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THE CHILDHOOD OF THE HEART.

Oh, the rosy days of childhood—
How blissfully they sped
When not a charm had vanished
And not a wonder fled
The year was full of promise then
The tongue was full of praise
But I think the cup is sweeter now
Than in the best of days.

Oh, the laughing world of childhood,
Of ignorance and ease
The lightest touch could quicken
And the least pleasure please
Yet the upward path is dearer
With all its thorns and briars
Than a garden of a hundred flowers
When ignorance is there!

Oh, the beating heart of childhood—
That little heart of snow
That doth have never entered
Nor sorrow has wrought here
Trust me, not all the rapture
Its eager life can span
Can shadow forth the perfect love
That warms the breast of man.

—Dora R. Goodale in Harper's Weekly.

The Old Astronomy.

One of the Hesiodic poems, "The Works and Days," composed, perhaps, a century and a half later than the Homeric, gives precept upon precept to farmer and mariner, and teaches them how to observe the seasons, at a period when almanacs were as yet unknown.

"When the Pleiades, daughters of Atlas, rise, begin your harvest; when they set, your plowing. When the stars of winter Zeus has fulfilled sixty days of winter (then it is that Arcturus, having left the sacred stream of Ocean, rises in the twilight brightly beaming, prune your vines. When Sirius parches head and knees, and the stars in the range of Orion, then sit in the shade and drink. When Orion and Sirius have reached mid heaven, and rosy fingered dawn beholds Arcturus, then gather and carry home your grape clusters. When, flying the impetuous night of Orion, the Pleiades sink into the misty deep, then range bins of wind, haul ashore your ship and cover her around with stones."

The mention of the solstice here and elsewhere in the poem implies careful astronomical observation. Arcturus, "the bear keeper," is a bright star in the constellation Bootes.—Gentleman's Magazine.

spellbound.
The eighty-five teachers in the public schools of Lockport had a spelling contest the other day, to the great delight of their pupils, because some of the teachers did not altogether cover themselves with glory. Of the eighty-five only five spelled "Rensselaer" correctly, and 74 per cent. of the whole number misspelled "acknowledgment." All of the following words were wrongly spelled by more than half of the teachers, and several of them by more than fifty: "Supersede," "resuscitate," "excellence," "benefited," "business," "medal," "maintenance," "milliner," "pretensions," "gaseous" and "concede." The name "Genevieve" is said to have caught a good many victims.—Boston Journal.

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HOW THE PALACE CAR MAGNATE GOT HIS START IN LIFE'S JOURNEY.

Born in the Country, His First Wages Amounted to but \$40 a Year—Cabinet Maker, Building Mover and Raiser, Pike's Peak Gold Seeker, Millionaire.

George M. Pullman, whose differences with his employees brought about the Debs boycott and strikes, is 63 years old. He was born in Brocton, Chautauque county, N. Y., and like most country boys attended school more or less regularly till he was about 14 years old. Then he went to work in a country general store at a salary of \$4 a year. He staid there three years, and it is of record that he earned his money.

He had already begun to show that he possessed the genius of accumulation, for when he left the country store he had a capital of \$30, which had been saved out of his meager wages. With this he went to Albion, N. Y., where his brother had a cabinet shop. For this brother the boy went to work, though not exactly as an employee, for his little savings were invested in a partnership interest in the shop. George learned the trade quickly, and the two did very well, so well indeed that when a few years later an opportunity for a man of ingenuity and enterprise to make money came up the younger of the two was equal to the emergency. His chance was furnished by the widening of the Erie canal. This made it necessary to



GEORGE M. PULLMAN.

move many buildings back from the edge of the artificial waterway in order that the necessary additional excavations could be made.

When young Pullman had finished moving the buildings from the canal, he had a capital of \$5,000 or \$6,000. A Chicago lady, who was visiting in Albion told him that the street level of the big western city was about to be raised, and that there had been a good deal of trouble experienced in lifting the heavy buildings. This was late in the fifties, and Pullman took himself at once to Chicago.

His success there was great, but in 1860, the work of elevation having been practically accomplished, he sighted for new fields. When the civil war broke out, business prospects looked bad, and hearing that gold had been discovered at Pike's peak he went thither, where he remained till some time in 1864. Then he returned to Chicago and set about building his first sleeping car. He was seized with the notion that some time he would do this one right, which he reasoned in one of the old Woodruff sleeping cars, just before he left Albion. The bunk in which he lay was so uncomfortable that he did not sleep at all, but his active mind devised a plan for a sleeping car which he now set about putting into concrete form.

This car was built in a shed belonging to the Chicago and Alton Railway company. Pullman personally supervised its construction, and before it was finished had expended \$18,000 upon it. It was wider and higher than other cars, and railroad managers laughed at his expectations that it could be successfully run. There was no way, they said, by which it could be passed over their roads but by moving back the platforms of the stations and raising the bridges. The car had not been finished long when President Lincoln was assassinated, and it was proposed that it be used in the funeral train from Chicago to Springfield. The managers of the Alton road, who had more faith in the new car than had most other railroad managers, made the necessary changes in their bridges and platforms, and it was run over the line. It was afterwards put on regularly and found to be a drawing card. Orders for more cars came in quite as rapidly as Pullman wanted to build them, and in 1867 the business had grown so that it was found necessary to organize a stock company.

