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**"Afterward."**  
Darkness for a brief space,  
While the earth is dumb and cold,  
The burthened brow of night  
Doth her crown of sorrows hold.  
For a brief space—the night,  
"Afterward"—the light.  
A little while, the gaze  
Must slumber 'neath the ground,  
Hiding its prospect;  
With chains of darkness bound,  
A little while—and hour,  
"Afterward"—the flower.  
Patience, O, brooding bird,  
Sheltered beneath thy breast,  
Folding their hidden wings,  
The sleeping warblers rest.  
Patience, O, mother bird,  
The wings come—"Afterward."  
Dark on the nations falls  
The night of war and wrong;  
The Truth lies faint and pale,  
While Error waxeth strong.  
For the present—is the fight,  
"Afterward"—the right.  
Of unborn, sleeping souls,  
Within the womb of time,  
Ye hold the prophecies  
Of a message all sublime;  
Ye slumber—for a span,  
"Afterward"—the man.

**Republican Platform.**  
The Republican party of Bexar county, assembled in Mass-meeting in the city of San Antonio, on Wednesday, May 5th, 1869, made the following declaration of principles:  
Whereas, Unity upon political questions is indispensably necessary among those who are loyal to the Government, and in favor of the Reconstruction laws, and the National Administration. Therefore, be it resolved,  
1st. That we, the Republicans of Bexar county, in Mass-meeting assembled, accept the National Chicago Platform, as modified by the 15th amendment, and will heartily support the principles therein announced.  
2nd. That we most emphatically disapprove of any division in the Republican party, and we earnestly urge upon all true and loyal men to drop obsolete issues, and previous differences, and unite as one man in the great work of reconstructing the State in conformity with the National will.  
3rd. That we recommend the holding of a State Convention at Houston, on the fourth Monday of May, and a Congressional Convention at Seguin, on the third Monday in May.  
4th. That we are opposed to self chosen candidates, or to those presented by clubs, in any manner.  
5th. That we pledge ourselves to support the regular nominees of our State and District Conventions.  
6th. That the Secretary of this meeting is instructed to furnish a copy of the proceedings of this meeting to the loyal papers of this State.

**Beauty in the Home.**  
The Manufacturer and Builder, an exceedingly interesting and valuable Monthly, says the man who should have attempted, a generation ago, to recommend to working-men the cultivation of taste by the multiplication of objects of beauty in their homes, would have been set down as a mocking cynic or a poetical dreamer. It is true, the laborer or mechanic of days ago could look at the blue sky, and daily have always been cheap; but the means of making a whole home harmoniously beautiful have never until now been within the reach of any but the rich. We do not hesitate to say that, at the present time, the wealthy have few real advantages in this respect, over those who earn a moderate living by the labor of their hands.  
There was a time when cheap stuffs were not pretty; when cheap furniture was un-

graceful—when cheap pictures were mere dabs—in short, when beauty of form and color was considered a thing only to be regarded in serving the tastes or caprices of the rich. How entirely has this state of things passed away! If one desires to paper the walls of his modest parlor, it is as easy to choose a tasteful pattern as the reverse. In cloths, as in papers, fine colors are as cheap as gaudy ones, with the exception of a few tints made expensive by the processes of their manufacture, not yet being cheapened, as they certainly will be in time. In fact there is little lacking for the complete transformation, by the spirit of beauty, of the persons and dwellings of all the people, save the enlightened love of beauty among the people, and even this is alive and growing stronger day by day.  
It is difficult to say whether the increase in the facility with which taste may be gratified, is the origin or the result of progress in the popular taste itself. The old minister, after reading from the pulpit a portion of the chapter at which the due course of his systematic services he had arrived, and which happened to contain the rather monotonous recital of how "Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren," spared his congregation the rest of the list by adding: "And so, brethren, they went on begetting one another to the end of the chapter!" So we may say of popular taste and the facilities for its gratification, they begot one another. Sometimes one is the parent, sometimes the other is the child.

