

**ALFRED AUSTIN'S LATEST POEM**

England's Poet Laureate's View of the War in the Far East.

The Independent in its current number publishes the following lines by Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate of England:—

**NECESSITY.**

Still surging, surging onward,  
Waves behind, wave before,  
Human billow-battalions rolling to War's  
Insatiate shore,  
Curving, swerving, breaking, reforming,  
Ever replenished tide,  
Wending, they know not whither or why,  
To die as their kin have died,  
From wailing matron and weeping maid  
In famishing homes afar;  
Rootless, sleepless, heedless, lifeless,  
Doing the will of the Tsar.

But, sloughing the raiment of graceful  
peace, and winged with the scales of  
war,  
And grafting on thoughts and things that  
were the things and the thoughts that  
are,  
An ancient people, impelled by wrath at  
smart of a triple wrong,  
Than doggedly dauntless yet dauntless  
more, than colossal strength more  
strong.

Scale peaks and passes, and clamber up  
cliffs that only the thunders know,  
Till the granite Muscovite ranks are shat-  
tered, and scattered like drifting snow,  
And the strong young son of yet young  
age keeps watch, but with war flag  
furled,  
And British sentinels motionless stand at  
"the fortress gates of the world,"  
While Nemesis nears from plumed port  
with narrowing knots of steel.

And the prowling stork slugs snowward  
more, with the feet of Fate at its heel;  
And high in heaven rights Right Divine,  
Still weilds the sceptre and rod,  
And worshippers throng to Buddhist  
shrines praising the will of God,  
Chateau D'Oex, Switzerland.

**AN EMINENT MAN.**

By James Bryce Looks.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 30.—The Bryce lecture was not very interesting, although it was interesting to see the man. He is a small man, about sixty-five years old, with a very large head, most of which seems to protrude backward and to slant upward and backward from his high forehead. He is bald on top, with that sort of white hair and beard which sometimes turns yellow. He has very bushy eyebrows of the same color, is round shouldered, very nicely dressed, and has quite a distinct Irish accent which I had expected. He is a distinct speaker, though very quiet and absolutely unemotional. He has a high nasal voice, but he expresses himself in very good English and can be easily heard.

The lecture was one of a course of free lectures donated by the friends of Godkin, the editor, and known as the "Godkin Lectures on Government." For this reason the first lecture was largely an introduction and a description of Godkin and his work. That part of it was interesting, as was also that part of it in which he expressed his ideas of the ethics of journalism and of the power of the press.

**\$75.30 FOR CONSCIENCE.**

"Isidor Jonas," Assumed Name, Sends Sum to Tax Department, Following Annual Custom.

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—As a contribution to the conscience fund of the city, \$75.30 was received yesterday by Colonel David E. Austin, of the Tax Department, on account of personal taxes. Following is a copy of the letter accompanying the money: "For conscience fund I enclose post office money order to your favor for \$75.30 for personal taxes, 1904, on \$5,000 (all that the city is entitled to collect), \$75.67, less rebate to Dec. 1, 37 cents.

"ISIDORE JONAS (name assumed)." In the city directory the address of Isidor Jonas is given as No. 68 St. Mark's place. Upon inquiry there, however, it was stated that no person of that name lived in the house. Colonel Austin said a like communication and enclosure has been received by the Tax Department regularly for several years.

**"RAFFLES" IN REAL LIFE.**

Electric Light Wire Killed Amateur Cracksmen.—Dead Man was Popular in Fashionable Society of Montgomery, Ala.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 1.—The body of James H. Hendricks, a young man well known in fashionable society of Montgomery, was found on the roof of the front veranda of the American National Bank Building at daybreak this morning.

He had been killed by contact with an electric light wire leading to the arc light in the main room of the bank. A full set of burglar tools was found nearby. The dead man lay on the roof near the edge, a pair of uninsulated pliers on the ground just below him, indicating that he had met death while trying to cut the wire. He had received 4,500 volts directly through his body.

