



The River of Rest.

A beautiful stream is the River of Rest;
The still, wide waters sweep clear and cold,
A tall mast crosses a star in the West,
A white sail gleams in the West world's gold;
It leans to the shore of the River of Rest—
The lily lined shore of the River of Rest.

The boatman rises, he reaches a hand,
He knows you well, he will steer you true,
And far, so far from all ills upon the land,
From hates, from fates that pursue and pursue,

Far over the lily lined River of Rest—
Dear mystical, magical River of Rest,

A storied, sweet stream is this River of Rest;
The souls of all time keep its ultimate shore,
And journey you East, or journey you West,
Unwilling or willing, sure-footed, or sore,
You surely will come to this River of Rest,
This beautiful, beautiful River of Rest.

James Russell Lowell's Protest.

The worst kind of religion is no religion at all, and these men, living in ease and luxury, indulging themselves in the amusement of going without a religion, may be thankful that they live in the lands where the gospel they neglect has tamed the beastliness and ferociousness of the men who but for christianity, might long ago have eaten their carcasses like the South Sea islanders, or cut off their heads and tanned their hides like the monsters of the French revolution. When the microscopic search of skepticism, which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the existence of a creator, has turned its attention to human society, and has found a place on this planet ten miles square where a decent man may live in decency, comfort and security, supporting and educating his children unspoiled and unpolluted—a place where age is revered, infancy cared for, manhood respected, womanhood honored and human life held in due regard—when skeptics can find such a place ten miles square on this globe, where the gospel has not gone, and cleared the way and laid the foundations and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the skeptical literati to move thither and ventilate their views. So long as these men are dependent upon the religion which they discard for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate a little before they seek to rob the Christian of his hope and humanity of faith in that Savior who alone has given to man that hope of life eternal which makes life tolerable and society possible, and robs death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom.

I S'all S'leep Wiv Him To-Night.

Sometimes I believe the little ones say the best things after all. I know a little family in Detroit who are heart-broken and sad this Saturday night. There were three last Saturday but to-day only two are left. The tie that bound them more closely than that which the clergyman drew, has lately been loosened, and the light of their lives went out with the red winter sun only the other night. The father is a railroad man, whose duties called him away from home nearly a good thing when they see it!

her of the fact. In these telegrams he never failed to mention the name of the little 4-year-old, and the despatches usually ran as follows:

"Tell Arthur I shall sleep with him to-night."

The baby boy was very proud of these telegrams, which his mother would read over to him, and he considered "teledraf" a great institution. The other night when the fever had done its work and the mother was sobbing out her anguish, the little one turned calmly in his bed, and said:

"Don't ky mama; I s'ill s'leep wiv Dod 'oo know. Send Dod a teledraf, and tell him I s'all s'leep wiv him to-night."

But the message went straight up there, without the clicking of wires or the rustling of wings.—Exchange.

Largest Fires on Record.

Chicago sometimes brags that it has had the largest fire in history; but it seems that Moscow, in 1814, had a bigger one, in which 30,800 buildings were destroyed, valued at \$150,000,000. The loss in the Chicago fire of October, 1871 was \$125,000,000; the buildings destroyed 17,450. The buildings destroyed by the great fire of London, 1666, were 13,200, valued at \$55,000,000. The great fire of Boston, 1872, destroyed \$50,000,000, burned over sixty-five acres and consumed or ruined 776 buildings. In 1870 Constantinople had a conflagration of \$24,000,000 and 800 buildings. In 1851 San Francisco lost 2,500 buildings, valued at \$17,000,000. In 1852 Hamburg had a fire which consumed 1,747 of the finest buildings in the city. It is hardly to be expected that any fire hereafter will burn more than those at Moscow and Chicago.

A Railway Mystery.

It has been noticed that on railway lines running north and south the eastern rails wear out the fastest. But this point, we think, can be explained by the motion of the earth as it turns from the west toward the east. Motion tends to overcome gravitation. A rapid skater flies over the thin ice without breaking through and a train at high speed has been known to leap a broken bridge unharmed. Momentum overcomes gravitation, and the greater the speed the less the weight on the rails.

Everything that has free motion is dragged after the whirling globe; every wind that blows and everything that moves feels the influence, and our train going north or south is pulled over toward the east, and naturally presses the eastern rail most heavily. It is also noticed that the wheels that run on the eastern rail wear out first, and we can but think that this earth motion is but the true cause. The practical side of this is that eastern rails and wheels should be stronger.

Not Quite Synonymous.

Some time ago, upon the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of the London (Can.) diocese to a friend here, the Chicagoan gave his children a preliminary course of instruction in etiquette before the arrival of the distinguished guest.

"Now, remember, children," was the last and most emphatic admonition, "that you are not to speak unless the Bishop addresses you, and if he speaks to you, you must answer, 'Yes, milord,' or 'No, milord,' but be sure to add 'milord.'"

After dinner the bishop suddenly turned to little 5-year-old Johnnie and remarked: "I suppose you are a good little boy, aren't you? Do you go to Sunday school regularly?"

There was a moment of silence, the child being too terrified to speak. After vainly trying to recall the phrase which his father had sought to impress upon his mind, the youngster shouted, "O my God, yes," burst into tears and citizen do some irroguous swarting.



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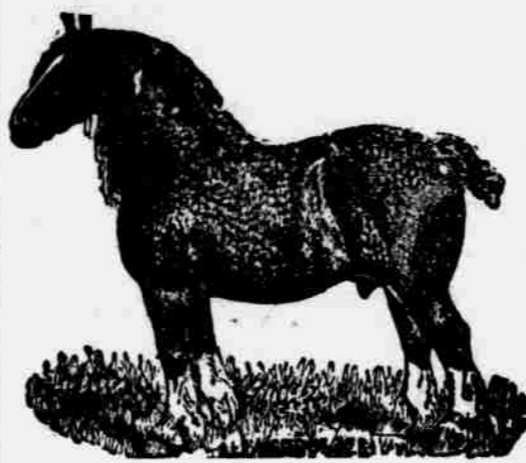
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