

Jacob grown a tall, awkward boy, ran smiling and hallooing towards them.

The first words, however, that the old woman uttered proved to Mr Ashe that his secret was known, and the shrinking appearance, in spite of their welcome, of the neighbours told the same tale.

"You be over and over again welcome," said Betty; "I've been looking out for the whole day to see Master and his children once again—who would ever have thought it! Ah! so my poor husband's gone then, after all his troubles, and mine too. What a strange world 'tis!"

With tears and kisses and exclamations Betty hurried them into the well remembered cottage, where they found all sorts of comforts provided for them; above all, Betty had not forgotten the famous and favourite *Bakewell cakes*, of great repute in the neighbourhood, and everything seemed as if Mr. Ashe had only quitted his domicile the day before. His landlady, now his housekeeper, for he had bought the house, came forward with her usual friendly greetings, but Mr. Ashe, fearful lest a premature disclosure should too strongly affect Edward, drew old Betty aside, and entreated her to be cautious on his account.

"Swain did not tell me he had informed you of all," said he, "and I was too much agitated to inquire: I have been imprudent in deferring the information to my children, and it must now be done with caution."

"Dear souls, they think me still their mother, then," said he, "well, I never told them even when I thought they were Swain's children by his first wife—so you see I can keep a secret."

Mr Ashe soon found it necessary to communicate the circumstances of their near relationship to himself and Ellen, who, astonished, and scarcely able to define her feelings, undertook to break the news to her brother.

"My intention was," said their father, "to have left you both in ignorance, and that the secret should have remained undivulged till my death, when the facts would have come to light; but everything combines to render it necessary now, and my own feelings are the more gratified, though I dread the effect on you both."

"Our affections could scarcely have been increased for you, nor can it diminish to our tender mother, for such she has indeed been," answered Ellen; and for Edward I will answer for his hearing the joyful intelligence calmly. He will recover—for his eyes are brighter, and his cheek more healthy of late—do you not think so, father?"

Mr Ashe concealed his tears, for he too perceived a change in Edward; but, alas! he thought it not for the better. He bore the communication with less emotion than they feared might be the case—his nerves were quieter, and he was on the whole composed as he received his father's blessing.

It was now recommended that he should try the baths, and during August and September they sojourned, with Betty Swain as his nurse, sometimes at Buxton and sometimes at Matlock, till at the latter beautiful, romantic valley of rocks, he seemed to rally, and their hopes revived. Mr Ashe and Ellen had one day left him with her, who was still his mother, sitting on a seat on the sunny lawn, beneath the shade of a spreading tree, which adorns the charming gardens of the Old Well. Here he loved to rest and gaze tranquilly on the magnificent and singular scenery around: the huge High Tor rising in majestic dignity above the tops of the forests, and peering over the rocky valley where the little town lies hidden: the wild rugged peaks of the Hay Tors, extending their turreted forms, clothed with venerable ivy and luxuriant shrubs, nearly to their summits, along the banks of the dark, clear torrent which runs murmuring past the snow-white cottages which gleam from between the clustering woods—all he saw breathing peace and security, in the midst of the wildest scenes of nature.

Here he remained for hours every day, while Ellen and her father sometimes climbed the heights of Abraham, or wandered amongst the solemn shades of the Druid's cavern, immediately behind the town. They were ascending a somewhat steep walk, and had just reached an open space where a fine view burst upon them, when their names were uttered by a well-known voice, and Ellen beheld Sir Lionel beside them. The sudden blush, and the tremor that seized her as she gave him her hand, betrayed the pleasure with which she once more beheld him; and as her father introduced her as his daughter, the delighted expression of the young man's face told that he understood the sign which had been agreed upon between him and his uncle if he might hope.

"Neither Ellen Swain, nor Miss St. Clair, but Ellen Ashe, your cousin, welcomes you to our retreat," said her father—"let us all go back to Edward, and make him happy in our meeting."

"I have already seen him," returned Sir Lionel, "and rejoice to observe his improved appearance; it was he who sent me to seek you, and bade me hasten your return."

