet the English, as a people, are less wealthy than we.

Whom to Write to at Washington.—Important to Business Men.—As there are many persons who wish to communicate with the different bureaus of the War Department, a memorandum of the proper persons to address may be useful to our readers.

All letters relating to pay of soldiers on furlough, or in hospitals, should be addressed to General B. F. Larned, Paymaster General.

Applications for back pay, and the \$100 bounty of deceased soldiers, should be addressed to Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor.

Applications for pay of teamsters, employees of Quartermaster's Department, or for horses killed in service, should be addressed to Hon. R. I. Atkinson, Third Auditor.

Applications relating to pay and bounty in the marine or naval service should be addressed to Hon. Robert Berrian, Fourth Auditor.

Letters concerning soldiers in the army should be addressed to Adjutant General Lorenzo Thomas.

What are we fighting for?—Dr. Thomson of the Advocate and Journal, replies that we are fighting, Ist. To put down an unprovoked rebellion against the most liberal and beneficent Government on earth.

What Woman Can Do.—Near the village of Austerlitz, in Columbia County, N. Y., lives a young woman whose husband has gone to the war, who takes his place in the field, clears his farms, crops, repairs fences, and does all the house work, as well as any man could.

Brookridge, formerly a Professor in the Princeton Seminary, and consequently a nephew of Dr. R. J. Breckinridge, of Danville, Kentucky, and cousin of the traitor John C. Breckinridge.

This War has proved that the United States have more military resources, and can put into the field greater armies, than any nation on the earth. It has proved that the United States Government has no friends among the governments of Europe, and furthermore that it needs none. It has proved that the genius and mechanical skill of American inventors is as remarkable in war as in peace.

Report of Hon. Rev. Johnson.—Hon. R. Johnson, of Maryland, has made his report to the Government upon the points in the administration of affairs in New Orleans be not long since sent thither to minister, and the President has approved its conclusions. It is understood that he recommends the return of the \$800,000 seized by Butler, that the \$716,000 be returned to the French Consul, and also that a large amount of sugar and other merchandise be relinquished to the Greek, British and other foreign merchants domiciled in New Orleans, as, according to Mr. Johnson, these seizures by Gen. Butler cannot be justified by civil or military law.

Brigadier General Joseph P. Plummer died at Corinth, Mississippi, on Sunday morning, Aug. 11, from congestion of the brain. Gen. Plummer was a native of Barre, Massachusetts, and was born in 1820. In 1837 he entered West Point Academy, and was a member of the same class with Nathaniel Lyon, Schuyler Hamilton, James Totten, Don Carlos Buell, and others who have become distinguished in the war. He entered the army and held a captain's commission in Missouri for many years. He received the commission of brigadier general last Winter, and at the time of his decease held a command in the Army of the West. He had no been in robust health for some time, but had not interrupted his duties in Missouri for many years. He received the commission of brigadier general last Winter, and at the time of his decease held a command in the Army of the West. He had no been in robust health for some time, but had not interrupted his duties in Missouri for many years. He received the commission of brigadier general last Winter, and at the time of his decease held a command in the Army of the West. He had no been in robust health for some time, but had not interrupted his duties in Missouri for many years.

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