An illustrious instance is presented in the revolution wrought in the world of art by the process of photography and chromolithography. Before these agencies came into play, painters were accustomed to look for their patrons among the wealthy and "high-born." Comparatively few persons could afford to own good pictures; and the multitude, being without the opportunity of studying fine specimens of this art, fell a prey to the humble practitioners whose works adorned the walls of auction rooms and the swinging signs of taverns. Scarcely higher in merit were the productions of the last generation in the line of portrait painting. Who does not remember the conventional small boy in ringlets, very metallic white pants, and riding-whip, caressing a pony or dog, according to the price of the picture. The story girls of that awful juvenile illness many a year to this day, although, in most cases, even after all has been done, whether Johnny's portrait with its masterpiece after all.

Photographs of celebrated paintings, of person, and of natural objects, best made also drawing certain to be detected by the ordinary observer. A higher standard of likeness, in outline at least, was set up by popular criticisms, and we may confidently predict that the portraits of this generation will not offer to the eyes of the next one that remarkable similarity to each other which we contemplate with perplexity in the "counterfeit portraits" of our ancestors. But photography brought no reform in color. The painters of little boys in unceremonious pantaloons, finding their occupation gone, were still able to explain the same spirit into photographs; and the landscapes of the auction rooms did not entirely pale before the pictures of the sun.

But now appear the chromo-lithographs, with their wonderful beauty, which one can scarcely believe to be born of a mechanical process, and the phenomena of agriculture, which have so long usurped the name of art, taken their flight forever. The people of the beautiful in this department, find within their reach, as they open their eyes, the very thing for which they long. So rose from her sleep of centuries in the enchanted castle, the princess of the fairy tale; and lo! before her stood the prince of whom her dream had been full. Was it his kiss that awoke her; or did the power of her dream draw him irresistibly to her, through the thorny wood? Even the ladies, who know all things, could not answer this question, and so left it out of the story.  
Next to cleanliness and healthfulness, and indeed simultaneously with these, beauty should be the quality sought by every man who has a home. It will enable him to rest, to repose, to refine affection, and even lead to piety an added charm. Even holiness, as the Scriptures hint, is not complete without beauty; and men will not come into perfect harmony with the creation around them until they learn to love and to imitate in their households and in their daily lives the beauty which overflows in all the world of nature.

**Letter from Austin.**  
**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—THE RESULT.**  
Captains U. S. Army, as possible after the meeting of the Haynes Committee, I write you the result. Judge Stribling and R. M. Wheeler only were present. Letters were received from Haynes, Mills, Record, Cooper, Phillips of Wharton, and others. The only ones against a Convention were Haynes and Record. These two parties, in their letters, strongly urged the presentation of the caucus ticket, and Judge Bell, who attended the Committee, pressed this programme with all his real. But the Committee present with the letter before them, did not feel authorized to do anything, especially as most of the letters were in favor of a convention; so there was an agreement to issue in the loyal paper a people's call for a convention at Houston, on the 4th Monday in May next. The Express is waiting on the Union to job in that call. Will you agree to it? Will you at once publish and argue such a Convention? The people are several counties where primary meetings have been held, ready to go with Morgan Hamlin. If nothing better is proposed, but waiting for the call at Houston, as heretofore urged by the Union, the Express, and now by the Bulletin. If this call is pressed it will be the largest Convention of any of them.  
Do try and get the Davis faction to fall into line. If they will do that, the Republican party is safe yet.  
Yours truly,

## TELEGRAPHIC

**AMERICAN NEWS.**

**WASHINGTON, May 7.**  
The last rail on the Pacific railroad has positively been laid, on Monday.  
The appointment of the new Spanish Minister has been indefinitely postponed.  
The cabinet had Virginia under consideration to-day, but nothing determined upon regarding separate vote on clauses or time of election.  
The Hartford (Conn.) Senate adopted the 15th amendment by a strict party vote.  
This morning's Tribune says it is an undoubted fact that a steamer loaded with arms, ammunition and stores for the Cuban army; and also a large number of volunteers, left this port on Tuesday night. The vessel was not the Arago, however, but a steamer not much known in these waters, and therefore not easily recognized. It is supposed that she is the Mexico, but nothing definite is conjectured on the subject by Cubans.  
The following details seem authentic: During last week a large steamer, purchased by the Cuban Junta some months ago, was put in complete order for sea, and on Tuesday morning was run down to a point off Sandy Hook, where she again anchored for a short time; afterwards two small steamers ran along side and a large quantity of arms and ammunition were transferred from the small steamer. A little of dark 200 men embarked on the brig "Phillips," from pier No. 40, and were taken on board the steamer. About half past nine, p. m., everything being in readiness, the anchor was weighed, and the steamer departed for a point somewhere near the Island of Cuba.  
It is stated the Government is resolved not to prevent the departure of any vessels, whether loaded with arms or not, provided their apparent destination is not direct for Cuba.

