

with slow and unsteady steps. It is M. Hardy. He had chosen to return home on foot, across the country, hoping that a walk would calm the fever in his blood—no fever, more like the chill of death. He had been deceived. His adored mistress—the noble woman, with whom he might have found refuge from the consequences of the fearful deception that had just been revealed to him—had quitted France. He could have no doubt of it. Margaret was gone to America. Her mother had exacted from her, in expiation of her fault, that she should not even write to him one word of farewell—to him, for whom she had sacrificed her duty as a wife. Margaret had obeyed.

"Beside, she had often said to him: "Between my mother and you, I should not hesitate."

"She had not hesitated. There was, therefore no hope, not the slightest; even if an ocean had not separated him from Margaret, he knew enough of her blind submission to her mother, to be certain that all relations between them were broken off for ever. It is well. He will no longer reckon upon this heart—his last refuge. The two roots of his life have been torn up and broken, the same day, almost at the same moment. What then remains to console thee, poor sensitive plant, as thy tender mother used to call thee? What remains to console thee for the loss of this last love—this last friendship, so infamously crushed? Oh! there remains for thee that one corner of the earth, created after the image of thy mind—that little colony, so peaceful and flourishing, where thanks to thee, labor brings with it joy and recompense. Those worthy artisans, whom thou hast made happy, good and grateful, will not fail thee. That also is a great and holy affection; let it be thy shelter in the midst of this frightful wreck of all thy most sacred convictions!

The calm of that cheerful and pleasant retreat, the sight of the unequalled happiness of thy dependents, will soothe thy poor, suffering soul, which now seems to live only for suffering. Come! you will soon reach the top of the hill, from which you can see afar, in the plain below, that paradise of workmen, of which you are the presiding divinity.

M. Hardy had reached the summit of the hill. At that moment the conflagration, repressed for a short time, burst forth with redoubled fury from the Common Dwelling house, which it had now reached. A bright streak, at first white, then red, then copper-colored, illuminated the distant horizon. M. Hardy looked at it with a sort of incredulous almost idiotic stupor. Suddenly, an immense column of flame shot up in the thick of a cloud of smoke, accompanied by a shower of sparks, and streamed towards the sky, casting a bright reflection over all the country, even to M. Hardy's feet. The violence of the north wind, driving the flames in waves before it, soon brought to the ears of M. Hardy the hurried clanging of the alarm-bell of the burning factory.

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Experiments were also conducted to observe the effects of the current passing to the earth through the body from a live wire. A person standing on a damp macadamized road with dry shoes and touching his hand to a conductor having a potential of 1,000 volts, experienced a burning sensation, and when the conductor was grasped by the whole hand a violent tremor occurred through the body, with complete fixation. Such experiments are exceedingly dangerous and might prove fatal, and consequently should not be attempted except under special conditions, of which an expert only should be the judge.

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The latest idol shattered by the iconoclast of science is the keenness of vision of the red Indian. It is ascertained by practical tests that he can see no farther and no more distinctly than the average white man; but his manner of life has made him more observant of things about him, and more quick and sure in drawing conclusions from what he sees. That is all. A white man trained in the same way would possess in an equal degree the same desirable qualities.

Occultism announces that the girls can get rid of freckles. They are going to sit down, we are gravely told, and think them off. It is a new theory of faith, or Christian science, and no plasters or other appliances for purposes of reform through mutilation. Of course, the question arises whether girls are capable of thinking, and if so what will be the subject of the ameliorative thought. We take a very radical view of the matter, however, and insist that the freckles shall stay. Nine pretty girls out of ten have freckles.

Moreover, the colored troops fight nobly.

Some men are always out when their country calls.

Speaking of the Yeuvius, blessed are the peccemakers.

The fame of Camara as the ancient mariner can never die.

Costly apparel doesn't adways make a woman look neat and attractive.

Heaven tempers the wind alike to the smooth-faced man and the populist.

Every man has a grievance, and he'll tell you all about it on the least provocation.

Sampson was twelve miles away, but he immediately cabled Washington, "MY feet did it."

The marriage ceremony is frequently the final act of diplomacy previous to a declaration of war.

The girl who is wise never permits herself to appear more intelligent than the man she is trying to entertain.

If you can't go to the front and lick Spaniards, be easy. You can stay at home and lick internal revenue stamps.

A cheap lawyer badgering a decent witness reminds the citizens how grateful he ought to be for the protection of the law.

Football has been prohibited in Mexico because of its cruelty. Nothing but innocent amusement like bull-fighting goes there.

It may be mentioned as a fact, we believe, that the star-spangled banner remains in the same position, as anybody may see by the dawn's early light.

A New York girl created a little excitement the other day by wearing a mask when she went into the surf to bathe. Perhaps she felt that she really ought to wear something.

The accident of the death of one man in the whipping of Cervera's fleet should be investigated. The man should have been merely pinked, after the manner of the sufferer in a French duel.

Senator Mason promises to kiss the sweethearts of all the boys who go to war. That is indubitable evidence, the sly rascal, that he means to serve his country solely as a member of the home guard.

A Spokane husband in his application for divorce states that on the night of June 3, while asleep, his wife tied him to his bed, set fire to the mattress, and after locking the doors, fled. He escaped the roast prepared for him by breaking his bonds and extinguishing the blaze. Lucky man.

A telegram from Benton Harbor, Mich., recently said: A destructive cyclone struck this vicinity this morning and as the result a section of country one mile long and eighty rods wide is a barren waste. Apple orchards were torn up by the roots, peach, pear, and cherry trees were broken down and wheat in stacks was scattered to the neighbors' farms. Buildings were removed from their foundations.