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BALLADE OF THE PRIMROSE WAY.

Life, through the arc of a century, Cries two we have faced the road, Check by Jew, since the first young day When the primrose path before us glowed. Mind you the wond'rous vista showed? Cloth of gold where the sunlight lay? Mind you the cowslip path we strewed? Glinting gardens of Primrose way? Life, you're a faithful votary, Years and a day to keep the code, Yours was a rare knight errantry, For wonderment by his lady's road. But then the cowslip crop we snatched, Crow foot furrows we reap today, Care have changed to a palinode, And lost forever is Primrose way.

DIVERS OF TUAMOTU.

THEY DO WONDERFUL THINGS DOWN DEEP IN THE SEA.

Equally at Home in Hunting For the Precious Pearl, Spearfishing Under the Coral Reefs and Slaying Man Eating Sharks Under Water. Nowhere in the world is fishing carried on so remarkably a manner as at the Hawaiian Islands, where the art not only illustrates peculiar and what would be deemed impossible methods, but the fact that without armor and the appliances of the modern diver certain natives ply their vocation under water. "When at the island," said a naturalist, "I wished to investigate the methods of fishing and was referred to a native who was said to be very skillful in the methods still in vogue. I was fortunate in finding the man on the beach, and he very readily invited me to accompany him and his son, a boy of 18, who was also a clever fisherman. "As we roved out he told me that they took fish by spearing in two ways, one by striking from the boat, the other by going under water and taking the fish in their native element. The latter method he proposed following on the present occasion. The spear was perhaps eight feet long, of very hard polished wood and very slender, and bore at its tip a polished steel or iron spear point without barb of any kind. This was essentially an underwater spear, the man explained, yet without ocular demonstration it would have been difficult to make any one believe that a man could descend beneath the surface and spear fish. "On reaching a certain portion of the reef the native ceased rowing and began to look down into the water. Finding the head of coral which he was in search of, he took the slender pole in hand, stepped over and disappeared. It was necessary to move the boat a few feet, so that the fish would not be alarmed, which prevented me from observing the whole operation. "The native remained under water at least three minutes, then suddenly came up with a large rockfish impaled on the spear. He lifted himself into the boat and did not appear to be inconvenienced by his extraordinary slipping or diving. Hanging to the side of the boat, he inhaled several times rapidly. Then just before he disappeared he filled his lungs to the utmost extent, and when he reached the bottom he took a crouching position by a coral head or rock, resting on his left leg, with the right extending behind. "The fish seemed very tame, and when they passed within reach the diver thrust his spear quickly into one, often sending it entirely through the fish and impaling it on the boat. Several of them were often taken before the dive ended. This diver thought nothing of remaining beneath the water two minutes and told some remarkable stories of the adventures of his ancestors in defying the elements. His grandfather, he claimed, was famous all over the island as a great shark hunter, and was once killed by a shark, and while he had killed a number of these animals he was never injured by one. "In shark hunting he was armed with a sharp stick of hard wood about four feet long and a long slender knife as sharp as it could be made, and when the shark was seen he boldly entered the water and waited. When the shark approached, he would lie perfectly quiet, but if it turned to seize him quick as a flash he dived and thrust the stick into the mouth of the shark by the animal's nostrils, and then he slipped up to the surface of the water by plunging the sharp knife into it and hauling it up, often literally haying it open with one stroke. Even this would not deter him from attacking the shark, and he would still attempt to seize the active enemy, who would grasp it by a fin and lay along side repeatedly still it. "Such an attack would result in a shark in its native element requires the greatest courage and must be the result of a peculiarly savage nature on the part of the diver. The man enter shark is a cumbersome, clumsy brute, turning slowly, except when excited, and it is an easy matter for a lithe, quick actioned man to slip beneath one. Sometimes the tables are turned and the shark becomes the aggressor, but instances of this kind in northern waters are rare. The most extraordinary instance occurred in Massachusetts here, and after several attempts sank a boat by falling on it and carried off the fisherman, the act being seen from the deck of a schooner lying not far away, whose crew were reported to have seen the shark.

STARS AND STRIPES ABROAD.

