

Speakers

An inquiry and answer followed identifying the . The convention was patiently listening to all the oratorical talent present, and my friends held out a slender hope that once the different had relieved their minds they might feel easier towards me, and possibly an exception would be made in my case. The were none other than the two cowboys whom he had accosted in the Mexican hotel. Evidently the were approaching the station. The hedge was thinner in some places than in others, and at times he could see not only the light through it but even the moving figures of the , and the occasional white flash of a summer gown. "And, Mrs. Mattern," continued, "if I may say so without offense, the age (real or imaginary) of the may make a difference in Albuquerque, but with our committee not the slightest." I am proud to tell you I have augmented our number of strawberry by nearly fifty per cent." According to his prudent habit, Eastman had the follow each other alphabetically. Sharon was hearty, and we had "Sweet and Low" twice. Then the speaking began, and the were welcomed, coming and going, with mild and friendly demonstrations. Unexpectedly I found embarrassment of choice dazing me, and I sat without attending to the later . Yet, on the other hand, Guy had one prize, and where merit was so even--I sat, I say, forgetful of the rest of the , when suddenly I was aware of louder shouts of welcome, and I awaked to Josey Yeatts bowing at us.

Tongues

The day turned out to be one of torrid heat, and before the middle of the forenoon, the cattle lolled their _____ in despair, while their sullen lowing surged through from rear to lead and back again in piteous yet ominous appeal. The band numbered eight by easy count, as they halted within two hundred yards and lay down, lolling their _____ as if they expected to return and renew the attack. I'll drive 'em till their _____ hang out. Fords, I believe, are about as human as horses, and I've knowed horses I believe coulda talked if their _____ was split. There'll be cars comin' in from both ways with their _____ hangin' out, outa gas, outa oil, needin' this and needin' that and looking on that garage as a godsend--" He did not pursue the subject further, and so several belated retorts were left tickling futilely the _____ of the Happy Family--which does not make for amiability. With four willing _____ to enlighten him, it would be strange, indeed, if one so acute as Andy Green failed at last to have a very fair mental picture of Miguel. So, with the comfortable glow of victory in their souls, they laid them down, and, when the animated discussion of that night's adventure flagged, as their _____ grew sleep-clogged and their eyelids drooped, they slept in peace; save when Slim, awakened by the soreness of his leg, grunted a malediction or two before he began snoring again. He knows the Old Man and Chip are gone, and he knows we've just naturally got to sit back and swallow our _____ because we haven't any authority. The dogs wandered helplessly about, yelped half-heartedly at the woolly mass, then sat down upon their haunches and lolled red _____ far out over their pointed little teeth, and tilted knowing heads at the Happy Family. From the gossip that was rolled relishfully upon the _____ of the Dry Lake scandal lovers, the Happy Family must have been more than sufficiently convincing. But she did not weep when her own shack began to crackle and show yellow, licking _____ of flame. Bill could not name the nationality of them all; for the hunting call had reached to the far corners of the earth, and strange flags came fluttering across strange seas, with pirate-faced adventurers on the decks below, chattering in strange _____ of California gold. Tied their _____ into hard knots tryin' to tell me somethin' I didn't have time to listen to, and looked like they wanted to see my hide hangin' on a fence. Having put her hair into some sort of confinement, she picked up her reins and smiled at José and then at Jack in a way to tie the _____ of them both; though their brows were black with the hatred which must, if they met again, bear fruit of violence. "Till we was all of us on the gallop and _____ a-hanging." If their hearts were not as light, their faces gave no sign; and their _____ flung back the good-humored jibes of their fellows in Spanish as fluent as any they heard. They looked, and craned, and murmured comments until the señora appeared, a little breathless and warm from her last conference with Margarita in the kitchen, and turned their _____ upon the festival. All day they had waited for the duel, at most merely appeased by the other sports; and now, with José actually among them, and with the wine they had drunk to heat their blood and the mob-psychology working its will of them, they were scarce human, but rather a tremendous battle beast personified by dark, eager faces and _____ that wagged continually and with prejudice. Those angelic old men and old ladies have nearly all been immortalized in stories and songs, and the unsung remainder

