

Hillside Farm, Sugar Hill, N.H.,
August 9th 1889.

To the High & Mighty,
Walter, surnamed Dean,
Grand Vizier,

Sire, It was in the
first year of the reign of the Caliph
Benjamin (may his tribe increase!) - in
the 8th month, that Bailey-am, a herb
gatherer and seer, gathered his garments
about him, and retired to the mountains.
In that land there were exceeding high
hills. The valleys likewise flowed with
milk and maple syrup. The damsels
were comely in the land, and great was
the wisdom of the elders. Bailey-am saw
that it was a goodly heritage - and his
heart rejoiced. "You!" said he, "I will a-
live herein and flourish like the bay tree."
The Land of the Narragansetts shall never
yet awhile - and its daughters bewail that
their prophet is departed!"

On the seventh day of the eighth month,
 Bailey - an heroic man of mighty grit, was
 moved to climb the everlasting hills, yea
 the peak of Lou-Hayette that toucheth unto
 heaven. Young men and maidens gathered
 round him - and his face shone as the
 full moon.

In those days there was a goodly
 driver - known as Leonard - of the vigorous
 tribe of Smith. None driveth so wisely. He
 handleth the reins like Jesus, and so! none
 passeth him upon the road. He brought us
 mightily to the Caravan-serai - yea to the
 hostel and camp of the house of Benjamin,
 to the house called Profile. Here gathered
 we one upon another - and ascended into
 the hills. Beautiful upon the mountains were
 our feet as those of the messengers of
 peace. Here and there we stopped at an
 oasis to quaff the ever-living waters.

Pray pardon my Haw - ried style,
 I will descend to Anglo-Loxon, while I

Like you to the summit, I found I could make
 the ascent easier than in 1882 when I last
 went up. This is funny after my long illness.
 Mosses abounded - and swept in great billowy
 masses over mindfalls and rocks. How fascin-
 atingly beautiful they are! The chief flower
 below the sub-alpine region was Polemonium hyper-
boicum, now in its glory. Veratrum viride grows
 very high up on the mountain. Of the true al-
 pines, I collected the two species of Prenanthes,
 the rhizomatous Arenaria Greenlandica, the Glaux
caroliniana, Var Peckii, Vaccinium Vitis Idaea, Juncus
triplicatus, Agrostis canina, Var aspera. All other
 things new in seed. It was so cold on the top
 that I felt my very marrow congealing. De-
 spite the glorious view, I had to turn tail,
 like the little bull in the old Harvard song,
 and streak for a lower declivity.

Yes! I have been here since the 7th and
 expect to remain till the 22^d. It is a delightful
 place, with excellent food, and jolly company
 - all at a reasonable figure, Every ad lib.

My family are at the sea-side near Lacanet,
 P. I. I miss them immensely.

Rev C. A. L. Richards of St John's, P. I. is here;
 indeed, it was through his family that I learned
 of the place.

I regret to hear of your Father's illness.
 I hope my letter will reach you either at Jaffrey
 or Cambridge. Can I control any thing for you
 here? Would you like any of the alpsies men-
 tioned herein? They are at your service. Earth
 may have a finer mountain than Lou Tazette;
 I have not seen it. (Izard Walter amended).

"Be thus familiar, but by no means
 vulgar,"

+ +
 The friends throw best (I'm one
 of 'em), grapple them to thy soul"
 Politely yours,
 Bailey (W. W.).



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