

POETRY.

TWO DOROTHYS.

A little maid with downcast eyes,
And folded hands and serious face,

A dove-like maid with bow demure,
Beneath her bonnet's shabby trim,

The sweetest maid that could be found
From Cuba to the Bay of Fundy;

A little maid, in breathless haste,
With glowing cheeks and tangled hair,

A saucy maid, with cap askew
Upon her ruffled yellow curls,

The merriest maid that ever shocked
The servile slaves of Mrs. Grundy;

A bird, a spark of dawning light,
A romp, a rogue, a witch, a sprite,

That Dorothy on Monday.

SELECT STORY
THE PIONEERS.

By J. Finimore Cooper.
AUTHOR OF "THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS,"

"THE PATHFINDER," "HOMECWARD BOUND," ETC.

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the better part of a hundred years after the tree is dead."

"This is but time, my good friend," returned Mr. Grant, who began to take an interest in the welfare of his new acquaintance.

"But I would have you prepare for eternity. Would it not be needless in you to start on a day's toil of hard hunting,

and leave your ramrod and flint behind?" "It must be a young hand in the woods," interrupted Natty, with another laugh.

"That didn't know how to dress a rod out of an ash sapling or find a fire-stone in the mountains. No, no, I never expected to live forever; but I see, times be altering in these mountains from what they were thirty years ago, or, for that matter, ten years."

But might makes right, and the law is stronger than an old man, whether he is one that has much larnin', or only like me, that is better now at standing at the pass than in following the homies,

as I once used to call 'em. Heigh-ho! I never know'd preaching come into a settlement but it made game scarce, and raised the price of gunpowder; and that's a thing that's not as easily made as a ramrod or an Indian flint."

When each was comfortably arranged, and Louisa, after laying aside the coat of faded silk, and a gipsy hat, which was now becoming to her modest, ingenuous countenance than appropriate to the season, had taken a chair between her father and youth, the former resumed the conversation.

"I trust, my young friend," he said, "that the education you have received has eradicated most of those revengeful principles which you may have inherited by descent, for I understand from the expressions of John, that you have some of the blood of the Delaware tribe. Do not mistake me, I beg; it is not the lineage, that constitutes merit; and I know that he who claims affinity to the proper owners of this soil has not the best right to tread these hills with the lightest conscience."

Mobeagan turned solemnly to the speaker and with the peculiarly significant gestures of an Indian, he spoke:

"Father, you are not yet past the summer of life; your limbs are young. Go to the highest hill, and look around you. All that you see, from the rising to the setting sun, from the head-waters of the great spring to where the 'crooked river' is hid by the hills, is his. He has Delaware blood, and his right is strong. But the brother of Miquon is just, he will cut the land in two parts; as the river cuts the lowlands, and will say to the 'Young Eagle,' Child of the Delawares! take it keep it — and be a chief in the land of your fathers."

"Never!" exclaimed the young hunter, with a vehemence that destroyed the rapid attention with which the divine and his daughter were listening to the Indian.

"The wolf of the forest is not more rapacious for his prey than I am greedy of gold; and yet his glances into wealth are subtle as the movements of a serpent."

"Forbear, forbear, my son, forbear," interrupted Mr. Grant. "These angry passions must be subdued. The accidental injury you have received from Judge Temple has heightened the senses of your hereditary wrongs. Remember the prayer of our holy litany, where we implore the Divine Power — that it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts!"

The sin of the wrongs which have been done to the natives is shared by Judge Temple only in common with a whole people, and your arm will speedily be restored to its strength."

"This arm!" repeated the youth, pacing the floor in violent agitation. "Think you, sir, that I believe the man a murderer? — Oh, no! he is too wily, too cowardly, for such a crime. But let him and his daughter riot in their wealth — a day of retribution will come. No, no, no," he continued, as he trod the floor more calmly — "it is for Mobeagan to suspect him of an intent to injure me; but the trifle is not worth a second thought."

He seated himself, and hid his face between his hands, as they rested on his knees.

"It is the hereditary violence of a native's passion, my child," said Mr. Grant in a low tone to his affrighted daughter, who was clinging in terror to his arm. "He is mixed with the blood of the Indians, you have heard; and neither the refinements of education, nor the advantages of our excellent liturgy, have been able entirely to eradicate the evil. But care and time will do much for him yet."

