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Doctor Holmes to the Blind.

The following dedication was expressly written by Doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes for a good sized volume of selections from his poetical works, issued by the Howe Memorial Press of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, in Boston.

Dear friends, left darkling in the long eclipse
That veils the noonday—you whose finger-tips
A meaning in these ridgy leaves can find
Where ours go stumbling, senseless, helpless blind—
This wreath of verse how dare I offer you
To whom the garden's choicest gifts are due?
The hues of all its glowing beds are ours—
Shall you not claim its sweetest smelling flowers?
Nay, those I have I bring you: at their birth
Life's cheerful sunshine warmed the grateful earth:
If my rash boyhood dropped some idle seeds,
And here and there you light on saucy weeds
Among the fairer growths, remember still
Song comes of grace and not of human will;
We get a jarring note when most we try,
Then strike the chord we know not how or why.
Our stately verse with too aspiring art
Oft overshoots and fails to reach the heart,
While the rude rhyme one human throb endears
Turns grief to smiles and softens mirth to tears.

Kindest of critics, ye whose fingers read,
From Nature's lesson learn the poet's creed;
The queenly tulip flaunts in robes of flame,
The wayside seedling scarce a tint may claim,
Yet may the lowliest leaflets that unfold
A dewdrop fresh from heaven's own chalice hold.

THE FLIGHT OF A SOUL.

A Nebraska Man Who Thinks He Knows the Secret of Nature and Explains it.

A most remarkable discovery is reported from Lincoln, Neb. The disclosure consists in proving "by scientific means the existence of the human soul, laying bare the greatest secret of nature." The correspondent of the Chicago Tribune thus describes the astounding experiments, first, howeve., saying that for the sake of convenience the discoverer will be called Mr. Holland, a devout Christian, possessing a peculiar belief that the soul of man is a counterpart of the body itself, and in his theory of the dual man he sought the key of life and death.

His attention was first attracted to this, he says, by a man lying upon a sofa suffering with a pain in his foot, and yet there was no foot there to suffer, the leg having been amputated nearly to the hip. "For years," says Mr. Holland, "this incident ran through my mind, until at last I resolved upon an experiment. I procured the most powerful lenses I could find, and completed an invention of my own, and when I had my light arranged perfectly, so I could examine the microbes of the air, I called upon a friend who had lost his arm, and explained that I wanted him to put his imaginary hand where I directed. He laughingly accompanied me to my rooms and did as I desired. The moment I adjusted the glass a world of revelation broke upon me. The dual hand lay beneath my glass! I asked him to make letters with his imaginary finger. He did so, and to his wonder and astonishment I spelled out the sentences he wrote. That was conclusive evidence to me," continued Mr. Holland.

The second experiment was one of the greatest difficulty—that of watching the soul itself take flight. The friends of dying men would not allow experiments, and, indeed, it would have been a delicate matter to ask it. Hospitals afforded opportunities, but physicians and attendants had no faith in the experiments of the quiet gentleman, whom they no doubt alluded to as a "crank," so for nearly a year he was waiting and watching for a man ready to die.

The oppertunity came at last: a consumptive wanderer from the East sought relief in the Western air. He fell penniless, and was about to be taken by the authorities to the county poorhouse, when Mr. Holland interposed and had him removed to his own home, to nurse and watch him die. Through many long hours of the night Mr. Holland sat by the bedside of his charge, fanning the spark of life lest it should go out in the night, when all efforts at the experiment would be lost, and leaving orders by day with his wife to call him the moment the patient seemed to be sinking.

The fatal moment came about 10 a. m. Stretched upon a low bedstead, with the death rattle sounding in his throat, lay a young man, of perhaps, twenty-three years of age. Mr. Holland quietly motioned the correspondent to a seat, and continued watching the features of the dying man with silent interest. Presently he arose and adjusted the curtains of the window so that a flood of light fell aslant the dying man. He wheeled from a corner of the room what looked like a photographer's camera, arranged the lenses to a focus, and then produced a large lens of some twelve inches in diameter and placed it in grooves made to fit behind the apparatus. The back part was then covered with a black cloth so as to obscure the light, and from time to time, as the breathing of the man grew heavier, Mr. Holland made inspections of the instrument.