have nerves and notions and rheumatism and sharpened by all the disappointments and sorrows of their long lives. Their horses, full of little exuberant outbursts of horse-foolishness when they had left town, settled down to a dogged, plodding half walk, half trot which is variously described upon the range; Luck, for instance, calling it poco-poco; while the Happy Family termed it running-walk, trail-trot, fox-trot--whatever came easiest to their at the time. It took a flag-flying special train of that bitter Presidential campaign to find a weak spot in the guard, and to send a spark straight into the thickest bunch of wiry sand grass, where the wind could fan it to a blaze and then seize it and bend the tall flame until they licked around the next tuft of grass, and the next, and the next--until the spark was grown to a long, leaping line of fire, sweeping eastward with the relentless rush of a tidal wave upon a low-lying beach. "Now, what in time--" began Arline aloud, after the manner of women whose must keep pace with their thoughts. Val had a tub half filled with water at the house, and that helped amazingly by making it possible to keep the sacks wet, so that every blow counted as they beat out the ragged of flame which, in that wind, would jump here and there the ditch and the road, and go creeping back toward the stacks and the buildings. Their protruded, their mouths dribbled a lathery foam, and their rough, sweaty hides told Val of the long chase--for she was wiser in the ways of the range land than she had been. Jack stood dazed, watching the yellow go licking up the smaller branches. The sky above was all curdled with gold and crimson, while the smoke cloud below was a turgid black shot through with sparks and of flame. "They'd be sticking out their at each other if they was twenty years younger; pity they ain't, too; it would be a relief to 'em both!" The lamp glowing in the corner was the only other light, and when they drew their chairs close to the hearth, great of shadows leaped and fell on the wall behind them. About the good that is in men rumor often makes mistakes, but for evil she has an infallible eye and at once sets all of her thousand wagging. It towered high, the upper twisting among the branches of the tree. A fresh breeze was sweeping from the ocean onto the shore, and red licked about the main cabin and darted like reaching hands into the heart of the sky. At that he did enough to keep wagging. If you can find two or three men who have silent and strong hands, you'd better take them along. Such questions were always a signal for an unlocking of around the circle. Men in sore straits, with swollen and bleeding feet, we saw, and, happily, were able to relieve; and I am sure that many would have died but for the prompt aid rendered by the Government Water Supply Department, which despatched drays loaded with tanks of water to succour the suffering miners. of flame shot up in the air, a fire lit by our mates, but showing that, in spite of Warri's instinct, we had not been walking in quite the right direction. Squirrels chatter, brooks babble, and the of the Iroquois are split. But rumour whispered with a thousand of horrors viewless, nameless, inconceivable; and that far to the westward Biskoonah yawned, so close indeed to the world's surface that the waters boiling deep in hell burst into burning fountains in the magic garden where the red priest made his sorcery, alone. Moccasin snakes darted wicked forked at him and then glided out of reach of his tomahawk. And all the while her aunt held her hand, and Beatrice and Eleanor talked as fast as their could wag. "You fear the poison for me? I'm beyond or minds like those."

Mile and mile long of red lava streamed out between the hills and wound down to
 stop abruptly upon the slope. These dunes finally sank down to a black floor as hard as flint
 with of lava to the left, and to the right the slow descent into the cactus plain. Then
 Gale made out round spots, dark against the background of red, and in front of them leaped
 out small of fire. Then he saw little, pale, leaping of fire. Their eyes gleamed
 red; their flew out. Women gossiped, in a friendly way about Shefford, but with
 jealous about the girl. And I knew it would grow to wonder and certainty, then
 fierce attack from both and bats, and lastly--for ball players are generous--unstint-
 ed admiration. By way of variety, the lambasting Canadians commenced to lambast a few
 over the hills and far away, which chased Deerfoot and me until our lolled out.
 Maybe you've all had your cut out?" "Reckon I never yet heard any daid men's
 wag." He saw the lashing of flame above him in the pines. May the drought
 seize your cattle till their hang down as long as those of your lying lawyers! They
 had ridden something like a couple of miles on their way homeward and their were
 just beginning to wag, girl-like, again, when both were considerably startled by a loud hallo,
 coming from behind. Looks like every nation in the world was represented right here in this
 one boat load and sounds like the confusion of at the tower of Babel. For many
 minutes the map and the gold nugget were now passed from hand to hand and thoroughly
 examined by all, while the of all wagged with excited comments and Thure and Bud
 were often called upon to repeat parts of their story. "Them boys keep that gait up," Kirby
 remarked, "an' they ain't gonna make it far 'fore their hang out 'bout three feet an'
 forty inches. Their hung out and they panted for water, stretching their necks pite-
 ously to low now and again. "No folks to stare, no fuss, no jokes and ribbons and best bon-
 nets, no public eye nor talkin' of when most yu' want to hear nothing and say
 nothing."

These poems are composed entirely from 91 public domain Westerns, novels that are freely
 available on *Project Gutenberg*. In total, the source text is over 10,000 pages long and is
 authored by 20 different writers. When I searched all of the novels simultaneously, there were
 11 instances of the word "speakers" and 61 instances of the word "tongues." In order to begin
 writing, I had to copy and paste each of the 91 western novels into a single word document.
 Once the 10,000 pages of source text were assembled, I used the ctrl+f function to search all
 of the novels simultaneously. Then I pulled out each individual sentence that contained one of
 the words that I was searching for and copied it into a separate word document. The resulting
 poems are meant to represent the poetic techniques—searching and scanning and isolating
 —used to derive them, and to provide a contextual space where the language of a single word
 can be read.