Oval and large and passion pure, And gray and large and honor sure; Soft as a dying violet's breath, Yet calmly unafraid of death.

Thronged, like two dovecotes of gray doves. With wife's and mother's and poor folk's And home-loves and high-glory loves, And science loves and story loves.

And loves for all that God and man Inark and nature make and plan, And lady loves for spidery lace And broderies and supple grace.

And diamonds and the whole sweet roun Of littles that large life compound, And loves for God and God's bare truth, And loves for Magdalen and Ruth.

Dear eyes, dear eyes, and face complete, Being heavenly sweet and earthly sweet, I marvel that God made you mine, For whom he frowns, 'tis then ye shine! -Sidney Lanier.

#### PARTY'S POPPER.

. hate roughing it, simply because I had known what really roughing it meant for five years, and after five years' experience roughing it-to use an Americanism-had come to kinder pall.

I was not sorry to wash my hands of America, of its dreadful climate, and of its dreadful people. I do not want to be ungrateful, but the whole of my time in America had been passed in Firetail canyon, and the people I met in Firetail canyon were decidedly dreadful; and when I turned my back on Firetail Canyon and metaphorically speaking, shook the dust off my feet against America, I was delighted; for I was tired of the brutal, uncivilized, sordid life, and the exceedingly brutal, uncivilized, sordid people whom it had been my misfortune to have to associate with in Firetail city.

Thefactis, I had been engineer to the Uncle Dudley silver mine, and having, so to say-speaking in quite an humble way you know-made my pile, I was coming home to England on six months' leave with the intention of bettering myself, if possible, and of not returning to America, Firetail canyon nor the Uncle Dudley mine if I could help it. I carried my little fortune af £6,000 on my person in thousand dollar notes. It was a stupid thing to do. I did it to avoid loss on exchange.

I had four delightful days on the Bithynia. I need not describe the Bithynia-you all know the Bithynia. These four days were peculiarly delightful, because they were passed in the society of Parthenia Persimmon. Parthenia was 18. She had lips ruddier than the cherry and riper than the berry; they were arched like cupid's bow, and on her cheeks the lily and the rose and innumerable dear, delightful dimples struggled for supremacv. Her luxuriant hair was a delicious golden brown-but I need not say any more; it will save your time and mine if I state that Parthenia Persimmon was a Duck of Diamonds, You know what I mean? Exactly so.

If you ask me how Parthenia and I employed our time during those four days, I fear I must reply, "In delicious dalliance," which is a poetic phrase, and expressive. We had never seen each other in our lives before, and my Party's popper was lying in his stateroom very seasick, indeed. Parthenia is such a mouthful, you know, and she has bidden me to call her Party, on the third day of dalliance. "Popper always calls me Party," she had observed. I may explain here that popper is American for father.

As yet I had not seen party's popper, but on the fourth day of dalliance a gentleman of 50, looking very green, indeed, about the gills, was introduced to me by Parthenia as that

Party's popper was evidently a gentleman. He was very quiet, he dressed unobtrusively, he did not talk politics, and he spoke particularly well, throwing in an occasional archaic word or two, which gave a certain special flavor a nd picturesqueness to that clear cold, genuine English of his.

I was rather sorry to see Party's popper. No more moonlight walks on the saloon deck, I thought; the days of dalliance are over. Perhaps he would ask my intentions. I did not mind that particularly, for my intentions were strictly honorable, butand it was a very big but, indeed-I had no idea in the world of the position in life of Party or Party's popper. That is the difficulty about traveling Americans, it is impossible to judge of their position by their clothes, or their luggage, or their talk.

Of one thing alone can you be certain. If an American man or woman sports iewelry save at a ball or a big dinner, then you may be sure that he or she is "shoddy." There was nothing "shoddy" about Persimmon or his daughter. The father sported a three and a half dollar Waterbury and a steel guard. That gave me courage. "I don't want money," I thought to he's got to be bested. When I give myself. "I am desperately in love with Parthenia, and I have £6,000, I'll propose to her.'

I did propose to her. "You know nothing of me, Mr. St. see as much of her popper as possible, and to try and "get down his back." I understood enough of the American | him, no one would have believed me."

language to know what she meant. Mr. Persimmon and I grew very first time. friendly. We saw a good deal of each other, and in the evening we went into about a quarter of an hour; it was my the smoking room and we played at turn to bet. I had nothing in my poker. When I say "we" I mean that hand-nothing whatever. I was about I did; for Mr. Persummon declared to throw it on the table in disgust, sponds quickly to the change in temthat he did not "know enough about when to my horror, I saw Mr. Persim- perature.

cards." I confess that I played a little higher than I could afford, with the idea of dazzling Mr. Persimmon and so creating a favorable impression, which is what Parthenia meant by getting down his back.