From that time Sir Lionel formed one of their party, and they did not separate till Ellen had fulfilled her father's promise, and given her hand to one so worthy of her. But, alas! joy comes not alone; they had quitted Derbyshire for a milder climate when the cold weather approached, and had arrived at Cheltenham, where they proposed passing the winter, when the close of their cherished invalid's career drew on.

He breathed his last in the arms of his adopted mother, with all those he loved beside him; what death more happy! but that humanity will grieve to lose that which is so dear, there was nothing to regret, nothing to wish for—yet there were.

"Tears and breaking hearts for him," and only time had power to soften the poignancy of their affliction.

If the traveller who goes to Paris by the Rouen railroad, is tempted to pause midway in one of the most attractive spots which that delicious *trajet* can offer, he will be sure to observe, not far from the station, a neat little hotel, fitted up for the very purpose of luring the stranger from the direct line. It has green *jalousies*, and its open windows are shaded with white muslin curtains, crossed with crimson drapery, tastefully disposed; there are rows of flowers in pots before the door, and a green seat, where several happy looking guests are generally reposing, not unfrequently sipping lemonade or *bonne double burre de Mars*.

At the *porte cochere* may be observed an elderly woman, whose countenance has something of comic archness about it, as she sits knitting, with her petticoat over her head in the fashion of a cloak—she is evidently not French, but by the accent in which she calls to a fresh-coloured, dark-browed, bustling, handsome young woman in a red skirt and purple apron, and high, blue Norman head-dress, it might be concluded that her father-land was the Emerald Isle, and if you required an explanation of the cheerful, rosy, bright-eyed landlady, he would tell you that he was Arthur Conner, and present you to his laughing Norman wife, and his Irish mother.

The End.

Illustrated Magazine.

CURE FOR LYING

From an article on "England forty years ago," we extract the following laughable scene.

On one occasion a country Clodhopper, thought he had devised a plan of turning the laugh against a travelling Doctor. He mounted the Stage, and on being questioned as to his disorder—he made the following rejoinder.—

On one occasion, a great gawky lumbering clodhopper thought he had devised a mode of turning the laugh against the doctor. He mounted the stage, and on being questioned as to his disorder, said, very gravely, "Why, I'm a liar."—"Sad disorder, sir, but perfectly curable," said the doctor. "Well, but (said the man), I've a worse nor that, I've lost my memory."—"Quite curable also," added the doctor, "but I must make my preparations. Come again after dinner, and I will be ready for you; but pay down five shillings." The man, who had intended to have his fun gratis, resisted, but the doctor declared he never let any one down from the stage till he had paid something. "Besides, (said the doctor) how can I trust you; you say you are a liar, and have no memory; so you will either break your promise or forget all about it." A loud laugh from the crowd expressed their acquiescence in the justice of the claim, and the poor devil, *volens volens*, was compelled to lay down the cash. No one supposed he would come again, but the fool still hoped that he might turn the tables, and presented himself at the appointed hour. The doctor received him with great gravity, and addressing the audience, said, "Gentlemen may think it a joke, but I assure them on the honor of a gentleman, that it is a very serious affair; and I hereby engage to return the money, if the bystanders do not acknowledge the cure, and that I am fairly entitled to the reward." The man sat down—was furnished with a glass of water—the doctor produced a box of flattened black pills; and to show that the were perfectly innocent, affected to swallow three or four himself. He then gave one to the man, who after many wry faces, *bit into it*—started up, spitting and sputtering, and exclaimed, "why hang me, if it isn't cobbler's wax!" Yes, it is true that the doctor had procured his pills at a neighbouring cobbler's stall!—"There," said the doctor lifting up both hands, "did any body ever witness so sudden, so miraculous a recovery? He is evidently cured of lying, for he has told truth instantly; and as to memory! my good fellow said he, (patting him on the back) if you ever forget this, call on me, and I'll return you the money."

THE MYSTERY OF LIFE.

MYSTERIOUS oft it seems to me,
How I a being came to be,
Since, through the myriad years gone by,
Suns rose and set, yet lived not I.

Streams flowed, birds sung—the earth, the sea,
Were in their motions fixed or free;
Each part was portion of a whole—
Yet I was not a living soul.