At precisely 11 1-2 o'clock a sudden tremor passed through the body, and he had ceased to breathe. Mr. Holland arose from the bedside, and said, in a whisper:

"Now is the time!"

Together Mr. Holland and the correspondent passed their heads under the blackcloth and bent their eyes intently upon the glass. Particles of dust in the air were magnified several thousand times, and for a time their motion kept a perfect dazzle upon the glass.

Then as the vapor gathers into clouds, so an object appeared to be forming a foot above the body upon the bed. Particle seemed to seek particle, as by some molecular attraction, until an object was clearly distinguishable. It seemed the vapory form of a man rapidly assuming a more perfect shape, pure and colorless as the most delicate crystal. There was a moment of awful stillness, and a feeling came over me which I can never describe. We bent our eyes intently upon the glass until, particle by particle, the shapely form of a man had formed and lay floating a foot above, moored to the body by a slender cord of its own formation. The face took the shape of the dead man, but was beautiful in expression. The eyes were closed, and the new-formed being seemed as if it were asleep.

Presently the cord that held it to the clay parted, and a gentle tremor passed through the beautiful form—beautiful indeed, for every limb was of the most perfect mould, such as earth has never beheld. The eyes of the spirit opened, and a ray of intelligence and of unspeakable joy passed over its face. It arose to a standing position, and cast one sorrowful look at the tenantless clay that lay so still.

I stepped from behind the darkened apparatus, and looked toward the spot where I knew the form was standing, but I beheld nothing. The earth reeled beneath me; I cried aloud, and fell fainting to the floor. When I again became conscious Mr. Holland was bending over me; his face was of an ashen paleness.

"I mistook your strength," he said; "perhaps I should not have called you here. We have seen natural causes and effects. Death is but the beginning of life. Be careful, though, to whom you tell the story of this day; the world is incredulous, and to that is mainly due its ignorance."

A mixture of one pound of charcoal, powdered, to four pounds of plaster of Paris, sprinkled under porches or in damp corners, will prove an excellent disinfectant. Chloride of lime is also good to be used for the same purpose.

Domestic Hints.

When ants make their way into a cellar, a little quicklime placed at the spot where they enter will destroy them.

Cockroaches have a decided dislike to borax, and if it is placed around their haunts, they will leave at once. Powdered borax should be used.

If a cellar has a damp smell, and cannot be thoroughly ventilated, a few trays of charcoal set around on the floor, shelves and ledges will make the air pure and sweet. If a large bucketful of charcoal be placed in a damp cellar where milk is kept, there will be no danger of it becoming tainted.

Grass stains come out best by using an application of soda and soap. Wet the spot, rub over it soap made soft in warm water, and as much common baking soda as will adhere; let it remain on the stain half an hour or more, then wash out in warm water. Whiting and soap will also remove grass stains.

Charcoal is one of the best agents for purifying foul water. If cistern water has an unpleasant odor from the cistern being too closely covered it may be made as sweet-smelling as when fresh by suspending in the water a muslin bag containing one or more pounds of charcoal, according to the size of the cistern.

Crape may be renovated by thoroughly brushing all dust from the material, sprinkling with alcohol, and rolling in newspaper, commencing with the paper and crape together, so that the paper may be between every portion of the material. Allow it to remain so until dry.

Ordinary flat embroidery may be pressed with a hot iron on the wrong side, laying the piece on a damp cloth; but as this treatment would ruin raised work, like ribbon embroidery, arrasene work, etc., a better way is to lay a wet towel on the table or the carpet; spread over this the piece of work right side up, and tack tightly to the floor, taking care to draw it tight enough to remove all wrinkles; let it dry in this position. Some draw work of this kind into shape by holding it over boiling water and steaming it, and then tack out on the carpet as described.

Fruits which are so healthful and cooling make dire stains on table linen and clothing. Such stains can be removed from white goods by pouring boiling water through them, provided that the spots have not been first wet in cold water. If they have or are of long standing and refuse to disappear before this simple treatment, dip them in water in which has been added chloride of lime in the proportion of one tablespoonful of the chloride to each quart of water. If the stains are very deep let the article remain in the water fifteen or twenty minutes, then hang in the sun without wringing. Fruit stains on colored goods are more serious matter. Boiling water is the best thing to use, for it will not injure the most delicate color or fabric. Other remedies take out the color, so it is well to attend to all such stains while they are fresh.—[Household.