A severe struggle over the Savannah postoffice. Crewell undoubtedly nominated Sims; the President refused the commission.  
It appears and other extremists are desirous of filling Georgia federal offices with negroes, thus rebuking the Georgia Legislature for expelling them.  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—An excursion train for the eastern end of the Central Pacific railroad, with Commissioners, Gov. Stanford, and a number of guests, narrowly escaped destruction, from a tree lying across the track; the locomotive was demolished.  
NEW YORK, May 6.  
To the President of the United States:  
The Government stopped the Fenians on the Canadian frontier, and I demand, in the name of 100,000 Irish voters, that you send a fast war steamer to take possession of the Cuban filibuster that sailed yesterday. This expedition is an English intrigue to checkmate Ireland's freedom. The Cuban mass meeting was a Tammany affair in English interests.  
(Signed) GEO. FRANCIS THOM.

**MARKETS**  
**New York Market.**  
New York, May 7.  
Cotton steady and unchanged at 22 1/2.  
Gold 137 1/2.  
**New Orleans Market.**  
New Orleans, May 6.  
Cotton firm; Middling 29 1/2; sales 2500 bales.  
Gold 136 1/2.  
**Foreign Market.**  
LIVERPOOL, May 7.  
Cotton quiet; sales 7,000 bales; at 14 1/2 to 14 1/4; sales for week 47,000 bales.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.**  
The undersigned announces to the public that he has opened a Photographic Gallery on Main street, where he shall be pleased to wait on all who will visit him.  
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Republican State Convention.

A Delegate Convention of the Republican Party of Texas is hereby called to assemble at HOUSTON, ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF MAY NEXT, for the purpose of nominating candidates for State offices.

TRACY & QUICK, Editors Houston Union. E. M. WRECKLOCK, Editor San Antonio Express. A. SEMERINO & T. BERTBERG, Editors Free Press for Texas.

A Call.

FOR A DISTRICT AND CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The loyal press units in urging the Republican Party of Texas to nominate, on the SECOND MONDAY IN MAY, a Republican candidate for Senator, and as many candidates for the House of Representatives, as their respective Districts may be entitled to have members, under the new Constitution.

It is recommended that the Senatorial and Representative districts known as the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, hold their conventions respectively at Goliad, Columbus, Bastrop, Belmont, Georgetown, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

It is further recommended that the Republicans of the 4th Congressional District, at the same time, select delegates to a CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION to assemble in Seguin on the THIRD MONDAY IN MAY—each Senatorial district to send as many delegates as it may be entitled to have Senators and Representatives in the State Legislature.

The Old Peach Orchard.

Said General W. B. Stokes, in his late great speech at Nashville: "Now, I'll tell you what's a fact. There isn't a man nor a party that Johnson hasn't deceived. If there is a man in this crowd who can say that Andrew Johnson never deceived him, let him stand up and say so. He has deceived the people, and he has deceived the South, and he has deceived the North. He is full of deceit and treachery. He is like the old sow. You might take her up, put her in a bath tub, and scrub her perfectly clean, turn her out, and she would run five miles in a hot summer day in August, through clear water, to reach her old peaching place in an old peach orchard. That's Johnson. He has got back into the old peach orchard again; yes, in the heart of that old defiant Democracy."

It would seem from appearances, though we are loth to credit it, that some of our prominent public men in Texas were beginning to make tremors for that "peach orchard." Gentlemen whose Republican record has hitherto been high and undoubted, like Andy's during the war, now present their names as candidates for office "To the people of Texas," thus ignoring the distinctive existence of the loyal party to which they were supposed to belong. A subtle and stubborn effort is made to stifle any freedom in the choice of our leaders, by refusing to meet in convention. An ex-rebel sheet in Houston is selected as the organ of communication with the public, and is permitted to thrust itself, without disavowal, into the attitude of a chosen champion of these gentlemen and their new movement.