First American Flag Ever Unfurled in a Foreign Land. The first American flag that ever floated in a foreign port was hoisted by Captain Thomas Menéndez. This event took place in the spring of 1776 at Santa Fe, one of the neutral islands during the Revolutionary war. In the winter of 1775 Robert Morris, Esq. fitted out a schooner to procure arms, charted the brig Nancy at Wilmington, Del. The ensuing year she sailed for Puerto Rico under English colors and landed at San Antonio. From there she procured arms and ammunition by a contract previously made with the Spanish government. From there the brig sailed to different parts of the coast, and the national flag took in produce by day and munitions of war at night. These were sent from St. Esteban in small vessels. When the cargo was nearly complete information was received that independence had been declared and a description of the colors adopted. Morris, of course, was cheering news to the sailors, as they could not show their true colors and would not have to act clandestinely. The necessary material for the making of the flag was once procured, and the crew set to work to make work privately to make it. The young man was Thomas Menéndez, who afterward became a captain in the navy. The brig was under the command of St. Esteban. As the cargo was nearly complete information was received that independence had been declared and a description of the colors adopted. Morris, of course, was cheering news to the sailors, as they could not show their true colors and would not have to act clandestinely. The necessary material for the making of the flag was once procured, and the crew set to work to make work privately to make it. The young man was Thomas Menéndez, who afterward became a captain in the navy. The brig was under the command of St. Esteban.

The Autograph Collector.

The collector enjoys the varied and sometimes eventful experiences which befall him in obtaining his choicest specimens, and as visits to one of the great autograph dealers, searching in the archives of old mansions. Papers have been found under circumstances almost daily, but they are not the prizes awarded to the careless, the unskilled or un-systematic explorer. No; the most watchful and painstaking pursuit must be given to the clock, however slight, which is discovered. Every scene must be on the alert and the active interest of friends enlisted in the enterprise, whenever it is presented to do so the subject of autographs and manuscripts should be introduced, especially with new acquaintances. Things which others would pass by may be important to the autograph collector, and he will be hunting streets, with their miscellaneous stalls, and the stores of the waste paper and parchment dealers. Neither cobwebs nor dust have to be feared, for the collector is not afraid of them, and he will be hunting streets, with their miscellaneous stalls, and the stores of the waste paper and parchment dealers. Neither cobwebs nor dust have to be feared, for the collector is not afraid of them, and he will be hunting streets, with their miscellaneous stalls, and the stores of the waste paper and parchment dealers.

An Unfortunate Linguist.

John was an ambitious Chinaman. He had made money in Chinatown, San Francisco, and he had returned to his native town so thoroughly that he remained totally ignorant of English. He came to New York determined to avoid his fellow Chinamen, so that he might learn to speak English during his six months' stay in the metropolis. He took a room in an east side house, and he was very particular in his selection of his landlord, who allowed him to wait on customers in his little grocery store, and he never went near Pell or Mott street. After several months' residence in New York and many visits to his landlord, who ventured forth among his people, where he proceeded to give an exhibition of his proficiency in the English language, he was told to return to his native town, and he was told to return to his native town, and he was told to return to his native town.

Near at Hand.

"Call a policeman, quick!" he shouted. Biggs from the second story when he heard a suspicious noise in the attic. "There's one in the kitchen with the cook," screamed the second girl, who was possessed of the green eyed monster. Detroit Free Press.

"I am accounted quite a high roller," said he, waving his hand. "That may be," replied the bench, "but I notice you always have to fall back on me when you go broke just the same." New York World.

LYNCHING DIFFICULTIES.

