MY BLUE-EYED GENTIANS.

BY S. B. T.

The weeks had been weary and full of pain. All through the lovely September weather I had been a prisoner within four close walls; and as October was flinging her banner of scarlet and gold upon the hillsides, I came slowly back to strength and freedom. John, my own dear blessed John, who had been so patient and tender through all the changes of mental moods and tenses caused by tortured, diseased nerves, persuaded me, one lovely Indian summer day, to take a drive with him out into the sunshine and softened, misty glory. But I was weak and depressed, and hardly knew whether, on the whole, to be glad or sorry I came. As we drove quietly over the hills and through the valleys, I was rebellious and out of tune, and all the beauty around me failed to bring harmony out of the discords. John, wise and thoughtful, did not directly combat my humor, but contented himself with a few quiet words now and then to draw my thoughts from myself to the lovely scenes around us. But he did not break the spell of silence, for I felt so weak and useless, such a dead weight in God's world of busy workers, that all the beauty jarred upon me, and I longed for clouds to correspond with the shadows in my heart.

Suddenly John checked Neddie Norse, and, springing from the carriage, soon placed in my hands a bunch of the loveliest blue blossoms I had ever seen "Oh, what are they?" I cried. "I have it now! You know in Whittier's 'Psalm' he says of autumn:

"'Yet shall the blue-eyed gentian look
Through fringed lids to heaven;

and see! this answers the description perfectly. They are very rare, and I never saw one before!"

John smiled at my flushed, lighted face, so different from the pale, listless one of a few moments before. "Drive on slowly, dear," he said, "and I will pick a large bunch for you. The ground is blue with them a little further into the swamp."

"Oh, those blue-eyed gentians! Never were larger, more perfect specimens found than those which came to us that autumn day. Neddie seemed to understand the case perfectly, and walked leisurely along, as though waiting for flower-hunters had been the business of his life, while I drank in the beauty of the blossoms eagerly, and studied their lovely proportions; noted the dainty pencilings in the heart of the flowers, and the exquisite fringes, which in their softness and grace somehow reminded me of the delicate drooping lashes which lay closed upon my dead baby's face years ago.

When John returned, his hands overflowing with their wealth of beauty, he found my tongue verily unloosed, and my heart stirred to its depth with enthusiasm.

"Isn't it strange enough," I said, "and romantic, too, that Whittier should tell me the name of our flower? And Lucy Larcom, I think it is, says,

"The gentian
Hangs all her fringes out on sunny days."

O John, I am so glad I came!" and I kissed my precious blossoms in my delight.

My good man's grave and tender eyes looked at me with a smile in them. "Yes, darling," he said, "I thank Providence, and Whittier, and all the sweet influences which have proved such a potent medicine. Providence directed us this way, where we should find the flowers, and Whittier has suggested all sorts of happy thoughts by his vivid description. I am so glad the sunshine has crept into your heart, and shines out of your eyes."

Then, as we rode homeward, I confessed it all to John; all the rebellion and bitterness that had blinded my eyes to the beauty around. But now all was changed. It seemed as though the golden, mellow day was sacred, and the calm a Sabbath calm of peace. As I looked on the soft autumn glory Whittier's "Psalm" still echoed in my heart, and the same poem which had christened my treasures sent its strong, grand measures to lift and sustain my weak soul.

Neddie walked slowly up a hill and through a grove where the dying glory of the trees strewed the ground, as I said:

"I see it all, John. The discipline is needed, and yet there are compensations. Autumn, bleak and dreary, has its Indian summer, its drapery of scarlet and gold, and even its asters and blue-eyed gentians."

I bent low over the blossoms which had been such eloquent teachers, and John repeated softly from this grand poem, while my heart echoed his words:

All as God wills, who wisely heeds,
To give or to withhold,
And knoweth more of all my needs
Than all my prayers have told.

Enough that blessings undeserved
Have marked my erring track,
That wheresoe'er my feet have swerved
His chastening turned me back.

That more and more a Providence
Of love is understood,
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good.

Looking up from the flowers with swimming eyes, I whispered, smiling through my tears:

And so the shadows fall apart,
And so the west winds play,
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day.

The Festival of Snakes.

