Picnics in English

The Priest of Ten Mountain

I hear the distant baying of the hound;
Amid the water murmuring around,
I see the peach-flowers bearing crystal rain.
The spottive deer cross over the forest's face.

The waving tops of bamboo grow on the sedge's side.
In fleeting change the summer clouds fly like a kite,
While from the emerald peaks of many hills
The sparkling clouds fall in fairy railes.

Beneath the pines within this shady dell,
I list in vain to hear the tendril's sound.
The temple's empty, and the priest has gone,
And I am left to mourn my grief alone.

Charles Bodd

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Lord Chesterfield To His Son

 haste Study Letter-Writing

A. About Letter-Writing

Bath, October 4, 1738.

My dear Child—by my writing so often, and by the manner in which I write, you will easily see that I do not treat you as a little child, but as a boy who loves to learn, and is ambitious of receiving instructions. I am even persuaded, that in reading my letters, you are attentive, not only to the subject of which they treat, but likewise to the orthography and to the style. It is of the greatest importance to write letters well; as this is a talent which unavoidably occurs every day of our lives, as well in business as in pleasure; and inscriptions in orthography or in style are never pardoned but in ladies. When you are older, you will read the "Epistles" (that is to say Letters) of Cicero, which are the most perfect models of good writing. A propos of Cicero, I must give you some account of him. He was an old Roman, who lived eighteen hundred years ago, a man of great genius, and the most celebrated orator that ever was. Will it not be necessary to explain to you what an orator is? I believe it must. An orator is a man who understands in public assembly, and who speaks with eloquence such is he, who reasons well, has a fine style, and chooses his words properly. Now, never man succeeded better than Cicero in all those different points; he had all the oratory of the whole people of Rome assembled; and, by the force of his eloquence, persuaded them to whatever he pleased. At other times, he used to undertake causes, and plead for his clients in courts of justice; and in those causes he generally had all the suffrages, to say, all the opinions, all the decisions, in his favor. While the Roman republic enjoyed its freedom, he did very signal services to his country; but after it was enslaved by Julius Caesar, the first Emperor of the Roman Empire, Cicero was suspected by the tyrants, and was at last put to death by order of Mark Antony, who hated him for the severity of his orations against him, at the time that he endeavored to obtain the sovereignty of Rome.

In case there should be any words in my letters which you do not perfectly understand, remember always to inquire the explanation from your maam, or else to seek for them in the dictionary. Adieu.

My dear Child:

I am very sorry that I have not written to you sooner, but I have been so occupied with my business and my studies that I have had no time to do so. I am very glad to hear that you are well and that you are making good progress in your studies. I hope that you will continue to work hard and that you will not be lazy. I am sending you this letter to tell you that I love you very much and that I am thinking of you every day. I hope that you will write to me soon and tell me how you are getting along. Adieu.