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## A CALM WINTER NIGHT.

How beautiful this night! The balmiest sigh,  
Which vernal zephyrs breathe in evening's ear,  
Were discord to the speaking quietude  
That wraps this moveless scene. Heaven's  
ebon vault,  
Studded with stars unutterably bright,  
Through which the moon's unclouded grandeur  
rolls,  
Seem's like a canopy which love had spread  
To curtain her sleeping world. Yon gentle hills,  
Robed in a garment of untrodden snow—  
Yon darksome rocks, whence icicles depend,  
So stainless that their white and glittering spires  
Tinge not the moon's pure beam—yon castled  
steep,  
Whose banner hangeth o'er the time-worn  
tower  
So idly, that wrapt fancy deemeth it  
A metaphor of peace;—all form a scene  
Where musing solitude might love to lift  
Her soul above this sphere of earthliness;  
Where silence undisturbed might watch alone,  
So cold, so bright, so still.

—Sel.

## SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, Joseph Addison instructed and entertained his London readers by a periodical called "The Spectator." In this paper many fictitious characters were introduced; each of whom represented a special class and gave his opinion whenever it might be deemed appropriate.

Of these, Sir Roger de Coverley was by far the most interesting, and best portrayed. At this time there were in England many country

gentlemen of large estate, and it was to this class that the knight belonged.

The most noticeable trait in his character was the kindly interest which he felt in the welfare of others; and as we know that he who is loved by men is certain to have first loved men, so Sir Roger was loved by all who knew him. His servants had all grown old in his service and seemed to harmonize well with the hospitable air of the old Coverley Hall which they inhabited.

His nearest companion was his chaplain to whom he had given the pastorate of the village. He had shown his eccentricity even in selecting this man. He had desired a friend to find him a preacher who possessed a good voice, was a pleasant companion, and if possible one who understood a little back-gammom. To this man he had presented a copy of his best sermons in the English language, requiring him to read one in the pulpit each Sunday.

The knights' peculiarities were most noticeable on the Sabbath. He had shown an unusual interest in the village church having presented its members with new psalm books, and he had made the young men much more regular at the services by promising to bestow the office of clerk by merit. He would often pronounce "Amen" several times to the same prayer or carry on a hymn by himself for sometime after the others were done with it. At times he would even rise, while the villagers were kneeling in prayer and would count them carefully to see who were absent. When the service closed, Sir Roger would walk slowly down the aisle while his tenants leaned out from their pews to receive his greeting. He would then take care to ask after the health of the absentees, this being considered a secret reprimand.



Sir Roger, like all gentlemen of the old school is an enthusiastic hunter. He has a barn door nearly covered with the noses of animals that he has shot. One of these is distinguished by a brass nail. This was killed by Sir Roger only after many hours of hard riding. The knight regards these hunting trophies as the most valuable furnishings of his house, as they afford him never failing topics of conversation.

As one of the justices of the country Sir Roger is an attendant at the assizes. Here he is treated with marked respect by his colleagues and is regarded with a feeling of awe and admiration by the country folk of the village. On these journeys to the court, many incidents happen which reveal the old knight's desire to please all, as well as his staunch Tory spirit. On being appealed to in a dispute which arose between his two companion in regards to a point of law, Sir Roger, with the air of a man who would not give his judgment rashly, at length told them that much might be said on both sides. In selecting an inn, the knight is more careful concerning the principles of the landlord than concerning the table that he sets. This habit sometimes leads him into poor lodgings. Although an ardent Tory himself, Sir Roger frequently moralizes on the harm which parties do a country by dividing it into factions more hostile to each other than to a foreign foe.

A short time after a trip to the assizes, the knight made a visit to Westminster Abbey. He was greatly delighted at this chance of seeing a place so abounding in history; as that was a subject to which he had lately given much study. He listened with a keen interest, quoted Baker's Chronical whenever possible, and invited his interpreter to visit him at his lodgings where they could talk at more leisure.

While in London, Sir Roger took the opportunity of attending the theatre. The subject of the play was a very ancient one. Andromache, the widow of Hector, being one of the chief characters. The knight was the more interested in her and her lover because he had courted the Widow Trusby for many years with little success. Between the acts he took occasion to re-

mark that widows were the most perverse creatures in the world. When the play was finished, Sir Roger well satisfied with his entertainment was guarded safely home by his companions.

Christmas is celebrated in the true friendly spirit at the Coverley mansion. At this time of year, when the outdoor world is cold and cheerless, and the suffering among the knight's tenants greatest, the halls of the old house are filled with merry, dancing groups of villagers. Sir Roger's guests mingle with the villagers; all the old games are played while the walls resound with jocund laughter. In fact Christmas at Coverley Hall is the happiest day of the year.