Not Always Easy to Find a Tree on the Prairie. A blue shirted cavalcade came riding over the Nebraska prairie toward Hart Hendricks shack, which was like a lot of brown on an unweeded field. Gray, Hart Hendricks watched with interest and finally announced to his wife that the man in front was Jim Mullet and that some of the men were the owners of the horses. Jim Mullet rode out ahead of the others, who approached in a more leisurely fashion, as though their mounts were about exhausted. "Howdy, Hart!" he cried. "I want to borrow your wagon today." "I'll let you on the way to Gridley's," said Hart. "Left the wagon there, Howdy?" "Howdy? Pretty well, considerin'. Melba you've got a 2 by 4 scantling?" "Where in thunder'd a man get a 2 by 4 out of the heart of a prairie without even a tree in 80 miles? Howdy, Jim, anyway?" "I might know. We're going to hang Kirk, you know. Shot a hole into Miggs an' crippled him. We're going to hang him all over this here county lookin' for a tree an' can't find one. The boys got kinder tired an' allowed if they could get a wagon tongue an' beam they'd hang him down your well. Not so he'd read the water, you know. We'd be polite an' keener about any little thing like that. Didn't want to draw him. Don't want to shoot him. Water hang him. We'd get out to do it for the moral effect. Notbin' but hangin' will do. Melba you've got a bedstead that could be pulled apart so's the sides would make a good thing to go across the top of a well?" "No. The tick is set on two dry goods boxes. Table leg wouldn't do, would it?" "No. No. Well, the tick is set on your wagon, anyway, Hart. Howdy? We'll go on up to Blue Grass. It's only 18 miles, an' they use to be a cottonwood there by the creek, if it ain't been blowed over. Well, howdy, Hart. I know you're a good fellow, an' I wish as that you'd be glad to help us out of trouble."

CARE ON A WARSHIP.

HOW HIGH EXPLOSIVES ARE STORED ON A BRITISH VESSEL. Precautions That Are Taken to Prevent Accidents—The Magazines Are All Separate Iron and Steel Tanks Built Separately Into the Ship. The British navy has not been without its Maine disasters, though fortunately these have been unattended by any questions of foul play, and they have taught us a lesson. The last such catastrophe was in 1882, when the gunboat Dufferin was sunk and 145 lives lost through an explosion in one of her magazines. The cause of the great disaster has been paid to the storing of high explosives on board all the ships of our navy. The magazines are now huge iron tanks built separately from the ship, the sides, bottom and crown of these are made of thick steel plates weighing ten pounds to the square foot. These plates are lap jointed and strongly riveted. About any side of the back of a coal bunker is exposed, that side is built of plates that weigh 12½ pounds to the square foot. This additional strength is in order to prevent any explosion of coal gas that may occur in the bunker from tearing open the magazine. Further, the plating is stiffened with heavy bars that make all parts of the surface of equal strength. Should the magazine be placed near the engines or in any other place where there is a high temperature, it is coated with asbestos. Electricity is used for lighting purposes. All the lights are in what are called "light boxes," placed outside the light penetrating into the magazine itself in order to prevent any explosion of coal gas. The keys of these boxes are kept by the gunner of the ship. Near them is a stock of electric fuses, but in case the electric current should fail, Entrance to the magazine is from the top, but out of which is termed the handling room. The hatch of this is in line with the crown of the magazine, and the floor of the room is lead covered. For ventilating purposes air is pumped in at the bottom and passes out through a special constructed uptake, but on very dry days air is let into the magazine into order to prevent too much moisture accumulating on the cases and thus causing the powder to deteriorate. In an engagement the magazines would be kept closed down, so as to prevent the enemy's shot from entering them, and air would be pumped in or the men working inside would be kept in the handling room, but entering the magazine the men have to leave behind them their snipes, pipes and matches and to put on special boots that are studded with lead.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given that the subscriber, of Howard county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Howard county, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the personal estate of JOSHUA H. CROSS, late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the same, with vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of July next; or before the 8th day of July next, if they otherwise wish to be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Given under my hand this 24th day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. OLIVER P. CROSS, Administrator.

ORDER NISI. JOHN G. ROGERS, Assignee. ELIZABETH SEIDELL, Howard County. Ordered this 10th day of June, 1898, that the sale made and reported by Jno. G. Rogers, assignee of the real estate of Elizabeth Seidell, and husband, ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 15th day of July next; or before the 8th day of July next, if they otherwise wish to be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. The report states the amount of sale to be \$1,300. True copy—Test: J. H. OWINGS, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given that the subscriber of Howard county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Howard county, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the personal estate of JAMES T. HARDING, late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the same, with vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of July next; or before the 8th day of July next, if they otherwise wish to be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Given under my hand this 4th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. J. O. BIRD, Administrator.

True Copy—Test: ISAAC SCAGGS, Register of Wills for Howard County.

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