Now we, for one, are not quite ready to assist at the funeral of the Republican party. We believe that the grand national organization which triumphed in the war, which crushed slavery, gave the negro the ballot, placed Grant in the white house, and the mere vibration of whose success has shaken from the Spanish crown the brightest of its jewels, is not about to dissolve at the bidding of the Telegraph, or of the veteran politicians who stand behind the editorial chair, and own both that and the paper.

Let every public man, to whom the afflictions and temptations of a silent and disloyal opposition have no charms, free himself from these clouds of suspicion and distrust, and openly show his faith by his works.

The approaching convention will separate the goblin of republicanism from its dross, and by its platform and candidates unite the loyalty of Texas to the grand national army of progress, with which our future and our hopes are entwined.

From the Liberty Gazette, of the 5th ult., we copy the following crops and other items:

The crops in this section are doing well, and farming is being pushed with unusual energy and activity. Our farmers are all just as busy as they can be. The prospect for good crop is encouraging. Plenty

of corn has been planted, and much more cotton than any year since the war.

The crops are exceedingly flattering to the mercantile fraternity, who are calculating to make large profits on the sale of corn to our foreign neighbors. If the cotton planted yields half a crop, and the half crop sells for half the present prices, there will be money enough in the county to buy corn, but should there be a failure of the cotton crop, we will have to fall back upon the stake rope and jerked beef.

About a week ago, the Trinity commenced rising, and has continued to rise steadily up to this time. We have heard that this rise also extends up to Trinity county, but are a little afraid that it extends high enough up to give us, in the lower valley, what has of late years, become of usual occurrence, a spring flood.

PARAGRAPHS.

PLANTERSVILLE, Grimes county, is turned upside down with excitement about a desperado named Womack. The citizens, after enduring his rule of terror and murder, till it became wholly intolerable, have at length risen in mass, and are scouring the country with horses, dogs, and guns, intent on a summary abatement of the nuisance. We wish them all success.

THE Union Pacific Railroad sold 10,000 passenger tickets from Chicago to White Pine, Nevada, during the month of March. Everything indicates a great rush to the silver regions from the East this Spring.

TEN of the continental nations of Europe, embracing 130,000,000 inhabitants, have adopted the uniform gold coinage, and Mr. Ruggles, who knows more about it than any other American, says that Germany with its 38,000,000, and Russia with its 68,000,000 will probably come into the arrangement this summer.

THE Canadian papers are somewhat staggered by the unanimity of the American press, and people on the Alabama question, but express the wish that Palmerston or Pitt were alive to tackle Brother Jonathan. Fortunately for the peace of Canada, they are both dead, and their foreign policy dead with them; so, after a period of some disgust and ranting, we expect to see England come round gradually and awkwardly to our terms of settlement. Mr. Thornton, the British minister, shakes his head and says England will fight if we "push her to the wall." But where is the wall?

"SOME of the popular notions of resurrection are simply physiological impossibilities, from causes, too tedious to specify." Imagine, for instance, the resurrection of two Hot-tentots, one of whom had happened to make a dinner of the other some fine day. A little complication there! Or picture the touching scene where that devoted husband, King Mausolas, whose widow had him burned and ate the ashes, should feel moved to institute a search for his body.

THE Detroit Post contains an account of a woman who, to "give the world assurance of a man," went out West, bought 40 acres of land, grubbed out fourteen acres of heavy oak, chopped and split rails, built a house, sowed eight acres of wheat, dug ditches, supplied her neighbors with axe helms and splint baskets, besides attending to her domestic "chores," all with her own hands, in a year and a half. She lives alone, "keeps her own secrets," and is regarded as the "coming woman." Let her vote.

A BITTER misogynist dwells in one of the towns on the Connecticut river. He is an elderly well-to-do bachelor, and a woman is the most disgusting object earth holds for him. He will frequently postpone a journey a day because a lady happens to be in the stage in which he must ride to the train. This and other oddities have won for him the name of "Old Eccentricity." He hires a room at a New York hotel by the year, never uses the wash-bowl and pitcher furnished, but has his own which he keeps locked in his trunk. He is always on the watch lest the room be occupied by some one else. One morning he walked into the office, held out a long hair to the clerk, and saying: "Found that in my room," walked off. His acquaintances know but little of him socially, and he is in every respect a very strange being.