Although the divine spoke in a low tone, yet what he uttered was heard by the youth, who raised his head, with a smile of indefinite expression, and spoke more calmly.

"Be no alarmed, Miss Grant, at either the wildness of my manner or that of my speaker. His mild features were confronted to the fierce and determined looks of the chief, and expressed the horror he felt at hearing such sentiments from one who professed the religion of his Saviour. Raising his hands to a level with his head, he exclaimed:

"John, John! is this the religion that you have learned from the Moravian? But no — I will be no uncharitable as to suppose it. They are a pious, a gentle, and a mild people, and could never tolerate these passions. Listen to the language of the Redeemer. But I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. This is the command of God, John, and, without striving to cultivate such feelings, no man can see Him."

The agitation of the divine caused him to move with unusual rapidity along the deep path, and the Indian, without any apparent exertion, kept an equal pace; but the young hunter observed the female to linger in her steps, until a trifling distance intervened between the two former men. The latter, struck by the circumstance, and not perceiving any new impediment to retard her footsteps, the youth made a tender of his assistance.

"You are fatigued, Miss Grant," he said; "the snow yields to the foot, and you are unequal to the strides of us men. Step on the crest, I entreat you, and take the help of my arm. From the light is, I believe, in the house of your father; but it seems yet at some distance."

"I am quite equal to the walk," returned a low, tremulous voice; "but I am startled by the manner of that Indian. Oh! his eye was horrid, as he turned to the moon, in speaking to my father. But I forget sir; he is your friend, and by his language may be your relative; and yet you do not feel afraid."

"The young man stepped on the bank of snow, which firmly sustained his weight, and by a gentle effort induced his companion to follow. Drawing her arm through his own, he lifted his cap from his head, allowing the dark locks to flow in rich curls over his open brow, and walked by her side with an air of conscious pride, as if inviting an examination of his utmost thoughts. Louisa took a furtive glance at his person, and moved quietly along at a rate that was greatly quickened by the aid of his arm."

"You are but little acquainted with this peculiar people, Miss Grant," he said, "for you would know that revenge is a virtue with an Indian. They are taught, from infancy upward, to believe it a duty never to allow an injury to pass unrevenged; and nothing but the stronger claims of

hospitality can guard one against their resentments where they have power."

"Surely, sir," said Miss Grant, involuntarily withdrawing her arm from his, "you have not been educated with such unholty sentiments?"

"It might be a sufficient answer to your excellent father to say that I was educated in the church," he returned; "but to you I will add that I have been taught deep and practical lessons of forgiveness. I believe that, on this subject, I have but little cause to reproach myself; it shall be my endeavor that there shall yet be less."

While speaking he stopped, and stood with his arm again proffered to her assistance. As he ended, she quietly accepted his offer, and they resumed their walk.

Mr. Grant and Mobeagan had reached the door of the former's residence, and stood waiting near its threshold for the arrival of the two companions.

They entered an apartment that was fitted as a parlor, though the large fireplace, with its culinary arrangements, betrayed the domestic use to which it was occasionally applied.

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ing, at the end of the building, to shorten their passage westward, until, at the time the regular highway was laid out along this course, and houses were gradually built on either side, so as effectually to prevent any subsequent correction of the evil.

Two material consequences followed this change in the regular plan of Marmaduke. The main street, after running about half its length, was suddenly reduced to recisely that difference in its width; and the "Bold Dragon" became next to the mansion-house, by far the most conspicuous edifice in the place.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A ROMANCE OF THE PIER.

A reunion of two loving hearts after many trials took place on the Hamburg pier, New York, as the passengers were being landed from the steamship Normannia. The happy young pair were Richard A. Hall and Elsie Colton.

As they stood on the pier their arms were clasped around one another's necks, and they went years of joy.

The young people had passed through hard trials. In 1882 Hall came to the city to go to the ranch in Mexico, in which he had bought a share. Fellow passengers with him on the steamer were Mr. and Mrs. Colton, with their only child, a pretty girl of 17 years, with dark blue eyes, pink cheeks and golden hair.

During the voyage the young people were much together, and before the end of King Neptune's domain was reached the young couple were engaged. After reaching New York Mr. Colton started with his family for California, while young Hall proceeded on the journey to his Mexican ranch.