On his last trip to the country sessions, where he went to see justice done to a poor widow, the knight caught a severe cold. After a few weeks illness he died at his home. In his will he cared for all his old servants and bequeathed to the chaplain a neat tenement house. He also left money with which to build a steeple to the church. He was buried near his own family. The whole village, the men in their great coats and the women in their riding hoods, which he had bequeathed, mournfully followed him to the grave.

He will ever be remembered by the people of that little village, of which he was the ruling spirit, for his lovable nature, his charity, his thoughtfulness for others and above all for his optimistic trust in mankind.—A. G. C., P. G.

[The following article is written by a principal of the High School, now teaching at Colby Academy, N. H. We wish to express our gratitude for the interest which he manifests in the High School and The Amateur.—Ed.]

#### HOW A MOUNTAIN WAS BUILT.

Barre Mountain, in Vermont, one of the Green Mountain range, is a typical peak of one of the two classes found in New England. It is a bold ridge of later granite rising abruptly more than a thousand feet above the surrounding country. The other peaks of the ridge stretch away in both directions at a somewhat lower height.

Its outer surface has been weathered down by air and frost into the soil, so that the mountain is well wooded, and where it has been cleared, it affords abundant pasturage. Patches have been laid bare by removing this soil, and the granite quarries are very extensive at these points.

A careful examination of the stone in place in one of the quarries shows the whole history of the mountain. The different quarries are all alike, except that the layers in those on the sides slope down the mountain, as though they had been pushed upward towards the middle of the ridge, while in quarries at the top, the layers are nearly horizontal, but with here and there a patch badly cracked to pieces, where the layers may be found in every conceivable position. Usually the layers thicken towards the middle of the ridge forming the mountain, but there are exceptional layers that seem to be of the same thickness everywhere; and layers have been found that thinned out towards the middle.

Granite is usually a mixture of three substances, quartz, mica and feldspar, in varying proportions. Each of these is a compound of oxygen with another element and is the product of its complete combustion. In one sense then, granite tells the story that is so common in the rocks, of an old burnt up world. These three substances give its three leading qualities to granite, its roughness and strength; its splitting readily into long shafts\* and columns that run with the layers; and its beauty when cut and dressed. Quartz and feldspar are light in color; the mica is always sparkling and bright, but it may vary in color from white to black. So granite is found of all colors. Sometimes the mica is entirely absent and its place is taken by black hornblende in small masses. Such a rock mass is not quite as tough as granite, but it is harder and cuts a little sharper. Syenite is its true name, though the dealers commonly call it granite. The Rockport granite is a true granite, while the so called Quincy granite, is really syenite. But the granite of Barre Mountain contains both mica and hornblende in about equal proportions. This makes it split like true

granite, but gives it the peculiar beauty of the darker stone.

Now the history of the mountain becomes clear. Ages ago, before the Green Mountains began to appear above the surface of the ocean, the place where the mountain now stands was a hollow or channel in the bottom of the ocean close to the land. The rains and the rivers washed sand, (quartz,) clay mud, (the material of feldspar,) and sparkling mica and hornblende into this hollow, and they settled together into a close bed. Then the land rose a little, so that the hollow was no longer covered with water, and the exposed sand bed hardened into solid rock. Down it went again, the water covered it, and another layer was washed into the hollow. It rose again and hardened; and so on, for the process was repeated just as many times as there are layers of granite in the mountain. The trough or hollow kept sinking under this process, so that with every change it grew weaker. Such a filling hollow carries within itself the elements of its own change from a sea bottom to a mountain, for in time it becomes so weak as to break.

Now when this hollow broke under the strain, Barre Mountain was formed. The strain forced the whole ridge up, bending that part which was the lowest so that it now forms the very top of the mountain. The result is that the layers slope down the mountain on both sides of the ridge, while some of them cracked in the middle and at the top. One thing more resulted from this upward bending; the whole mountain became hot, perhaps nearly melted, but not quite, and remained so for some time. This allowed the granite to crystallize. Particle of quartz moved to quartz particle; mica sought mica; clay moved to clay and took the form of feldspar crystals; and hornblende joined hornblende. It was not hot enough to remove the layers, so they remain until now. The process of upward bending has continued, and probably it is not yet at an end, though now too slow to be recognized. The mountain was finished.

All peaks that belong to ranges have had a very similar history, Barre Mountain is typical.—LaRoy F. Griffin.

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## EDITORIAL.