LOUIS Napoleon is "laying pipe" for the approaching election in France. An opportune report from the minister of fine arts revealed the fact that the art treasures of France now exceed the capacity of the pub-

lic buildings to contain them. Therefore it is proposed that such pictures and works of art as may be suitable shall be distributed to the provincial churches and museums. Here is a treasury of corruption for the unappreciating Church in the rural districts. They may gratify the dearest wish of their heart by obtaining a religious picture to adorn their churches, and all on the cheap terms of influencing their congregations to vote for the government candidates.

TEXAS ITEMS.

We are informed that Mr. E. H. Quick, junior editor of the Houston Union, was invited to attend the Concert at this place, and came up on the train last evening for that purpose; but owing to some demonstrations on the part of a few young men, he was advised not to attend, and did not. Whether there was really any cause for this or not, we do not know; but it seems he thought it prudent to leave on the train this morning for Houston. If the young men had any designs against Mr. Quick, it was certainly very reprehensible, and was treating those who invited him with discourtesy, and we must say in justice to Hemstead and the community, that the people of our town discontinue such conduct and are in no way responsible for it.—Hemstead Countryman.

The above is a correct statement; but if the Countryman had added that we were informed that our life was in danger, that we were furnished with arms to defend ourselves, that we were threatened with a rope that our friends fearing danger for themselves manifested a desire to keep out of our company, when their presence was most desired, though not requested; that we were followed to the ears and lashed and scolded; that some three or four of the dozen rowdies who were "after us" were the same who had killed two colored men two or three days before; and that the whole town of Hemstead was terrorized over, it would also have told the truth.—Houston Union.

Our advocacy of the election in July is contingent upon the good behavior of the Democracy. A few more such exhibitions of violence and rowdism as have disgraced Hemstead and vicinity lately, will effectually do way with any desire on our part to see military government superseded by that of the people for many months to come. Besides an election in July would not really hasten reconstruction. As Congress has to pass upon our constitution before it becomes the law, and as that body does not convene before December, a postponement of the election would make little or no difference.

MR. GEORGE HONEY, of Galveston, came near losing his life in Columbia the other day while making a speech to the colored people. A man attempted to attack him, but was prevented from doing so by colored people. Add this to the reign of terrorism at Hempstead, and the killing of a colored man near Navasota the other day published in our last issue, and we must say it looks to us like Ku-Klux blood is getting up to fever heat again.—Houston Union.

We believe that Jack Hamilton's chances for the nomination of Governor are weakened every day that his name is kept standing or made use of in that connection by Democratic sheets. If the Democracy would have Hamilton elected Governor, it should hold its peace; if it would have him defeated, then by all means it should advocate him for that office.—Houston Union.

THE CONVENTION.—The San Antonio Express and the Houston Union have called a Convention of the Radicals to meet at Houston on the 4th Monday of May. This is to kill off Jack, who killed abolition in the Reconstruction Convention. We suppose the Red Republican and the California Bat and the chaste Bryant and the pious Morgan will be there. The Austin Republican is opposed to this movement.—State Gazette.

We learn that the frost reported last week has totally destroyed the prospect for fruit in many orchards of our country.—McKinney Messenger, April 24.

Some four or five droves of beef cattle, numbering from 300 to 500 in each drove, and several droves of horses of from 200 to 300 in each drove, have crossed the Brazos at this place in the last three or four days, bound for a market.—Waco Examiner.

We regret to announce that Mr. Wm. C. Hall, deputy sheriff, whom we mentioned in our issue of the 3d inst., as having received several severe wounds, while with others engaged in an attempt to arrest the desperadoes Penn and Hays, died from his wounds on Thursday evening last.—McKinney Messenger.

A Second State Boarding House at New Orleans.

At a second-rate boarding-house eat—we choose the term—is seven dollars. The dining-room is a basement, with a pile of a carpet, bare walls, slanting windows, opened or washed at the sweet will of the Celtic maid, who dribbles the soup over the table-cloth and drops the coffee into the canners, and changes the napery on high days and holidays. Ventilation there is none. Cleanliness there is none. Food there is in scant or free measure. It is fried beefsteak. It is intermittent eggs, also fried. It is ham, also fried. It is the juiceless age of beef, and the pale immaturity of veal. It is flat and flabby breakfast cakes eaten with a syrup which clogs the appetite. It is bread, bitter and dry with alum. It is butter, white and fluid with lard. It is a desert of a horrible compound indigenous to our glorious Union, and called pie. Chemically speaking, it is biting acid and crumbling alkali. Physiologically speaking, it is indigestion and biliousness. Morally speaking, it is the devil, at whom we fire our inkstand. The cheap restaurants change nothing. Except that the victim has a bill of fare, proffered by a dirty waiter instead of a frowsy maid, and pays a little more for the outline of that waiter's big thumb on his plate, dinner is the same depressing experiment.—N. Y. Tribune.

