

# THE HOUSE WHERE LINCOLN DIED.

Above Jude's purple-mantled plain,  
There hovers still, among the rains lone,  
The spirit of the Christ whose dying moan  
Was heard in heaven, and paid our debt in pain.

Within this house—this room—a martyr died,  
A prophet of a larger liberty,  
A liberator setting Godmen free,  
A full-orbed MAN, above mere mortal pride.

The cloud rifts opening to celestial glades  
Oft glimpse him, and his spirit lingers still,  
As Christ's sweet influence broods upon the hill  
Where the red lily with the sunset fades.

—Robert Mackay, in Success.

# The Return of the Prodigal

A tall, thin man, deeply bronzed, tiny crowsfeet showing athwart the tan at the corners of his eyes, his forehead white when he pushed back his soft felt hat, leaned over the rail of a small "pleasure" steamer that made short trips between Bar Harbor and Jonesport twice and thrice a week.

The man, looking shorewards, took out a fresh cigar, and, as it would not light, he held it in his hand, looking still shorewards, and his hand—essentially the hand of a worker—trembled.

A rent in the cliff cuts Sidbridge in half. Looking up from the sea one sees houses on either side of the fissure: a square towered stone church crowns all. As has been said, there is no pier or landing stage, and barelegged little fellows were rolling about on amber-colored gulls spread out to dry.

Then he went for a walk, returning an hour later, to find school dismissed. Margaret Radford sat alone, looking lonely when her little foot had run off shouting down the hill and the sad little look came into her face.

And then a shadow fell across the door, and she looked up. For a moment she did not speak, her eyes grew round and her breath came and went in deep gasps between her parted lips.

"The prodigal son has returned, Margaret. Lord knows I have eaten husks enough down under!" "You are a thousand, thousand times welcome, Herbert Seaton!" And she began to sob.

He had not yet even touched her hand, but had drawn nearer. "What did you tell little Bob Carey you would do when the prodigal returned?"

He spoke in a tone of banter to hide the deep feeling that moved him, but he held out his arms, and his love flew into them, and he rained kisses upon lip, cheek and brow.

Her eyes had filled with tears again and he took her once more to his heart.—Chicago Tribune.

Buy a Smoking Mountain. What is perhaps Dame Nature's biggest laboratory has been purchased by a syndicate of Americans. It is located in the crater of the historic smoking mountain of Mexico, the Popocatepetl of the Aztecs.

Fate of Queen of Jacks. Many stories have been told of wonderful animals discovered by the various native tribes of South Africa. In fact, the folklore of the Transvaal alone would fill a decent little library.

Owls in Market. Those who visited the markets see from time to time hanging up in the butcher stalls an owl, a crow, or a hawk. They are brought in by the farmers," said a marketman.



Whether as a consequence of the service of greater care, the employment of more or better safety devices, or whatever else the cause may be, it appears from statistics recently published by the British Home Office that the death rate from accidents in coal mines and quarries is greater in the United States and smaller in France than anywhere else.

The reputation of Manitoba as a heat-producing country adds interest to the results of recent experiments in wheat growing conducted by the Canadian government on two experimental farms, one at Nappan, Nova Scotia, the other at Brandon, Manitoba.

Three singular preparations of grape-juice are known in Turkey, and one of them at Harput thinks they might be made and liked in this country.

Interesting experiments showing the influence of a tuning fork on jets of water have recently been made at the Royal College of Science in Dublin.

BEAR AND LEOPARD FIGHT. Indian Story of Struggle Between the Beasts for a Buffalo.

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Output of Diamonds. Louis Tas, one of the best-known diamond brokers, estimates the output of the De Beers mines annually at \$10,000,000 and of other mines at \$4,000,000.

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when, taking him at a disadvantage he soon turned him over and got him by the throat. Then, there was a regular rough and tumble for some minutes, but the bear could not free himself from the leopard, who clung like a leech to his throat, sucking away his life blood.

At last the bear fell dead, and as the leopard rose the "shikari" gave him a bullet behind the shoulder, rolling him over dead. Then arose a dispute, as the "shikari" claimed both skins with a view to the government reward of 8 rupees for each, 16 rupees in all. So it was finally agreed that they should return in the morning, but the Gujar set a friend at work in the night, so when they returned at daybreak the bodies were there, but the bear had been carefully skinned.

MEANING OF THE WORD CAD. What Writers and Lexicographers Say on the Subject.

"Speaking of words, did you ever stop to think about the meaning and origin of the word 'cad,' which we now use to slur a man?" said a man who takes an interest in the study of words in the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

In a general way these definitions find ready acceptance in the modern mind. These are the things we mean when we call a man a 'cad.' Of course we followed the English in this as in many other matters in connection with the language.

LAKE OF SOLID ICE. Found in Rocky Mountains in Region of Perpetual Snow.

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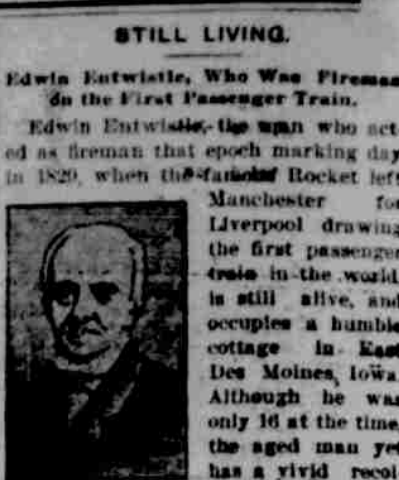
Officers of the Moffat road are much interested in the finds. They knew that the glaciers were there, but the lake was something they did not expect. Now every one from General Manager Ridgway to the office boy is trying to determine how long that lake may have been frozen solid.

Many wonderful scenic features are reported by Mr. Parker, who rode from Mammoth over the divide, selecting the locations for the telegraph poles. He says that the James park country is a wonderful region and will be a surprise.

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They can stand cheap people pretty well until they begin to act superior.



STILL LIVING. Edwin Entwistle, Who Was Fireman on the First Passenger Train. Edwin Entwistle, the man who acted as fireman that epoch marking day in 1825, when the famous Rocket left Manchester for Liverpool.

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DO MEN KNOW WOMEN? To What Extent the Sexes Are Able to Understand One Another.

Edward Bennett has some witty reflections in his "The Passing Hour" notes in the English Illustrated Magazine. He says:

"Solomon, the wisest of men, declared woman to be an enigma. He appears to have studied the sex in batches and to have struck an average. He had scarcely time to study the individual. But many an honest Darby who possessed a heart has understood more than one Joan.

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When a woman says that the motives of a certain man are unintelligible to her, the explanation often is that she has wounded his pride by showing him too plainly that she understands him and acts accordingly.

Running an Automobile. If the driver of an automobile is going to drive the machine and take care of it himself he must spend a few days' time any better than at the factory where the car was built.

Many cars are put out of commission by the derangement of adjustment bolts, their owners in an attempt to see how the things are put together.

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