

Poetry.

WATERLOO BANQUET SONG.*

The Soldier Chief of England
His banquet board hath spread,
In honor of our living brave!

* Suggested by a sight of Mr. Salter's imposing picture of this splendid feat, in progress of publication by Mr. Moon.

Miscellaneous.

FOX HUNTING IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE.

The vanity of the French—that ruling principle in their national character, which leads them to estimate everything which their country produces as infinitely superior to every other in the world—prevents them from adopting many of the comforts and substantial improvements which have been the results of experience and wisdom in other countries, and also from participating in the enjoyments of their more active and manly amusements.

The church and the ancient aristocracy of France, (which, but for their own narrow policy and consummate folly, might still have remained to guard her,) are now gone; and each individual who aspires to wear the emblem of dependence, the laurel-wreath entwined for him by the fickle fancy of the moment, must, if he wishes to retain the unsteady sceptre, bear well in mind the ruling fable of the people whom he would govern; and upon it, as the only restive place among the shoals and whirlpools which surround him, threatening him each moment with destruction, lay the foundation of all his actions; and he may, for a long, a very long period, rule over the most capricious nation on the face of the globe.

But what has all this moralizing to do with fox-hunting? Why, it has more than may at first appear; for, although the French do ape us in many matters, still their confounded vanity prevents them doing so to the letter; and, consequently, they bungle and destroy, where they might, were they less conceited, have be-

come worthy and successful imitators—and so it is in fox-hunting.

The notions which the French have regarding this true English sport, are so very antiquated, that they are, in all probability, derived from some fox-hunting cavaliers who accompanied Charles II. in his exile; for I imagine that it was before, or about that period, that their practices existed in England, if they were ever known here at any time.

Long ago, in England—
Our Squires of old would rouse the day
To the sound of the bugle-horn;—
and, upon the same principle which led them to do so, I suppose the French act in the present day; and no arguments, no expostulations drawn from the practice in the land of fox-hunting, will induce them to alter or improve their mode of going to work.

I have seen one or two dogs good enough to have held a respectable place, even in an English pack; but the generality are good for nothing. They never hunt with what we should call courage; but pouter about like a parcel of pigs in an Indian corn field. Often have I been amused by observing some of them, when unable to pick up the scent, sit down on their hindquarters, and, with their noses in the air, composedly "bow-wow" away at the skies, instead of endeavouring to recover it, forgetting the very maxim of the politicians—Aide toi, but one cannot, considering their training, blame them for this.

Upon arriving at the wood, we found the assembled host, "on dreadful thought incant," waiting anxiously for the coming of the object of all their hopes and wishes. We pleaded hard that twenty or thirty minutes' law should be given him. But, no; the hounds were to be slipped upon him the moment that he started. The basket was set down, and the lid lifted; when I observed that the fox was attached, by a chain, to the inside, (which would somewhat have deranged my plan of upsetting the basket upon the landes,) and he was so fierce that they could hardly untie it.

But to my astonishment, they had resolved to make a dandy of him; and, for that purpose had adorned his neck with a huge collar, with loads of small bells attached to it. This was horrid! In fact, he only wanted the tea canister to his tail, to complete his costume. The chain being unloosed, he went off in great style, his bells jingling like those of a post horse; and, before he had made a hundred yards, away went the dogs after him.

Breaking from the patch of wood, to which he had made at first, he was headed in the next alley, into another division; and thus it continued, for about twenty minutes, out of one square into another; until, at last, being driven into a corner and mobbed, he was either killed by the dogs, or frightened to death by the hubbub.

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Scampering up and down the alleys or upon the road, and bawling and shouting, afford great amusement to the hunters; but of leaping or going across the country, they are guiltless. The shots are frequently as likely to take effect upon some of the party as upon the ill used fox; and one day, a cantonnier, at work upon the road, was all but struck by a ball fired in the wood.

Sometimes, when they run a fox to ground, they unearth him, and turn him out on some other day. Upon one occasion, they thus acquired as fine a fox as I ever saw; and we, the English, had some hopes of having a good day's sport with him. There is some very pretty country for riding across, in the valley to the south-west of Pau, abounding in fences, but none of a very difficult nature; and we urged the master of the hounds to unbag him there; but our entreaties could not overcome their insurmountable objection to leaping, and the master resolved to turn him loose in the same place where he was found—their favourite haunt, the Bois de Pau. This fox was a fine catch for them; for, not satisfied with admiring each others' feats of noisy brawling and hardy daring in the field, they were determined that the fair sex should have an opportunity of admiring their achievements.

Secure of finding a fox, and their gallantry forbidding them to disturb the ladies at so early an hour as their usual hour of starting, eleven o'clock was the hour fixed upon, and the ever-lasting wood the place of rendezvous. Another friend and myself were among the last of leaving Pau, to join the feast of this eventful day; and in crossing the extensive lands which separate the town from the wood, we overtook the individual who, in a basket upon his head, was conveying the fox. Of course, we were much disgusted at the mode of proceeding; and I voted for upsetting the basket, and giving poor Reynard his liberty, at least a couple of miles from the wood, when he would, perhaps, have taken an opposite direction to it, and the hounds being brought and laid upon the scent, we, in all probability, would, for once, have seen something to bring home to our recollection. But my sagacious plan was overruled, and the man and his burden were allowed to proceed in the even tenor of their way.