It is somewhat late in the season for greetings but nevertheless the Amateur wishes you all a Happy New Year. The prospects of the world and especially of this part of the world for 1895 are very bright. Beverly has recently inaugurated a city government. We believe that the city has selected honest, earnest men to care for its interests. We believe that under this new form of government the various departments of public work will be better cared for than they would be under a town government. We know that the officers of this city, who represent the people, are working for the interests of the public schools. Let us then prove ourselves worthy of this care. If we have not succeeded in the past year let us profit by our experience and with earnest endeavor make this a fruitful year for the Beverly High School.

Our interest at present centers in the Cantata of Belshazzar to be given Feb. 1, under the auspices of the B. H. S. and its Alumni. The Temple Quartette has been engaged to take leading parts. It will be assisted by well known local talent and a chorus of two hundred voices.

The cantata given last year gave great satisfaction and we believe that this will give greater. A large attendance is expected. The proceeds will be devoted to the improvement of the High School Library.

The Amateur has often referred to the treatment which our school books receive. The books provided by the town cost a large sum. This cost may be greatly reduced by a little care on the part of each pupil. Books are not made to be used as footballs or as missiles aimed at the heads of offending comrades. This want of care for books is sometimes excused as thoughtfulness. But want of thought is no excuse for anything.

The New Year's Party given by the Class of '95 was a great success in every way and reflected credit on the committee in charge. The attendance was larger than it has been at a social for many seasons. The class of '96 is planning to hold a social soon. The Seniors seem willing to give advice which they will do well to heed. We wish their success.

One who saw the amount of labor required to erect the stage in the hall for the Seniors social remarked that it would be a good plan to have a portable stage built in sections to be fastened together by hooks. This would save a large amount of time and labor as it is necessary to erect a stage several times each year. We believe that the idea is feasible and we recommend it to the school committee.

## ALUMNI.

The Alumni Notes have to be ready so much earlier than the paper comes out, that the items are usually as "old as the hills" when published. However, "non est ista" nostra "culpa sed temporum."

Several of our Alumni will help to govern our new city. Mr. Cole '71, is president of the Common Council, and U. G. Haskell, '80; C. E. Ober, '85; and F. Foster, '87, are members of the same body.



'85. Mr. Leverett Merrill, of the Temple Quartette, will take the part of Belshazzar, in our coming cantata.

'87. Miss Alice Maloon is attending the Thursday Reading class at Miss Smith's.

'92. Miss Alice Sweetman and Miss Ruth Edgett are taking vocal lessons of Miss Mae Goodridge, '85. Miss Goodridge will be one of the soloists in the cantata.

Miss Mary Woodman graduates from the Salem Normal School on January twenty-second, with one of the class honors.

'94. Walter Giles is working in the Times printing office on Railroad Avenue.

The Class of '94 will hold their annual reunion" on February fourteenth, with Miss Glines, of North Beverly. Their others have been held at the High School.

The Alumni now hold regular evening rehearsals of the cantata with the school.

So many of the Alumni and ae were at home on Christmas vacations, that no attempt has been made to name them.

#### MIDDLE LOCALS.

Something new! Philosophy!

Topic of the day in the Middle class:—Are we to have that social?

Quite a drama:—Mending the dressing-room door.

Addie Grant, '96 will sing a solo in the cantata, Belshazzar.

We don't understand how the Class of '94 dare have their reunion Feburary 14, without consulting the Middlers.

Another scholar has changed from Latin to English—higher average wanted.

We are glad that Sewall Newman is able to be back to school after his painful accident.

Why should L—t have such hard feelings for the Middlers?

Some of us have, by turning the cold shoulder to our friends, succeeded in reaching "B" as a deportment mark.

When Arithmetic is mentioned sighs of long duration are heard.

There seems to have been a general change of seats among the Middlers, P—ch has returned to his old seat.

B—nh—m has changed across the aisle, and H—k—ll has decided to occupy a seat near the library.

#### JUNIOR LOCALS.

There is the same number of pupils in the class this month as last.

Sign for the thing signified—Long face. Low average.

An invitation freely given "Bring your books down to the front seat."

If all the scholars that have promised to try to get "A" in deportment succeed it will be a good record.

We are glad to see that the Century Dictionaries have been covered.

Several cases of sickness have been reported during the month.

For the latest definition of ostracism. Apply to W—d—y '97.

Juniors are requested to pay their dues.

A committee has been appointed to select class pits.

Has B—ds—t's supply of "whoppers" been exhausted.

Fish stories in the boys' dressing room every morning.