A celebrated Abruzzese painter is about to put on canvas the characteristic representation of a curious festival held at a little mountain church once a year. The peasants walk in procession, carrying round their arms, waists and necks, etc., all the snakes that they can find. Sig. Michetti, the artist, has a quaint little villa on the shores of the Adriatic. He was lately visited by a friend, to whom he showed all the curiosities of his villa, and then, opening a small door to a dark chamber, into which he entered for a moment, he called out, "I have something still better to show you. Take these." The friend held out his arms, and to his horror five or six blacksnakes were put into them. With a cry of disgust he threw them on the ground. "How stupid you are," said Michetti. "You will make me lose all my models!" He then explained to his friend that he was making studies from life for his great picture. The curious festival which is to be the subject of the painting is believed by the peasants to preserve them from poison and sudden death, and to bring them good fortune, especially in love.—*Naples letter to London News.*

The Camphor Tree.

One of the most useful and magnificent productions of the vegetable kingdom that enrich China, and more particularly the provinces of Kiang-si and Canion, is the camphor tree. This stupendous laurel, which often adorns the banks of the rivers, was in several places found by Lord Amherst's embassy above fifty feet high, with its stem twenty feet in circumference. The Chinese themselves affirm that it sometimes attains the height of more than 300 feet, and a circumference greater than the extended arms of twenty men could embrace. Camphor is obtained from the branches by steeping them, while fresh cut, in water for two or three days, and then boiling them till the gum, in the form of a white jelly, adheres to a stick which is used in constantly turning the branches. The fluid is then poured into a glazed vessel, where it concretes in a few hours. To purify it the Chinese take a quantity of finely powdered earth, which they lay at the bottom of a copper basin; over this they place a layer of camphor, and then another layer of earth, and so on until the vessel is nearly filled, the last or topmost layer being of earth. They cover this last layer with the leaves of a plant called po-ho, which seems to be a species of mentha (mint). They now invert a second basin over the first, and make air-tight by luting. The whole is then submitted to the action of a regulated fire for a certain length of time, and then left to cool gradually. On separating the vessels the camphor is found to have sublimed and to have adhered to the upper basin. Repetitions of the same process complete its refinement. Besides yielding this valuable ingredient the camphor tree is one of the principal timber trees of China, and is used not only in building but in most articles of furniture. The wood is dry and of a light color, and, although light and easy to work, durable, and not likely to be injured by insects.

Finding a Needle.

A needle broken short off in the flesh is troublesome to both surgeon and patient. There is so little to lay hold of with the forceps, that any touch which does not extract it is bound to give it an onward impulse. As it often happens that no trace of the broken needle can be found, because the patient has pushed it completely in, by attempting to withdraw it, two ingenious plans have been devised for ascertaining its location, which are thus described by a writer in *Chambers' Journal.*

A powerfnl magnet is held upon that part of the body for a quarter of an hour, so as to influence the fragment; then a finely hung polarized needle is suspended over it, when, if any iron be present, deflection will ensue.

In Italy, a kind of ivory probe traversed by two wires has been used for the detection of foreign bodies of this nature in a deep wound, it being connected with an electric battery in such a way that directly the probe comes in contact with anything metallic the circuit is completed, and its presence announced by the ringing of a bell.

Losing a Collar Button.

Husband—My dear, have you seen anything of my collar button?

Wife—Did you lose it?

Husband (sarcastically)—Did I lose it? If I hadn't lost it I wouldn't ask you if you had seen anything of it, would I?

Wife (nervously looking about)—Well, don't you know where you lost it?

Husband (jumping up and down with rage)—Don't I know where I lost it? Oh, yes, certainly; a man would be a fool to lose a collar button and not know exactly where he lost it. I dropped it not five minutes ago up in the northern part of British America. That's where I lost the fool collar button, madam.—*New York Mail and Express.*

The Bailie Was Satisfied.

Some time ago the Corporation of Ayr acquired some old property, upon which they resolved to erect some new buildings. A bust of Wallace and Bruce formed the springers of the arch to the main entrance, while the bust of John Knox formed the key. The sculptor had given the finishing touches to the beard of the preacher, when one of the bailies passed up the street, and said he thought the beard of Knox hung too much to one side. "Dear me, Bailie," said the sculptor, "did you no' see the win's blawin' doon the street?" "Oh, so it is," replied the bailie, a new light breaking in upon him. "I wis shure there was something o't," and he walked away quite satisfied with the answer.—*Glasgow story.*

All About Peach Fritters.