Of countless millions that have been,
No record lives, nor trace is seen;
Yet earth is green, the heavens are blue,
As they with death had naught to do.

And now I live, and breathe, and move—
Life with its wondrous powers to prove;
A wake to knowledge of things past,
In life—a life not long to last.

All natures, since the world began,
Are subject to the mind of man;
Knowledge in insect, flower and stone—
I learn all natures but my own.

The undiscovered, undefined,
In regions of the heart and mind;
Where the wing of thought has never soared,
Realms by the poet unexplored.

Revolving these—to ear, heart, eye,
Mysterious seems it man should die;
So like a God, in soul supreme,
Yet evanescent as a dream.

Days, years, pass on—and I am not—
Like myriads heretofore forgot;
A speck of life, a mound of earth,
Extinct as I had never birth.

A leaf, now green, now dark, now sear,
A drop of dew, a human tear:
A wandering wind that moans, then sleeps,
A rain drop in the boundless deeps.

Ages in light sweet flowers will blow
Above, whilst I am dust below;
And "joy and beauty hand in hand"
Make Eden of the living land.

O God! and wilt thou never more
This life, resumed, again restore?
Can that which knows there is a God
Again be nothing but a clod?

Great Animator of this dust!
O breathe in me sublimer trust
Than that which, grovelling, sinks to steep
This ending life, in endless sleep!

My bed in dust and deepest night
Thy word can fill with heavenly light;
And make the flowers about my grave
With a triumphant beauty wave.

Thy word can wake heaven's bow, to span
With radiant arch the grave of man;
Can fill with promise bright the void—
The doubt, the dread to be destroyed.

This flesh may crumble, and this bone
In dust on wildest winds be strown,
But at thy call shall wing its way—
Death shall be life, and darkness day.

Provincial Legislature.

NEW TIMBER EXPORT LAW.

An Act relating to the collection of Duty on Timber and other Lumber.

Whereas, in consequence of the alteration of protective duties upon Colonial Timber, and other circumstances affecting its value, it is thought reasonable and just to reduce the rates of tonnage duty on Timber and Lumber cut upon Crown Lands, and to adopt a less difficult and expensive mode for its collection: And whereas also it is considered necessary for the purpose of sustaining the Public Revenues, that a small duty should be imposed upon all Timber and Lumber shipped from this Province;

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the day appointed for this Act to come into operation, there be imposed, and there is hereby imposed upon all Timber, Masts, Pine Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber, or Scantling, shipped from this Province, the following rates of duty, that is to say:—
For every forty cubic feet of Pine Timber, the sum of one shilling;

For every forty cubic feet of Spruce, Juniper or Hard Wood Timber, Masts or Spars the sum of nine pence.

For every thousand superficial feet of Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or scantling, the sum of one shilling;
Provided always and be it further enacted, that the duty imposed by this section shall not be payable upon the exportation of any Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling which shall have been cut upon Crown Lands under a licence from the Lieut. Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, before this Act shall come into operation, nor upon any Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling cut upon granted Lands within this Province, and actually carried to the Port of shipment before this Act shall come into operation, and the duties hereby imposed shall be remitted as hereinafter provided.

II. And be it enacted, That at the time appointed for this Act to come into operation, it shall be the duty of all persons owning any Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling fit for exportation, and who may claim the same to be exported free of duty, to cause a particular account of the same to be taken and certified under the hand of the Seizing Officer of the district in which such Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling may be; which account shall be filed in the office of the Surveyor General of this Province, and a duplicate thereof shall be filed in the office of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer at the Port or district where such Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling, may be shipped; and upon the exportation of Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling, by the person who may have had such Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling on hand, although the Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling so exported may not be the identical Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling mentioned in the accounts aforesaid, all duties imposed by this Act upon Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling, to the extent of the quantity so taken an account of, shall, on shipment of the quantity so taken an account of, be remitted by the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, and an endorsement thereof made by him upon such duplicate account to be taken and filed in the office of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer; which account shall be transmitted with the other accounts of exportation of Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber and Scantling, to the Secretary of the Province.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall in all cases be the duty of the shippers or the exporters from this Province, of Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber, or Scantling, and they are hereby respectively required to render to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

of the Port or place of shipment within this Province, a just and true statement, on oath, before such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, who is hereby authorized and required to administer such oath, of all the Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling that shall be shipped on board of any ship or vessel for exportation, and at the same time to pay the duty thereon, which is imposed by the first section of this Act, (except such as is entitled to a remission of duty,) into the hands of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