If I had hot been so taken up with Party I might have discovered in time that Colonel Jabez Jackpotts, Senator Pat Straddle and Dr. Clapperton Fudge were professional sharpers. On one fatal night they won fivesixths of my little fortune, exactly \$25,000. It happened this wise. The game of poker stripped of its de-

tails is very much like the old-fashioned game of brag. As played in the smoking room of the Bithynia, the first player "puts up"—i. e., stakes a small sum; those who decline to play throw down their cards, and the next man to the left exercises his option of "raising" the stakes, or "going better." This goes on at infinitum till those who are betting against the first man decline to stake more money, when the other players show their hands in succession, and the highest hand wins everything, unless the original player exhibits a higher one, or "puts up" a stake so high that the others refuse to cover it, in which case they all pay up to him and look as pleasant as they can. If this takes place, though he takes the money, he may, in fact, contain nothing: in which case he is said to have "bluffed the tleman's hand is in this position it is

Now, the highest possible hand is what is termed a straight flush, or "flush sequence" to the ace—that is to say, ace, king, queen, knave, and ten of one suit. This hand is impossible to beat when it is held by the person who makes the first stake, for even should another player have the extraordinary good luck to hold an equal hand, ties pay.

The rules of the game of poker are extremely strict. All money bet has to be placed upon the table-rubis

sur l'odgle, as the French have it. Now, I had a straight flush in spades dealt me; I was so astonished at my great good fortune that my hand shook as I "planked down" my ten dollars, and declared that I stood "pat"—that is to say that I did not want to better my hand by taking cards. They were evidently a lot of big hands out, for each of the six men playing, though it was plain that I held a big hand or was simply "bluffing," increased the stakes. I put on another one hundred dollars when it came to my turn, for I knew that I must win. Then one of the players was frightened out, and the stake went on increasing until I had three thousane dollars in front of me, for each man "went bitter"—that is to say increased his stake. Two of the players caved in.

"You can't buff me. mister," re marked Colonel Jabez Jackpotts; "I'll double the stakes," and he "put up' the requisite amount in notes.

Fool that I was, I doubled him again, partly because I knew that I must win, partly because I wished to dazzle Parthenia's popper.

But Colonel Jackpotts "raised" me again, and so we went on till \$25,000 in American notes lay in front of each of us. It was five-sixths of my little fortune-five-sixths of all I had in the world, and though I knew that I must win, I gave a sigh of relief as Colonel Jackpots calmly remarked: "I guess I'll see your swagger hand

I laid flush sequence to that ace upon the table with a triumphant smile. "Damnation," cried Colonel Jackpotts. Then he suddedly stretched out his great paw and spread the cards out. And lo! there were six cards-ace, king, queen, knave, ten of spades and the eight of hearts.

"I am sorry for you, mister," remarked Colonel Jabez Jackpotts, with a benignant smile: "that's a foul hand. Hand over them chips."

How it happened I could not tell 'It must have occurred in the dealing," I thought. I appealed to the bystanders. I of-

fered to refer the matter to a wellknown American diplomatist who was looking on. "You have lost," he said calmly.

"You should have examined your cards more carefully. The laws of poker, like those of the Medes and Persians alter not.

Colonel Jabez Jackpotts carefully counted my great pile of notes, and they went into his capacious pocketbook. Then the party broke up. That night I opened my soul to Mr. Persimmon. "I am a ruined man.

sir," I said. "I have lost all I had in the world except \$500. I had intended. Mr. Persimmons, to ask you for your daughter's hand. That's all over now, through my absurd folly. I shall never forgive myself, and I've got to begin the world again.

"Was Party fond of you, boy?" he asked laconically. He did not give me time to answer. "Party was fond of you; she told me so herself. It's a lucky thing for you that Party is fond of you. For Party's sake I'll see you through this thing. Jackpotts is a sharper, and Senator Straddle and the doctor are his accomplices."