It had been agreed between the young people that Hall should go to California as soon as he arranged his affairs in Mexico. He was doomed to disappointment. He lost much of his money, and with a view to repairing his losses, he went to the gold mines in Oregon. Ill luck followed him, for instead of finding gold he lost what he carried with him. From there he journeyed to South Africa and later on to Swaziland. For a couple of years he worked a poor mine in connection with other prospectors, making scarcely enough to live upon. Shortly after the death of King Urrandine the Queen gave to Hall a tract of 5,000 acres at a rental of \$5,000 per year. Hall formed a stock company and sold out his little for over three quarters of a million dollars, with a percentage on the output of the mine.

He then decided to join his sweetheart in California, but while on his way there, he was stricken down with fever. He recovered and started once more on his journey. He had mailed a letter from San Francisco to his sweetheart, and he eagerly watched the visitors on the pier to see if any one would know him. Finally he saw a fair haired girl. It was his sweetheart, and as their eyes met they threw themselves into each other's arms and cried with joy. They then started on the journey across the continent to California, where Miss Elsie Colton will become Mrs. Richard A. Hall.

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"I am sir," replied the handsome widow blushing and smiling.

"I feared so," said the census taker with a sigh.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN WAGES.

In Germany both houses receive about \$250 per day.

In Austria the pay is the same as in France, \$5 a day.

In Greece the senators get \$100 per month and the deputies \$50.

In France members of each house receive the same — \$5 per day.

In Denmark the members of the landing each receive about \$3.75 a day.

In Belgium each member of the chamber of representatives gets \$85 a month.

In Portugal the peers and commons are paid the same sum, which is about \$35 a year.

In Spain the members of the cortes are not paid for their services, but enjoy many advantages and immunities.

In Switzerland the members in the national council get \$2.50 per day, and the council of state, the lower house, \$1.50.

In Italy the senators and deputies are not paid at all, but they are allowed traveling expenses and certain other privileges.

England is the only country where members of parliament are not only unpaid, but have no special rights or privileges whatever.

In the United States of America the members of both branches of congress receive the same amount of pay — namely, \$5,000 per annum.

In Sweden the members of the diet receive \$300 for a session of four months, but they have to pay a fine of \$3 for every day's absence.

In Norway the members of the storting receive \$3.50 per day during the session which usually lasts about six weeks, but which has been extended to that many months.

