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SUMMER'S DONE.

Along the way-side and up the hills The golden-rod flames in the sun; The blue-eyed gentian nods goodly;

THE BARBERY HANGS HER JEWELS OUT.

The merry farmer boys cut down The poor old dried-up corn; And so Summer's done said I, Summer's done!

A WONDERFUL GLORY FILLS THE AIR.

A loving and for the whole brown earth A garment of beauty has spun But for a little more, said I, Summer's done!

GHOST STORIES UNVEILED.

In former times, ghost stories constituted much of the fireside talk; the weird tales of olden days, a specter clothed in appropriate white was seen to appear, and in due course to vanish; and the hearers, duly impressed with the apparent truth of a tale, for which no natural reason was furnished, became themselves in a measure forced to believe.

WHAT I AM GOING TO DO IS SIMPLY TO GIVE SOME INSTANCES IN WHICH THAT MIGHT HAVE MADE A CAPITAL GHOST-STORY PROVED TO BE NOTHING OF THE KIND, AND TO DRAW FROM THENCE THE INFERENCE THAT ALL SUCH STORIES ARE ONLY TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY NATURAL CAUSES.

I have myself been sorely puzzled to account for what I have seen. On one occasion I was passing by a cemetery on my way to a distant part of my parish; but I could not see the grave, and as I walked along the road close to the iron fence, I perceived within the inclosure, apparently but a few yards off, a body of a dim light that seemed to come up from the ground. Now my mind was going to try to give an account of the matter, and if my judgment also had been a ghost-story to tell about that place. But I was determined to seek an explanation of the phenomenon; so I went up to the railings and looked over the fence; but I could make nothing of it.

Another adventure I had was more laughable, but not less perplexing at the time. The night was very dark, and I was out for a sudden turn in the road, I saw a feebly-illuminated figure moving slowly some distance in advance and in the same direction with myself. My first impression was that some one was going to try to frighten me; so I grasped my stick, I turned to the culprit. But, as I drew near, the figure stopped, and in a moment or two the illumination became somewhat brighter. I got close up to it, prepared to strike, but for the life of me could not tell what it was. I passed it close and looked around into it, and found it was an old woman going home from a day's washing. She had on, poor soul, a very attenuated cloak, through which the light of the lantern she was carrying feebly penetrated, and when she had stopped to snuff the candle with her fingers, the light, of course, burned brighter. She was very deaf, and had not heard my footsteps, so that when I spoke I frightened her I fear, more than she had frightened me.

Talking of not hearing footsteps in the dark, I remember once alarming a neighbor most unintentionally, and had he not discovered the true cause, he might to this day have had a tale of mystery to unfold upon the subject. I was walking briskly home one night with a map—mounted with rings for hanging it to a wall—under my arm and goshes on my feet. The rings kept up a rattling noise as I went, while the goshes caused me to glide along the damp lane with the noiselessness of a cat. But I never thought of either circumstance till afterward. Hearing footsteps in the dark, I fancied it might be my neighbor, it being about his time for coming home, so I pushed on. But the quicker I went the farther off he seemed. I went faster still, but still I came not up with him, until, determined to overtake him, I set off running at a brisk pace, and only off running at a brisk pace, and only reached him as he was passing into his gate, having, beyond the possibility of doubt, made a run for it himself. Whether he took the clicking of the rings unaccompanied by the sound of footsteps for the clicking of a pistol or the mysterious rattle of a fancied ghost, I cannot say; but this is certain, that if he had only supposed or even not supposed, he would have found out the cause of what was undoubtedly a curious accompaniment on a dark night.

A gentleman living in a country house which I had once inhabited, wrote to ask me whether during my residence there I had ever heard any reports of its being "haunted." He did not believe in such things himself, he said, but he always liked when he heard of anything of the kind, to investigate the matter as far as possible. It was a very sensible thing to do; and I was able to give him a satisfactory explanation. It was news to me that the house had the evil reputation; but when I heard of it, it immediately occurred to my mind how it was to be accounted for. It so happened that a certain mischievous female member of my family had, toward the latter part of my stay in that house, been guilty of the cruelty of terrifying the servants almost out of their wits, by appearing at night in their room, covered over with a sheet, which sheet was raised high over her head by means of a stick, to the end of which was fastened a bull's-eye lantern—a ghost of commanding stature and terrific gaze. It is very probable that the same or some other consequences might be serious to some weak minds. In this case, however, no harm was done, except that the servants were unutterably settled in the persuasion that they had seen a ghost, and that they had, as a matter of course, had incited the village with their own firm belief that the house was haunted.

Little things are apt to be magnified, and the simplest things frequently become mysterious, in the serious nature and the great consequences which may be attached to them. The statutory process was formed. First came I, holding a poker warily, and looking anxiously for a human head; then came a servant, who had first given the alarm, lifting aloft a candle to aid me in the search; and last of all came my sister, bold as a lion, though pale as death. As we slowly descended into the battle array, I could distinctly hear the rattling jar of the window, but could see no light; and the darkness, and the noise, could be heard. The statutory process was formed. First came I, holding a poker warily, and looking anxiously for a human head; then came a servant, who had first given the alarm, lifting aloft a candle to aid me in the search; and last of all came my sister, bold as a lion, though pale as death. As we slowly descended into the battle array, I could distinctly hear the rattling jar of the window, but could see no light; and the darkness, and the noise, could be heard.

Have the courage to speak your mind when it is necessary, and to combine to attack the smaller hares, not to rob them of treasure or seek revenge for wrongs inflicted. Literally and truly they go about as wolves "seeking whom they may devour." It would be possible, were it requisite, to continue the chapter of horrors existing in these few provinces almost indefinitely for only a half is told, and that half is weak and tame as compared to the actual facts, but the particulars of the latest reports are so revolting that it is impossible to further their publicity. The widest imagination never pictured atrocities or suffering equal to the scenes so common now throughout the famine region, and what the future has in store for it requires, to continue the chapter of horrors existing in these few provinces almost indefinitely for only a half is told, and that half is weak and tame as compared to the actual facts, but the particulars of the latest reports are so revolting that it is impossible to further their publicity.

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Courage in Every-Day Life.

Have the courage to discharge a debt which you have the money in your pocket. Have the courage to do without much you do not need, however much your eyes may covet it.

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Have the courage to make a will.

Have the courage to make a will, and a just one. Have the courage to tell a man why you will not lend him your money.

Have the courage to wear your old clothes.

Have the courage to wear your old clothes until you pay for your new ones. Have the courage to provide intertainment for your friends within your means—not beyond.

Exercise for the body.

Exercise for the body, occupation for the mind—these are the grand constituents of health and happiness, and the cardinal points upon which everything turns. Modern science has the great preserving principle of nature, to which even man-made things are subject; for the winds, the waves, the earth itself, are restless, and the waving of trees, shrubs and flowers is known to be an essential part of the economy of the world.

A Lesson to Fathers.

The great secret of success in bringing up children is to establish and preserve perfect confidence between parents and children. If the father is the boy's best friend, as all wise mothers are the girls', there is no trouble about keeping them from bad associates, whose vicious example and silly bravado have a lasting effect upon their characters.

Wanted to Save the Country.

A man whose every look betrayed anxious thought knocked softly at Bijah's door. "Is that so?" "Yes, I can't sleep nights for thinking of it. We must save her. We must effect a compromise between capital and labor, creditor and debtor, officeholder and elector, and thus save this glorious old nation from destruction. Tell me what to do, sir?"

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