The following evening Mr. Persimmon placed a note case in my hand. "For Party's sake," said he, "I'm going to lend you some dollars. Play from that case, Mr. St John; there's only one way of 'besting' a scoundrel like Jackpotts, and for Party's sake you the signal by taking out my handkerchief, you go on betting till all's blue, for Jackpotts has got to be bested. Try and not lose your head," said Mr. Persimmon. "Yourstraight John,"she said in astonishment. She | flush hand was right enough last night. said a great deal more. So did I. The Jackpotts is a smart man; it was he usual way. One end of the loop, which ject was first immersed in the fluid interview ended by her telling me to who put the eight of hearts there-I is adjusted close to the gas flame, is and then placed beneath the receiver saw him do it; but if I, being your free, while the other is secured to the of an air pump. The apertures in friend, had attempted to unmask fixture. A valve controlling the gas question communicate with two

We began to play. We played for

mon take out his handkerchief. I gave

him a look of agony; he only smiled. One by one, as Increased the stakes, the players dropped out. I had over \$40,000 staked in front of me, and the money was not mine. It was Parthenia's father's.

"I'll raise you five thousand, mister," said Colonel Jackpotts, in a hollow voice, as he took the very last of his bank notes from his great pocket-"Ten thousand dollars better,"

cried, with affected calmness, "I guess I'll write you a check for ten thousand, mister, and then I'll see you," blurted out the Colonel, his eyes almost starting from his head. "You'd better post the money,"

said Mr. Persimmon, blandly. "You don't object, mister, I take it?" said the Colonel, to me, piteous-

"I object to everything," I replied. "The laws of poker, like those of the Medes and Persians, alter not," I quoted, appealing to the well known American diplomatist.

"That is so," remarked that gentle-

man, sententiously. Colonel Jackpotts saw that it was no use making a scene. He gave one vindictive look at Mr. Persimmon, and then the Colonel saw that that gentleman's hand was in what in does not show his cards. His hand America is termed the "sly pocket of generally grasping a revolver.)

"Then, darn me blue," said the colonel, "if you ain't busted me between you; cuss you!" Then, in his rage, he swallowed his quid, and his

language became unprintable.

I carefully packed up all the money
on the table in the note case of Party's

"You might like to see that there are only five cards in my hand," I remarked triumphantly. I exhibited my five worthless cards face upward. I had "bluffed" Colonel Jabez Jack-

There is no more to tell. I married Parthenia. Party's popper is a very wealthy man. I am not anxious to meet Colonel Jackpotts.—St. James Gazette.

ATHUNDERBOLT MAKES GLASS.

How the Tube Known as Fulgurite Is Manufactured

"Did you ever see the diameter of a lightning-flash measured?" asked a geologist recently. "Well, here is the case which once inclosed a flash of lightning, fitting it exactly, so that you can just see how big it was. This is called a 'fulgurite' or 'lightning hole, ' and the material it is made of is glass. I will tell you how it was manufactured, though it took only a fraction of a second to turn it out. "When a bolt of lightning strikes a

bed of sand it plunges downward into the sand for a distance less or greater, glass the silicia in the material seldom arise, attempt to sleep in all through which it passes. Thus, by its great heat, it forms at once a glass tube of precisely its own size. Now be at perfect ease in any position you and then such a tube, known as a may assume during sleep. This 'fulgurite,' is found and dug up. freedom of lungs and limbs will assure Halgurites have been followed into the sand by excavation for nearly thirty feet. They vary in interior diameter from the size of a quill to three inches or more, according to the 'bore of the

"But fulgurites are not alone produced in sand; they are found also in | put this under your pillow in the solid rock, though very naturally of corner nearest the window. In the slight depth and frequently existing rack or net which hangs above you merely as a thin, coating on the surface. Such fulgurites occur in astonishing abundance on the summit of Little Ararat, in Armenia. The rock | you wish to find. is soft and so porous that blocks a been bored by the teredo, the holes made by the worm subsequently filled | provide your own towels.

with glass. Some wonderful fulgurites were found by Humboldt on the high hook. Carry also a bottle of lavender Nevada de Toluca in Mexico. Masses or Florida water and pour some of of the rock were covered with a thin this into the bowl. It rests and relayer of green glass. Its peculiar freshes one wonderfully. shimmer in the sun led Humboldt to ascend the precipitous peak at the risk of his life."—N. Y. Journal.

### What Was Wanted.

The ability to state a case so clearly as to render misunderstanding im- day while traveling that it seems possible is a valuable gift, but, unfort- necessary to have thought for the unately, all persons do not possess it. A political convention was being held rest will most always make or mar for the purpose of nominating a candidate for an important office.

The district was a close one, and the necessity of selecting a popular man was thoroughly recognized. A speak er had just nominated a personal friend for the position, and in an elaborate eulogy had presented in see even with the naked eye, that a glowing terms his manifold merits. especially emphasizing his great services upon the field of battle, as well as in the pursuits of peace.

what we want is a man that will run the best."

