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THE EYES OF LOVE.

They tell us love is blind, but is it not in love open-eyed and quick to see the hidden good that from all other eyes is deeply concealed may be?

What can be seen in her? Not one, dimpled, small, plain and poor, with not one bit of beauty, Love must be blind!

Another question, laughing: "What can she see with all her eyes? In him, no grave and plain—a perfect old!"

"See," says another, "how the mother's head."

More gravely, tender, smiling slow and kind, O'er that frail child, methinks, of whom I am all.

So the world says, passing upon its way, Having no time to stop to pause and find The hidden pearl that from the rough, crude soil Love finds that he is blind!

The only love that looks beyond the face, The ungraceful form, the quiet, low, the pearl of price, The eyes of Love are wise, Deep-searching, but not blind!

By A. L. LINDSEY, in Chicago Advance.

STEALING A MESSAGE.

Sharp Practice and a Great Journalistic Feat.

How Three Able and Enterprising Journalists Secured an Advance Copy, and How a Fourth Did It.

From Them.

One of the important events of the year to "Newspaper Row" in Washington is the annual appearance of the President's Message. This is never furnished to the press to appear in print until after its presentation to Congress.

Many times in years past the correspondents have exercised the utmost ingenuity in their efforts to get it, by hook or crook, so as to print it a day or two in advance.

Two or three times they have succeeded, much to the annoyance and chagrin of the different Presidents who have fallen victims to the journalists' voracity.

Of late years it has been so scrupulously and systematically guarded that it very rarely gets out ahead of time.

An advance copy will at any time command a large price, and this has more than once induced treachery in the Government Printing Office.

In no other way is it possible for it to reach the public prematurely.

Before Grant's time the sharp newspaper men had succeeded now and then in getting a message before the day of its delivery.

They tried their skill on Grant, who was not "up" on such matters, and successfully, too. They first over-generated the General. His first message became the first of the series.

People knew all about it before Congress met. But they did not fool him a second time.

He said nothing about it, but the next year he guarded his message so carefully that none of his correspondents were able to get the slightest trace of it.

The night before the day of its delivery the President sent a messenger along the Row and invited a number of the leading correspondents to call at the White House the following morning.

Of course they were all there at the appointed time. President Grant entered the room with a big roll of manuscript in his hand and a twinkling in his eye.

It was perfectly safe to "give out" the message then, as there was not time to make any possible use of it after its delivery.

"Well, boys," said the President, "you outlived me last year, but I don't believe you will do it again. Here's the message. You can all sit down and copy it if you want to."

Nobody wanted it, then, as it was already in the hands of the Associated Press, and would be promptly furnished to their respective papers.

But they all laughed and declared it an excellent joke. All of Grant's subsequent messages were in the hands of the Associated Press, and to the end of his Administration he was as good as his word; not one of them had the edge taken off by premature publication.

But they played it on Hayes.

How the unsuspecting and guileless Hayes was taken in by a syndicate of enterprising journalists was told to me the other evening by one of the guilty trio.

These were the representatives of the New York Times, Chicago Times and Cincinnati Enquirer. It was in 1877.

The boys had been nosing around with more than usual zeal, trying to get on the scent of the message, had a single letter every body along the Row was on the qui vive.

There seemed to be an indefinable idea that somebody would get it ahead of time, and each of the correspondents hoped to be the first in his professional cap by proving himself the smartest of the lot.

The message would be delivered on Monday, and up to Saturday night, as it was known, had made up his headway.

Half a dozen different combinations, each consisting of the representatives of three or four widely-separated journals, had been used at work all that week.

On Saturday evening the New York Times correspondent was sitting at his desk in a dejected mood, mentally bewailing the failure of all his efforts to steal the message.

A stranger entered, and in voice that betrayed excitement inquired if that was the New York Tribune Office.

"That's all right," said the Times man. "Have you got it?"

"It had fallen across his mind when the man entered that possibly he was on some errand connected with the subject that had for several days been uppermost in his thoughts.

"Yes, I have it right here," said the stranger, as he slapped his hand on the breast pocket of the man of a man who had believed the message had been stolen.

"How much do you want for it?"

"I'll give you a thousand dollars."

"I think I can give more than that."

"Fifteen hundred."

"Give you twelve hundred and fifty."

THE ST. BERNARD DOG.

Noble Brutes Which Have Exceptional Claims Upon the Regard of Human Beings.

To speak of a St. Bernard dog as an "exhibit" seems somewhat derogatory to such a noble creature. Even as compared with other dogs, they have exceptional claims upon the regard of human beings—a superiority which only the Newfoundland and the true shepherd dog can in any way be said to share with them.

The instinct of the Newfoundland to save life and the amazing intelligence which it shows whenever it attempts to rescue the drowning have suggested to the Continental River Police the formation of a brigade of these brave animals to cooperate with the regular "Humanitarians," and the experiments, as reported by our emotional neighbors the French, gave some surprising results.

It was apparently proved that the dogs dispersed the largest number of the "head-quarters." They decided to admit the Boston Globe into the combination, which would make the cost of the message \$25 to each of the other papers.

The additional expense to each for telegraphing it as a special being about \$100. The Globe man wired his paper on the subject and received a reply that he might give \$25 for each number.

The other fellows refused to let the Globe in unless it would pay its full share; so the Boston people did not have the message to mix with their own.

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GOING HOME.

How Great Things Grow Little in Our Sight as We Grow Older.

Reader, if you ever left home and went to a great city to seek fortune and fame, or lodging at police headquarters, then come home on a visit after a year or two, did you notice how low the houses once so tall in your eyes appeared?

When fifteen I went forth in the second day four miles from home in a larger city than I had ever seen. I was soon familiar with its principal points of interest, and only lack of funds with which to purchase postage stamps kept me from deluging my school-mates in Illinois with glowing accounts of my wonderful adventures and my hair-breadth escapes.

I remember the first time the fire department was called out after my admission to the city. It was before my distinguishing had become a profession as it is to-day, and the Tiffin department was a volunteer affair, which hauled the old "Seneca Chief" steamer by hand.

I was struck with the apparent inefficiency of the outfit, and yearned to right the numerous errors I thought I detected in the management of the department.

If there is anything a boy with the accumulated wisdom of fifteen long and weary years ranking in his bosom, can detect better than another it is an error in the management of a fire department.

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IRON ORES OF BRAZIL.

A Deposit of 8,000,000,000 Tons of the Useful Metal.

The iron ores of the province of Minas, Brazil, are remarkable for their extraordinary abundance, their richness, and their purity. They are to be found almost everywhere in the center of the province; sometimes in outcrops of enormous extent, of ten work-miles to a great depth by the gold-miners to the south of the province; sometimes deposited in large masses in the bed and upon the banks of rivers, the floods of which carry them away and scatter them over other localities. In many places they constitute the track of the roads, and most of the work is done during certain hours of the day that the eye can scarcely bear to look upon. So abundant is this ore, and so ready to hand, that large quantities of it are used as fuel in the city of Rio de Janeiro, in the town of Ouro-Preto. Manganeis is always found in these ores, often only as a trace, but sometimes in considerable quantities.

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