What will stop that coughing (Coffin) in Miss W's room?

Fruit not liked by the History class—Dates.

S. Newman '96 has left Latin B.

Ancient History is more generally liked than it was when first taken up.

Those friendly encounters between the Junior boys in the hall, are interesting while they last.

## ATHLETICS.

We see by the paper that the members of the Salem High School have decided to hold a musical entertainment in Academy Hall, some time during the first week in February.

The money to be raised by this entertainment will be turned over to the Athletic Association to enable it to purchase an outfit for the coming season. We wish them a great success.

In the various fieldmeets, the B. H. S. has held, it has always had to borrow an outfit, but we think that it would be a much better plan for the school to own one.

During the coming season the school will need a good many things to practice with, such as a vaulting pole, a shot and hammer, etc.

Now if the school should follow the example of the Salem High School and hold one or more entertainments the proceeds to help buy an outfit, we do not doubt that the school would soon own a good athletic outfit.

Since last month Marblehead and Swampscott have joined the League.

Wakefield is very anxious to be admitted and probably it will be allowed to join.

It is understood that there has been quite a change made in the League, as, instead of having only the Junior and Middle classes of the High Schools belong to the League, all the classes can belong.

The constitution is still in the hands of the committee which is working hard on it and expects to report definitely soon.

Many of the scholars were disappointed during the holidays, because the skating was so poor, but the weather has turned cold again now and the probabilities are that there will be good skating for some time.

Since Jan. 13, there has been quite good skating on the Common, but as usual the large boys take up the best part of pond to play polo on and the younger children and the ladies, for whom the pond was especially made, have to stay on the edge of the pond or risk getting hit by the players.

At meetings held recently, R. Madden was elected captain of the Junior polo team, and R. Haskell of the Middle class team.

An exciting game of polo was played on the Common, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 19, between the Seniors and the Juniors; the Juniors beating by a score of two goals to nothing.

The game commenced at 2.25 A. M., thirds of fifteen minutes each being played.

The first goal was made in the first third after eleven minutes playing by Josephs. The second and last goal was made in the second third after thirteen minutes playing by Pickett.

The teams were formed as follows:

Juniors	{ Josephs - - - 1st rush
	{ Bell - - - 2nd "
	{ Pickett - - - Center
	{ Madden - - - H. back
Seniors	{ Foster - - - Goal
	{ Beckford - - - 1st rush
	{ Wood - - - 2nd "
	{ McNeil - - - Center
	{ Guinivan - - - H. back
	{ Foster } - - - Goal
	{ Ward } - - - "

Josephs of the Junior team put up the best game; Pickett, Bell, Foster and Wood also played a good game.

## SENIOR LOCALS.

W—d has had a hair-cut.

The Roll of Honor—I want some more.

Is Miss Prentiss a member of the B.H.S. L. S.?

What's the matter with the Chemistry marks?

We are glad to hear that none of the Senior boys have "expired" yet.

Report cards caused a general upheaval in the way of changing seats.

If the Middlers haven't men enough to play basket-ball they might take some of the girls.

Teacher in English History.—Why was the bronze age so called?

Bright Scholar.—Because of the color of the people.

If the empty seats down front continue to fill Mr. Hurd will have to hear recitations at the back of the room.

One of the Middlers broke his leg lately, but we are happy to remark that he has come back a new man. (Newman.)

A new waste-basket is needed in the big room, the one now in use has had a patch (Patch) on it several times.



## PUZZLEDOM.

## ANSWERS TO DECEMBER PUZZLES.

1. Because he draws iron.
2. Because they do a great deal of coupling.
3. Roxbury, (rocks bury).
4. Because they scintillate (sin till late).
5. When they make 22.
6. Because they have studded (studied) the heavens for thousands of years.
7. Because they never complain without cause (caws).
8. Semicircle.
9. I come not to deform the year,  
Nor wasting ruin spread,  
Nor cast the freezing snow storm drear  
Upon unsheltered head.
10. From SIX take IX, from IX take X, from XL take L and we have remaining Six.
11. Venus flytrap.

## JANUARY CONUNDRUMS.

1. Why are chairs like bridal dresses?
2. What is the difference between mice and women?
3. What word of six letters contains 8 words besides itself?
4. Why are whalers like winds?

## PUZZLE NO. 1.

Behold a fish by taking an insect and leave a domestic animal.

## PUZZLE NO. 2.

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## PUZZLE NO. 3.

E E E F F F F O O R C.

(That which the proprietor of the "Owl" often does.

## ANAGRAM.

It thrice transposed a proper name  
Will show a just and legal claim,  
A famous stream of length and size,  
And last a thing before your eyes.