Peach fritters are delicious, and are a welcome morsel to those deluded people who prefer fruit cooked, and who do not really feel as if they have made all they should of it unless they serve it into the forms of pies, etc. Still no man need scruple to help himself twice to peach fritters, for it is excusable. Make a nice sweet batter of flour and sweet milk, add eggs and salt to suit your taste. Peel and cut the peaches in halves, removing the stones.—*American Queen.*

THOSE who are most weary of life, and yet are most unwilling to die, are such who have lived to no purpose, who have rather breathed than lived.—*Clarendon*

BOTH the Mason & Hamlin organs and pianos excel chiefly in that which is the chief excellence in any musical instrument, *quality of tone.* Other things, though important, are much less so than this. An instrument with unmusical tones cannot be a good musical instrument. Yet all are not good judges of such a matter. An inferior quality of tone will often please the uncultivated ear best, at first, though time and use will reveal the superiority of really good tone. Hence in selecting an organ it is safer to choose one from a maker whose reputation is thoroughly established, and whose productions are acknowledged to have superlative excellence, especially in this chief thing.—*Boston Journal.*

Important Decision Affecting Trade-Marks.

In the suit of The Charles A. Vogeler Company, of Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A., against Parrott & Co., of London, England, the Court of Appeals has granted the plaintiffs a perpetual injunction with costs. The action, which grew out of an alleged infringement of plaintiff's well-known trade-mark, St. Jacobs Oil, was originally heard in the High Court of Justice, where Vice-Chancellor Bacon, without going into the merits of the case, considered it was one that should go before the Comptroller of Trade-Marks. From this opinion The Charles A. Vogeler Company appealed, claiming that they were being injured by the goods of the defendants, entitled St. Davids Oil, being mistaken for theirs, and that while they had taken steps to bring a case before the Comptroller of Trade-Marks, months would elapse before a decision could be obtained, and, as their business would be seriously injured by such delay, a restraining order should be granted at once. The result of the appeal was that a perpetual injunction was made, with costs. The proceedings before the Comptroller have been abandoned by the defendants, and the Baltimore house has thus achieved a double victory. By the order of the Court of Appeal, Parrott & Co. and their agents are perpetually restrained from using the term "St. Davids Oil," or any similar term, as well as the words "The Great German Remedy," and any words or marks similar to those used by The Charles A. Vogeler Company in connection with their St. Jacobs Oil. The progress of this suit has been watched with interest by the mercantile and manufacturing community of Great Britain where thousands of trade-marks of almost incalculable value are owned. It was shown by the evidence that plaintiffs had sold during the past few years over seven million bottles of St. Jabobs Oil, and had expended as high as five hundred thousand dollars in a single year for advertising throughout the world. Their success in this suit is regarded with great satisfaction in business circles. Eminent English and American legal talent figured in the case. The counsel for The Charles A. Vogeler Company, of which latter Mr. H. D. Umbstaetter was personally present, were Queen's Counsel Theodore Aston, assisted by John Cutler and Theodore MacKenna, of London, Rowland Cox, of New York, and Gen. William Henry Browne, of Washington, D. C.

The Goat and the Tiger.

A Goat and a Tiger having been made Prisoners in the same Pitfall, the Goat remarked:

"It would seem wise to Pool our Issues against the Common Enemy. I'll Agree not to Eat you, if you'll Agree not to Eat me."

The Tiger readilly Agreed, and by great good Fortune the pair managed to Regain their Liberty. They were Scarcely out of the Pit, however, when the Tiger seized the Goat and Prepared to Crush him.

"Hold! Did we not have a Solemn Agreement?"

"Exactly, but what a Tiger agrees to in a Pitfall does not hold good when he reaches the surface."

MORAL:

There isn't any to speak of, except that the Goat should have Eaten the Tiger down in the Pit and Trusted to Luck to Escape Afterward.—*Detroit Free Press.*

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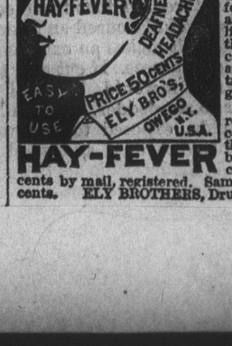

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