IV. And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall make a false report or manifest of the quantity of Timber, Masts, Spars, Saw Logs, Sawed Lumber or Scantling entered for exportation, shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, to be recovered and levied in the name of Her Majesty and for Her Majesty's use.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any consignee, shipper or owner of any Timber, Lumber or other Wood, liable to the payment of any duty or duties under the provisions of this Act, that shall or may, after the passing of this Act, be laden on board of any ship or vessel, or the master or commander thereof respectively, in this Province, to clear such ship or vessel so laden or having on board such Timber, Lumber or other Wood, at the Custom House of any Port within this Province, until such consignee, shipper or owner shall have first paid such duties, and have procured and obtained from the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the Port or place where such Timber, Lumber or other Wood shall be shipped or laden, a certificate that the duties payable on the Timber, Lumber or other Wood, liable as aforesaid, and so laden on board of such ship or vessel, have been paid agreeably to the provisions of this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any such consignee, shipper or owner shall presume to clear any ship or vessel at any Custom House within this Province, having on board any Timber, Lumber or other Wood, liable to the payment of any duties under the provisions of this Act, or to sail or depart with such ship or vessel from any Port or place within this Province, without first paying such duties into the hands of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the Port or place of shipment, agreeably to the provisions of this Act, such consignee, shipper or owner, shall be subject and liable to a penalty for each and every offence of not less than three pounds, nor more than one hundred pounds, at the discretion of the Court before whom such offender or offenders shall be prosecuted; which penalty, with costs of suit, shall be recovered in an action of debt in any Court or Tribunal in this Province competent to try the same, upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, at the suit of the Province Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the Port or place of shipment; three fourth parts of which penalty shall, when received, be paid into the hands of the Province Treasurer as part of the Revenues of the Province, and the residue to the informer or person prosecuting for the same.

VII. And in order to secure the payment of the duties imposed by this Act on "Timber, Lumber and other Wood that shall or may hereafter be exported from "this Province," Be it enacted, That before any consignee, shipper or owner of any Timber, Lumber or other Wood shall ship or load, or cause to be shipped or laden, on board of any ship or vessel, any Timber, Lumber or other Wood liable to duty under this act, such consignee, shipper or owner shall give a Bond to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, conditioned for the payment to the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the Port or place of shipment, with good and sufficient security, to the satisfaction of such Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer in the penal sum of one hundred pounds, conditioned for the payment of all the Duties payable on any Timber, Lumber or other Wood that shall be so shipped or laden on board any such ship or vessel, prior to such ship or vessel being cleared at the Custom House of the Port or place of shipment or to such ship or vessel sailing from the place or places of lading.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any Timber, Lumber or other Wood liable to the duties under the provisions of this Act, shall be shipped or laden on board of any ship or vessel at any Port or place in this Province, prior to the giving of such bond or security required by the seventh section of this Act, the consignee, shipper or owner of such Timber, Lumber or other Wood so shipped contrary to the provisions of this Act, shall be subject and liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, nor less than two pounds, for each and every offence, in the discretion of the Justice or tribunal before whom prosecuted; which penalty, together with the costs of suit, shall or may be recovered upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County or City and County in which such Timber, Lumber or other Wood shall be so shipped or laden, at the suit of the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of the Port or place of shipment, by action of debt, in like manner, and under the like proceedings with the like costs as small debts are recoverable, before one Justice of the Peace, by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intitled *An Act to regulate proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits*, three fourth parts of which penalty, when received, shall be paid into the hands of the Province Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as part of the Revenues of the Province, and the residue to the informer or person prosecuting for the same.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation until the first day of May next, and shall be and continue in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord 1840.