A Famous Stage Robber.

Despatches from the Pacific slope announce the capture of a stage robber whose exploits read like fiction. He is known as William Smith and P. C. Welbush. His greatest exploit was in June, 1881, when he robbed the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express on the road from Sierraville to Truckee. He wore a mask with but one eyehole, tramped down the brush so he could see when the stage was coming, took his shotgun, and seating himself on a log awaited developments. They came first in the shape of a light wagon containing seven men, who drove up from behind Smith before he could get out of sight. He promptly pulled his gun on them, made them get out, take off their coats, surrender weapons, and then lift their wagon to one side, in the brush, where it would be out of sight of the stage driver. He then made the seven men stand where he could command them with his shooter, and again calmly took his seat on the log.

A driver and four-horse team came next, and the mule-whacker shared the fate of the others, pulling his team out of sight and joining the group of coatless mourners. Another team came along, and the driver also concluded to mingle with the audience, and got his outfit off the grade.

The little Dutchman was on hand cool and collected, and when the stage came up he stopped it, compelled the four passengers to join the gang, while the driver, through the influence of the shotgun, performed the arduous duty of breaking open the treasure box and mail sacks, and wrapping up the contents in a nice package for the robber. This thrilling performance lasted one hour and a half, during which thirteen men, sixteen horses and four vehicles performed at the muzzle of the Dutchman's little shotgun.

The last act closed by the thirteen men being loaded into the stage and started up the road with the admonition that no one should look back before the stage had traveled two miles, unless he wanted to die. The orders were obeyed, and Smith got away with his plunder. In August of the same year, in the same locality, he stopped the same driver and again made him break open the treasure box.

Fine Dwellings in Washington.

So much is heard about the magnificent houses which wealthy men in and out of public life have built in Washington that it is rather astonishing to see at what moderate value they are reckoned by the Washington assessors. Prof. Grahan Bell's much talked of residence is assessed at $72,460 and Gardner Hubbard, with one of the handsomest locations in town, pays out but $69,360. Among the other owners of new houses that rank among the finest in that city, we find that John Hay's house, still unfinished, is assessed at $44,017; Bancroft, the historian, in down for $36,691; Col. Jerome Bonepart, $41,783; $34,177; Congressman Lyman, $33,000; Senator McPherson, $27,474; Senator Morrill, $29,293; Gen. Meigs, $20,242; N. G. Ordway, $26,150; Minister Pendleton, $31,929; Justice Strong, $25,100; Senator Van Wyck, $25,639; Chief Justice Waite, $28,313; ex-Senator Windom, $33,042; Mme. Iturbide, widow of the Mexican Prince, $33,117; Admiral Porrer, $19,740, and his wife, $34,895. The estate of Thomas J. Durant, Union Pacific fame, is assessed for $50,505.

Some of Burdette's Musings.

TEAR JUGS FOR THREE.

Joaquin Miller, telling how he and Bret Harte stood at the grave of Dickens, says: "His left hand sought mine in silence and his eyes filled with tears. We had never been friends before." But this wasn't the most wonderful part of it. After Bret and Joaquin went away, Dickens got out of his grave and cried, too.

UNNATURAL HISTORY.

Teacher—Now, these specimens are vertebrates. Those having no backbone are called what? Tolerably Good Boy—Mugwumps. Teacher—No; next scholar. Real Good Boy—Invertebrates. Teacher—Correct; and to what class does man belong? Little Johnny Goff—Inebriates. (He got five good marks all across the spine of his back.)

SUPPOSIN'.

Suppose a molder, or a carpenter, or a stone cutter keeps house, and he hires a woman to cook and do general housework; suppose this woman strikes for eight hours' work a day and extra pay—say a price and a half—for making up beds and cooking meals on Sunday; suppose that we admit that what is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose; suppose—but this is a question that belongs to the Knights of Labor; suppose they take hold of it and ponder over it and give us their honest opinion on the subject of "eight hours a day's work" all round.

Information for the Professor.

Old Prof. Gasaway one night last week was disturbed by the ringing of his door bell. Hastily enveloping his figure in a dressing gown he threw open a window, and, sticking out his head, asked what was the cause of the disturbance.

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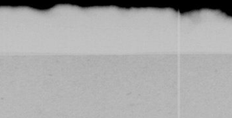
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