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An exceedingly interesting and exhaustive article upon the Shakespeare Year appeared in a recent issue of the Birmingham Daily Post, in England, which, although unsigned, is undoubtedly the work of the indefatigable and accomplished "Shakespearean," Samuel Timmins. The article comprises a survey of all the contributions to literature and criticism and all forms of Shakespearean activity during the year in all parts of the world, and the copious references to America are of especial value, because nowhere else, so far as we know, is such a careful and thorough statement accessible. It appears that the number of Amer-

ican pilgrims to the birthplace, home and grave of Shakespeare at Stratford far surpasses that from other countries. There were probably not fewer than twenty thousand American visitors during the last year, and every year there are more. The article pays just tribute to the American editors, specifying Richard Grant White, whose "Shakespeare's Scholar," in 1854, introduced the active modern interest of this country in the poet's works. Dr. Howard Furness' Variorum" is well called "the greatest of all editions of Shakespeare's plays," and Dr. W. J. Wolfe's article refuting the "cryptogram" theory of Mr. Donnelly the article holds to be conclusive. Preston Johnson's theory of Hamlet as James I. does not escape the eye of the author, who pronounces the claim "not proved."

The labors of the New York and Philadelphia Shakespeare societies are mentioned with great commendation. The Shakespearana, a serial publication issued by them, is described as one "which America was first to establish, and which Shakespeare's own land has not tried to rival or surpass." Alvey A. Adee, of Wash ington is called the article "perhaps the most learned among Americans on all questions of the English drama," Chicago proposes to erect a Shakespeare hall including a theatre, library, and museum, and the picture of American activity in the study of Shakespeare, and not as Bacon, must fill the mind of Mr. Donnelly with dismay.

HOW TO TRAVEL COMFORTABLY

Hints About Handling Clothing and Toilet Articles in a Sleeper,

In taking a long journey it is well to make oneself as comfortable as possible, especially at night. When taking your place in the sleeping-car berth, do not, for your clothes. Undress sufficiently to you rest at least, even if you fail to sleep. In wintertime always carry a light woolen wrapper to avoid colds.

You should have a neat little case or bag of linen into which you slip your purse, jewelry, hairpins, etc., and place all small articles of apparel. You will then know, on awaking, just where to put your hand on any thing

If you wake and go early to the foot long can be obtained, perforated dressing-room you may make a comin all directions by little tubes filled plete and refreshing toilet before the with bottle-green glass formed from the fused rock. There is a small satchel all appliances, such as soap specimen in the National Museum and tooth-brush in celluloid cases, a which has the appearance of having sponge in its bag of oiled silk, brushes. combs, whisk, etc., etc. Be sure to

The dress can be well brushed and hung up till needed on a convenient

After this careful toilet and a good breakfast, served hot, you can stand with but slight additional fatigue a second day's journey. So much seems to be provided for

our comfort and enjoyment during the night only, as the nights rest or unthe day before us .- Housekeeper's Weekly.

### How Insects Breathe.

If we take any moderately large insect, say a wasp or a hornet, we can series of small, spot-like marks run along the side of the body. These ap parent spots, which are eighteen or After he had finished, a voice was twenty in number, are in fact the apheard in the rear of the room. "Well, ertures through which air is admitted into the system, and are generally form-In an instant the orator was again ed in such a manner that no extraneous matter can by any possibility "If you think this convention can find entrance. Sometimes, says the of the insect; in other cases they are densely fringed with stiff interlacing bristles forming a filter, which allows The principle of the expansion and air, and air alone, to pass; but the apparatus, of whatever character it of German silver and steel when ex- may be, is so wonderfully perfect in posed to varying temperatures has its action that it has been found impossible to injure the body of a dead ting off gas when it has been blown insect with even so subtle a medium out, instead of being turned off in the as spirits of wine, although the subis attached to the free end, and when large breathing tubes, which extend Then it all dawned upon me for the the gas is burning the valve is open the entire length of the body. From and the gas freely escapes. If, how-ever, the gas is blown out, the loop erable branches, which run in all dirwill quickly cool and contract, and ections and continually divide and the valve will shut off the gas. The sub-divide, until a wonderfully intricate network is formed, pervading every part of the structure and penerating even to the antenna.

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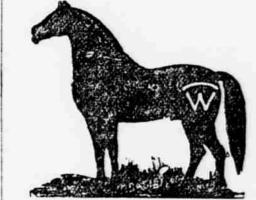
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