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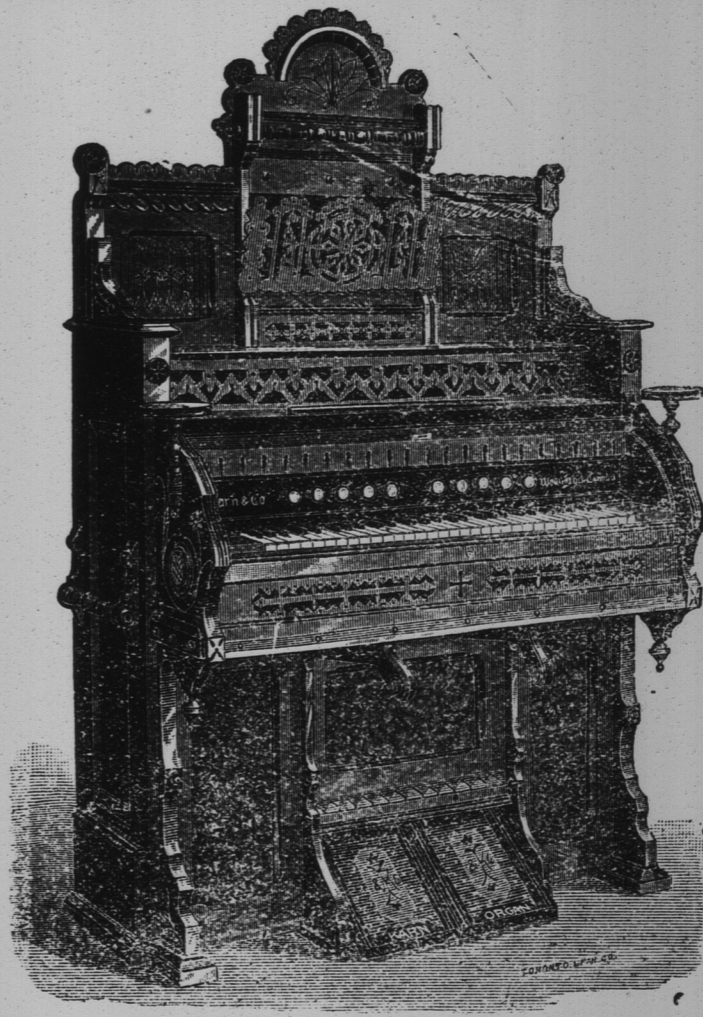
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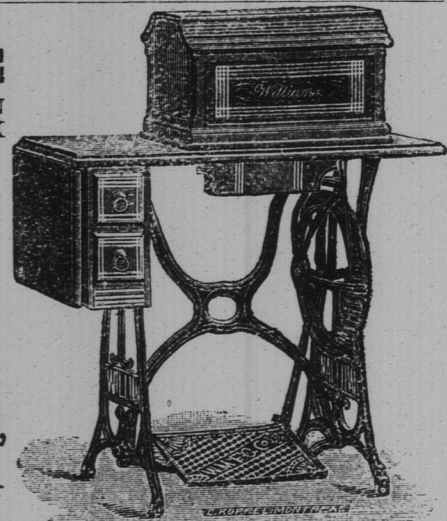
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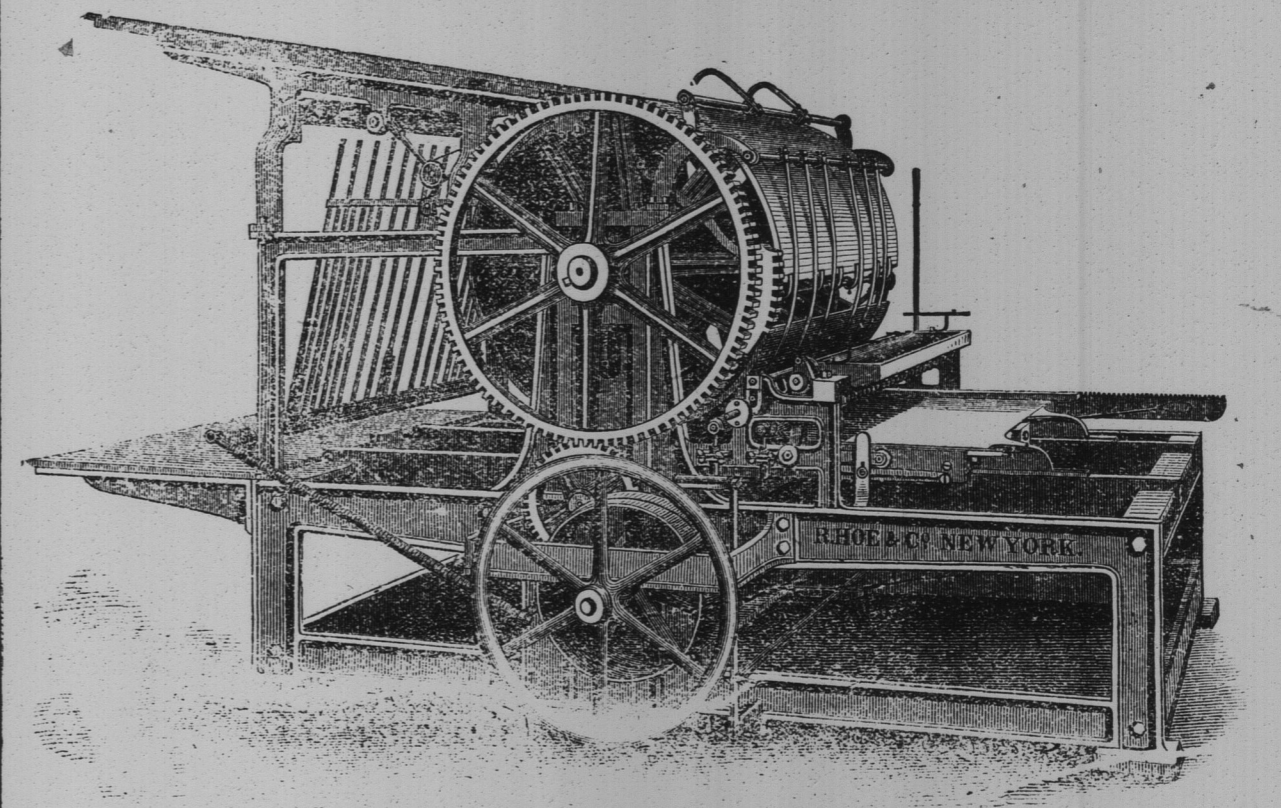


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