A stick of dynamite was in the outside pocket of the dead man's coat, with a pistol and glass-cutter. The only mark on the body was a small black spot inside the right hand, made, it is supposed, by the deadly electric fluid.

DEAD MAN IN MILITARY DRESS. The dead man had on a military coat, a pair of light shoes, a small black cap and a blue shirt. All these things, save the shirt, belonged to other members of the Montgomery Greys, with which he was identified.

The civilian's suit of young Hendricks, the dead man, was found in his locker at the Grey's Armory.

At the back of the building, suspended by a piece of rope brought from the armory of the Greys, were the burglars' tools. Close by were a blanket and a heavy coat.

The supposition is that there were two men plotting to rob the bank. They went back to the rear of the building, and found that there might be a chance to enter at that point. One remained there, while the other went forward to cut wires and put out the light in the main room of the building, which shed a bright light on the safe near the front window. It is thought that when no one returned after the light was extinguished the man waiting in the rear came forward, saw the body of Hendricks and fled.

**POPULAR AND HAD MONEY.**

Hendricks has always been one of the popular young men of the city. He has had a host of friends and made money enough to keep him comfortably. His relatives are well-to-do, and there was apparently no reason for him to turn thief. He had called only last Sunday night on some young women in company with Arthur Tyson, a clerk in the bank, where he was found dead this morning.

The dynamite found on the person of Hendricks was sufficient in quantity to have blown up the building in which the bank is located, if it had been placed in the door of the safe.

**ENOUGH DYNAMITE TO KILL CRACKSMEN.**

It is quite likely that not only the door would have been blown off, but the amateur cracksmen killed as well. The burglars' tools were new. They consisted of a brace and bit, an instrument used in the boring of dial plates on the combinations of safes and a number of smaller instruments.

Friends of Hendricks profess to believe he was a victim of foul play—that he was killed and placed on the roof where his body was found. Their theory is that some one was trying to get into the bank and was discovered by Hendricks, and that to save the criminals he was killed and his body placed in a position to divert suspicion from themselves.

**COCONUT A FRUIT.**

Forty Million Annually Imported into the United States.

The mooted question whether the coconut is officially regarded as a "nut" or a "fruit" has been settled by a report on coconuts recently made by the Department of Agriculture. Although known as a nut, the department characterizes it as "a tropical fruit." The report says in part: "With the exception of a few hundred dollars worth grown annually in Florida, no coconuts are produced in continental United States. A tropical fruit grown almost exclusively on islands and in tropical countries bordering upon the sea, there is little territory in the United States properly adapted to its cultivation. The large quantities of coconuts and their products consumed in this country are practically all imported.

With the acquisition of territory after the close of the Spanish-American war there came into the possession of the United States a number of islands upon which coconut production is a considerable economic factor. In the Philippines it not only plays an important part in the domestic economy of the people but the exportation of crops (dried meat of the coconut) constitutes one of the largest items of their export trade, returning to the archipelago from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 a year. In the small island of Tutuila, of the Samoan group, coconuts are the chief article of export, upward of 500 tons being shipped out annually. In Porto Rico the area in coconuts in 1899, according to the census, was 5447 acres. From none of these possessions, however, does the United States receive an important part of its heavy imports of coconuts and their products.

"These nuts and their products are imported into the United States principally in three forms, as coconuts in the shell, as copra, broken meat, desiccated and not desiccated, and as coconut oil. Of these by far the most important, as measured by value, is coconut oil, the deliveries from custom houses and warehouses for consumption in the United States in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, having been 40,974,800 pounds, valued at \$2,494,442. These were the heaviest imports of coconut oil ever made into the United States, the previous high record having been in 1894-1895, when the quantity delivered for consumption amounted to 31,720,014 pounds, valued at \$1,810,208.

The principal uses to which this oil is put in the United States is in blending with other oils in the manufacture of soap, in confectionery, medicinal preparations, food compounds, for the preparation of textiles and for other purposes."