LIVING BY THE DAY.—I compare, says John Newton, the troubles which we have to undergo in the course of the year to a great bundle of faggots, far too large for us to lift. But God does not require us to carry the whole at once. He mercifully nuzzles the bundle, and gives us first one stick, which we are to carry to-day, and then another, which we are to carry tomorrow, and so on. This we might easily manage, if we would only take the burden appointed for us each day; but we choose to increase our troubles by carrying yesterday's stick over again to-day, and adding tomorrow's burden to our load before we are required to bear it. William Jay puts the same truth another way. We may consider the year before us a desk containing three hundred and sixty-five letter addressed to us—one for every day, announcing its trials, and prescribing its employments, with an order to open daily no letter but the letter for the day. Now we may be strongly tempted to unusual before hand some of the remainder. This, however, would only serve to embarrass us while we should violate the rule which our Owner and Master has laid down for us. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."

"And if ever the Easy Chair has persuaded a woman to listen, let her understand that, whether she votes or not, she has an immense power in society—a power all the more dangerous because irresponsible if only women would refuse to be treated as goddesses and slaves—if they would despise the costly vanities, the gilded insolence, the criminal extravaganzas, in which they are content and proud to be involved—if they would scorn the senseless rivalry of waste, and be brave enough to be intelligent, prudent, and frugal—if they resolutely declined to be deaf and dumb and blind as the necessary and natural consequences of their 'dependencies,' and of their 'inferiority of sex,' and asserted the rights and fulfilled the duties of equally responsible moral beings with men—the starving mother with her child would thrive with a new life and an immortal hope; the mad husband would return with the clear eye of health; the desolate house itself would begin to smile; and Fra Diavolo would gradually cease to make and execute the laws."—Harpers Weekly.

TWENTY-ONE states have now been secured for the pending Xth Amendment, viz: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Recent elections show that three other states, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont, will ratify as soon as their Legislatures assemble; that of Connecticut meets on the first Wednesday in June, and that of Vermont on the second Thursday in October. Before November, then, twenty-four States will have ratified without any doubt.

Four more are needed to secure the adoption of the amendment. Among these United States there is none more deserving the appellation "lovely" than that called Louisiana. Without mountain scenery, it is still magnificent. Its mighty rivers, its vast interminable swamps, dark under the shadows of the grim cypress and its festoonery of weird-like tiliandria; its contrasting sunlit savannas; its mystery of morass,

penetrable only by tortuous water ways of bayou and meadow; its subtropical vegetation and truly tropical aspect, all combine to render Louisiana the most interesting tract of territory over which waves the flag of the free.

In a geological point of view it is equally interesting. With its population of almost cosmopolitan character; its mixture of types and their mixtures, some of them celebrated for physical beauty; the varied habits, customs and manners thereby begot, how could it be else! And then its history, teeming with strange episodes—itself almost a romance.

"Mr. Lamb," said the head clerk at the India House, "you come down very late in the morning." "Yes, sir," Mr. Lamb replied, "but then you know I go home very early in the afternoon." And then in despair with such a life of drudgery, he exclaimed:

"Confusion blast all mercantile transactions, all traffic, exchange of commodities, intercourse between nations, all the consequent civilization and wealth, and amity, and fluk of society, and getting rid of prejudices, and knowledge of the face of the globe; and rot all the firs of the forest, that look so romantic alive, and die into decks."

FEW of us are perhaps aware of the extent to which remnants of the old mythology still linger in the language. "Old Nick," is but an abbreviation of Nicks, the Gothic demon, who inhabited the element of water, and strangled drowning persons. "Nightmare" is derived from Mara, who in the Runic theology, was a spirit or specter of the night that would sit in those sleep, and suddenly deprived them of speech and motion. "Doh," whose name is still used in our nursery, was one of the fiercest and most formidable of the Gothic heroes, inasmuch that the mere mention of his name was to spread panic among his enemies.

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