## LOCALS.

Before taking active steps toward their social the class of '96 should seek advice from their Seniors and find out how the thing is done. If they fail to do this we fear that the poor inexperienced members will find themselves in an awful muddle.

At the time of writing we notice a petition being circulated by Mader which is calculated to resurrect the defunct Debating Society.

How curious that '96 should hold their social on the same night as the '94 reunion.

A gentleman who came up to visit school one day was overheard to remark as the Juniors came into the room, "Why, do you have the primary departments up here too?"

What a flurry over basket ball! Look out boys that the project does not come to the same end as that of the Cadets.

What was the cause of all those angry looks which some of the Middler girls directed toward one of the P. G. class the other recess?—Senior.

The athletic editor seems to be in clover this month. He has two subjects to write about; viz. basket ball and polo.

Junior girls should take care not to get round shouldered by setting on the settees during study hours.

It is understood that the Y. M. C. A., is to publish a new monthly paper soon. This will, we hope, be a stimulus to the editorial staff of the Amateur.

Some of the young fellows deserve a reprimand for the noise and disorder which was made in the hall on a Tuesday evening rehearsal before the arrival of the principal.

For rules and regulations on basket ball. Apply to Wm. St—ns, '97.

The Astronomy Class have changed into English History. M—M—1 has dropped French and Latin and taken up History and Arithmetic.

## EXCHANGES.

Besides our regular exchanges we are glad to note the receipt of the *Howler*, Maywood, Ill.; *Pantagraph*, East Syracuse, N. Y.; *Normal Review*, Warrensburg, Mo.; *Union School Quarterly*, Glen's Falls, N. Y.

In the *Review* are some finely written continued articles by members of the Faculty and others, viz.: "Some points on the History of Economics," "United States History," and "Some Phases of Modern Psychology."

The *Pantagraph* is a fine looking paper especially for so young a one.

We are glad that the *Howler* sent us a copy of its first issue. Success to you.

Let all, who can, read the advice given to skaters in the Exchange column of the *Classic*, also "Setting Type by Wire," in the *Enterprise*, also "Concentration," in *Nov. Sol*.

Both the *Record*, Cleveland and *Clarion* have cuts of their '94 Football Teams.

The *Review* (Lowell) has an article which is worth reading, "How to spell Sh-k-s-p-r-'s name." Though there are 4,000 ways, it is most probable that he himself, spelt it *Shakspere*." After all what is the use of worrying about it? Any one will know what you mean what ever way you write it.

## "GLEANINGS FROM BIBLE STUDY."

What was primeval man?

Not a savage, not a sage, not a saint, but

1.

(a) Physically; an animal, subject to all animal conditions.

(b) Intellectually; a thinker with full rational powers.

(c) Spiritually; a son of God, sinless, but not holy.

(d) Morally; a character germ, waiting development.

(e) Socially; a child with all the instincts and affinities of fellowship.

(f) Industrially; an apprentice to all trades and occupations. The first man did not know

how to make a house, or plow or anything, except as he learned how.

(g) Authoritatively; master of the earth.  
—"Voice."

"Ye who write for this busy age," says a late writer, speak quick, use short sentences; never stop the reader with a long or ambiguous word; but let the stream of thought flow right on, and men will drink like water.—*Spectator*.

South African proof readers die young. The last succumbed to the description of a fight between the Unabelinjiji and Amaswazlezi tribes.  
—*Distaff*.

"Is taxidermist a collector?" "No, Maude, dear, the taxidermist is not a collector of taxes, though he does work a skin game."—*Student*.

## LOOK OUT CHEMISTS.

Our Willie passed away to-day,  
His face we'll see no more,  
What Willie thought was H<sub>2</sub>O,  
Proved H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>!

—*Omnium Gatherum*.

"Of what was the New England township composed.

Of as many farms as could conveniently go to church.—*Phi Rhonian*.

"Now this boy may name the bones of the skull."

"U-m-m-m—Alt-h-h—I've got 'em in my head, but I can't think of 'em just now."

—*Oracle*.

Old Lady (about to pass before an electric car):—"If I step on this rail will I get a shock?"  
Motorman!—"No Madam! not unless you put your other foot on the trolley wire.—*Beacon*.

Beverly, Jan. 14, 1895.

## CARD OF THANKS.

The High School and Alumni, herein desire to express their deep appreciation of the kindness shown by the Y. M. C. T. S., in relinquishing their claim to the City Hall, on the night of Feb. 1, thereby conferring a great favor upon the above mentioned parties.



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