**SLEW BROTHER TO MARRY HIS WIFE.**

Arrest Three Years After Murder at Bridgeville Reveals Strange Charge.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 3.—Charged with killing his brother in order that he might marry the latter's wife, Joseph Gascois, of Bridgeville, was to-day lodged in the county jail to await trial. He was arrested at his home, presided over by the woman whose husband, Charles Gascois, is alleged to have been murdered by his brother, her husband. Gascois and his sister-in-law have been married two years.

Charles Gascois was killed more than three years ago. Last week Joseph Shimmoel was arrested for the crime. He told at his hearing that Gascois, brother, having been enamored of his sister-in-law, had shot Charles. He said that the plan had been confided to him prior to the commission of the crime.

**A NECESSARY EXCEPTION.**

"My boy," said the fond father, "shape your life by this motto, 'Never give up.'"

"But, pa," replied the ambitious youngster, "I hope to be a big trust magnate some day."

"You may be, my son, if you'll only never give up."

"But what'll I do when the campaign collectors come around?"

**FREAK OF HUMANITY**

Buried Cats by Husband's Grave.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 3.—The question of the right of a cemetery plot owner to bury his dog, cat or other pet animal in his ground has been settled, as far as cats are concerned, by Justice Newmayer, of Baltimore county, who, when Mrs. Sarah Rice was brought before him charged with burying her two cats beside her husband, the late Theodore H. Rice, he dismissed the case.

For two months the residents of Parkville, three miles beyond Hamilton, on the Hartford road, where the cemetery is in which repose in close proximity the bodies of Mrs. Rice's husband and cats, have been much exercised over Mrs. Rice's action, which they term a desecration. Every means of persuasion was tried upon Mrs. Rice. Other lot-owners protested to the trustees of the cemetery, which is located in the church yard of the Hiss Methodist Episcopal church. The members of the congregation tried to use their influence, but Mrs. Rice is a Baptist and their wishes carried very little weight with her.

Mrs. Rice says that her cats were very dear pets, and she cannot understand why the people are opposed to the presence of their bodies in the cemetery.

Although the cats' bodies have lain in the cemetery for more than two months and all efforts to have them removed have failed, the people of the vicinity have not become reconciled, and they still hope that their persistent appeals to Mrs. Rice will be heeded.

Another feature of the case, in which the neighbors are not, however, so much concerned, is the fact, admitted by Mrs. Rice, that she killed the cats because after her husband's death she decided to move to the city, where she thought they would not get along so well with the alley cats with which they would be thrown in contact. She could find no one in the country who would give the pets the kind treatment which they had enjoyed at her hands, so she poisoned them and gave them the best burial she could afford. In the extenuation of her conduct Mrs. Rice cited to the complainants that she knew of a case of a dog being buried in a cemetery.

**THE ANCIENTS KNEW SYSTEM OF SHORTHAND.**

Shorthand was known to the ancients, though it is impossible to trace the system to its source.

Ennius, the Roman poet, is said to have improved upon an already existing system. He was a friend of Scipio, and was born B. C. 129. Seneca also made it a hobby.

Origen, the Greek father and mystic, who was born about 186, and was a voluminous writer, says in the course of his commentary on St. John: "The absence of my shorthand writers prevents me from dictating my meditations." We are told, too, that he allowed shorthand writers to take down his extempore homilies.

In the tenth century Greek and Roman stenography gradually died out, and the art did not revive until the beginning of the seventeenth century. During this long interval several systems of quick writing were evolved, such as that of Dr. Timothy Bright in 1588, who had a separate sign for every word. Some of these almost rivaled shorthand in rapidity.—Pearson's Weekly.

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**DISFIGURED FOR LIFE BY CURE-ALL.**

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 3.—Her face so badly burned that she is almost unrecognizable to her friends, Mrs. Millie Prior, of East Fifth South street, is a pitiable example of the dangers which