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Follow who can—oh, then! oh, then!

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Mons. Dupont, the proprietor, who is a very polite person, frequently invites the English at Pau to come, and have a few days' hunting with him, and (which is rather unusual for a Frenchman) he never fails to give them one or two most excellent dinners.

Wolf and hare hunting are his favourite amusements; for, although, to oblige us, he would sometimes hunt a fox, still he is averse to it; as he thinks that the scent of the fox being so much ranker than that of the wolf, it spoils his dogs for the latter sport. I was not so fortunate as to be present at a wolf hunt with his hounds, during the last winter; but, if in this part of the country during the next season, I shall not fail of witnessing one.

The wolves are frequently driven down from the mountains by the snow, and take refuge in the woods of the low country; and the peasants, when they see them there, inform Mons. Dupont of their presence. The wolf is a more difficult customer to deal with than the fox. He is hardly ever killed by being fairly run down by the dogs. Very few instances of wolves being so killed are known, although runs of this kind have been known to last a day and a night—the dogs following the same wolf for that length of time. On this account, the hunters always endeavour to wound or cripple him, so as to put him upon a more equal footing with the dogs; and, accordingly, every one, upon such occasions, is armed. Even when wounded, the wolf, if he is a strong one, will hold on for three or four hours; during which time, both dogs and horses, if their riders will follow, will have had enough of it. Oh! that I could see a first rate pack of English dogs laid upon a wolf's track! It would, indeed, be a sight worth seeing; he would find an enemy worth contending with; one that would not permit him, (as is frequently the case,) when having gained upon his pursuers, and aware of his superiority over them, to rest himself composedly until they come up, and then start off as fast and as fresh as ever; but that would hang heavy on his heels, nor quit him until their strength failed them, or they would have him in their fangs. It would be a glorious sight!

But, to return to Mons. Dupont's hounds. Afraid that he would not get out of bed early enough, M. Dupont had ordered his piqueur to come to our hotel about four in the morning, and "blow us up" with his great horn. About five, the master and his hounds, and a party of French gentlemen arrived, and we, being all ready, joined them. There were symptoms of rain; and, in the dusk of the morning, each of our companions being enveloped in a waterproof cloak or great coat, the assemblage looked more like a detachment of monks going to a funeral, than a party of jovial hunters. Our master of the hounds, a most enormous man, could not, with jack-boots, great coat, blunderbuss, holsters and all, ride under one and twenty stone. He was mounted upon a small chestnut mare, with legs like those of an elephant, and it was amazing to see how she moved under the prodigious weight she carried.

In hare-hunting, they have a tolerably good reason for disturbing one's sleep so early in the morning. There are (as every peasant carries a gun, and every man and boy in the whole country spend half their time in shooting) very few hares, and, consequently, the difficulty of finding them in their forms is very great. To obviate this, they endeavour either to come upon piqueur when she is actually feeding; or, if too late for that, skirting all the spots where she has been likely to do so, to come upon her scent, and track her to her form. This is a very good plan, if pursued soon after she has been feeding; but it will not do any length of time after she has gone; and, of course, if a hare is not found before eight or nine in the morning, she will not, in all probability, be found at all. Hare-hunting is not worth describing, because every body knows what it is, and few people care for it. But the scene which took place upon our return home was too laughable to be passed over.

Before entering the town, we were requested to ride in a body; and the day having become fine, great coats and cloaks were all doffed, and strapped to the saddle-bags; and, our companions, of whom, during the day, we had seen nothing but their faces, were now transformed into exquisite of the first water; and so completely, indeed, had they protected themselves from the rain and mud, that they looked more as if they had just finished their toilet than been exposed to the annoyances of ploughed fields and splashing roads. As for us, we resembled a parcel of half-drowned rats, who would willingly have sneaked into their holes, to avoid the vulgar gaze, which the presence of such gay cavaliers could not fail to attract; but, as we were told that our leaving the troop might be thought disrespectful to the master, we courageously faced the approaching exhibition. There are (as I observed before) generally two of these abominable French horns in a hunting party—the one carried by the piqueur, the other by the master or a friend. M. Dupont's nephew was the bearer of this—to the ears of a sportsman—most disagreeable instrument; and he rode at the head of the party, while the piqueur, with the dogs and the other horn, brought up the rear. In this manner we rode into the town of Tarbes, our leader halting at each turn of winging of the streets, and sounding the "Tambour" for a few seconds; after he had been answered by the piqueur, with the other horn, from the rear, he moved on again, thus giving warning of our approach, and affording all the inhabitants plenty of time to come to their windows and admire us. Glad were we when the neighbourhood of our hotel permitted us to escape.

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