The growth of the Pullman company has been constant and rapid ever since. Its capitalization, some of it water, is now \$30,000,000. It was not until 1876 that the 3,500 acres of land on which the town of Pullman was built a year or two later was purchased. When the town was ready, the erection of the town proceeded rapidly. Immense factories, beautiful dwellings, churches and other public buildings rising as if summoned by the wand of an eastern magician from the flat, bare prairie. Inside of 12 months after the ground was broken there were not only handsome and substantial buildings, but broad, well paved streets, perfect sewer system, waterworks and gas pipes, and in this city those employed by the Pullman company were expected to reside. No one could buy a home, however, until all must first be satisfied with the things no doubt contributed to the dissatisfaction, which became serious when

CASTLE REST.
wages were reduced early this year. Mr. Pullman's idea in building the city was not at all philanthropic. It was to build on a business principle.

Mr. Pullman does not himself live in Castle Rest. He has a handsome residence at the corner of Prairie avenue and Eighteenth street, Chicago, which is said to have cost \$500,000. He has a scarcely less magnificent summer home on one of the Thousand Islands. This also cost a large sum of money. It is called Castle Rest, and when it was built was dedicated to his mother. His wife was Harriet Sanger before marriage, her father being J. Y. Sanger of Ottawa, Ills. They have two daughters and two sons.

Narrowing the Bedsteads.
Narrow houses and small rooms in flats are necessitating many modifications of life in New York. One of the present conditions is the narrowing of the bedstead. Time was when a double bed must be at least five feet wide. In New York today, however, it is difficult to find a ready made bedstead more than 4 feet 6 inches wide, and the bedsteads in the beds are narrowed correspondingly. In the narrowing of the bedstead the manufacturers have not lengthened it, so that that ill used class of persons who exceed 6 feet in height and find themselves in a world built for men 5 feet 8 inches or longer are left in a lurch by choosing a diagonal direction.—New York Sun.

LUCK IN ODD NUMBERS.

Superstitions of Modern Gamblers Which Are "as Old as the Hills."

If there is one active principle that enters into gambling, it is superstition, and for almost every man that hunts the elusive dollar over the desolate waste of the green baize cloth, or on the race track, or in any of the other multitudinous ways or places that one may lay siege to alluring fortune there is a separate fancy.

Jack McDonald, one of the best known bookmakers of America, believes that he is most successful in those years which are indicated by odd numbers, and if you are doubtful of the truth of it he will offer you figures to prove it.

"Carley B." as bookmaker Wolf is best known, has a steadfast belief in "3," and after he has selected a horse to bet upon he will place an extra heavy wager on him if he discovers that he is numbered "3" on the programme.

Several superstitious betting men at the Morris park races a few years ago noticed the coincidence that the thirteenth day of the meeting fell upon June 13, and they straightway sought out a horse numbered "13" on the card. They found one and bet upon him, and to make the coincidence most strange he won.

That this belief in luck as applied to certain numbers is as old as our philosophy is shown by the fact that centuries before the Christian era the Pythagoreans and Platonists, who represented all movements and phenomena of nature by numbers, invented the science of arithmancy, consisting of the use of magical squares and applying occult powers to numbers. On the combinations of certain numbers depended systems of divination, and particular virtues were ascribed to numbers accordingly as they were odd or even.

"There's luck in odd numbers" is a saying as old as the hills. As ancient a writer as Virgil says the gods themselves esteemed the numbers odd, for in the eighth eclogue he wrote:

Around his waxen image first I wind
Three woeless fillets of three colors joined;
Thrice round the sacred altar thrice is led—
Unequal numbers please the gods.

The Chinese have similar ideas. With them heaven is odd and earth even, and the numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 belong to heaven, while the even digits are of the earth.

So it is little cause for wonder that our modern gamblers stick to their belief that fortune abounds in odd numbers only.—New York Herald.

Reformed Geometry.

Almost 100 years ago two men set out from Virginia to visit the Scioto valley, of the beauty and fertility of which they had heard alluring reports. On the third night they reached Clarkburg, where they put up with a man who appeared to be honest, but old-fashioned and illiterate.

"Can you tell us how far it is to Marietta and what sort of a road we shall find?" asked one of the travelers.

"Yes," answered the host; "that is exactly what I can do, for I was appointed one of the viewers to lay out the road and have just returned from the performance of that duty."

"That is fortunate. What do you call the distance?"

"Well, the distance on a straight line, which we first ran, was 75 miles, but on our way back we discovered and marked another line which was much nearer."

The two travelers had each spent some years in the study of surveying and were more or less amused at the idea of a line shorter than a straight line between two given points.

However, the next morning they took the route which their informant had pronounced the shorter, and true enough they found his statement correct, for the crooked road went round the hills, while the straight one went over them, and the distance round was less than the distance over.—Youth's Companion.

Gifts at Baptism.

Gifts to infants on their baptism are of ancient origin. Formerly the sponsors generally offered gilt spoons to the child. These spoons were called apostle spoons, because the figures of the 12 apostles were carved at the top of the handles. Rich sponsors gave the complete set of 12, while for those who were not so opulent 13 was considered the proper number, and poor sponsors would content themselves with offering one.

In the latter case the handle of the spoon generally exhibited the figure of any saint in honor of whom the child received his name. It is in allusion to this custom that when a crammer professes himself to be worthy of being sponsor to the young princess, Shakespeare makes the king reply:

"Come, come, my lord, you'd spare your spoons."
The mug or spoon and fork offering of the present day appears as a very debased survival of a really beautiful christening offering.—Westminster Review.

Business.

"Say, old man, I want to talk business to you a few minutes."
"Certainly; go ahead."
"Could you lend me \$25 without inconvenience?"

"Yes, I think I could."
"Thanks. I'll return it shortly."
"What security will you give?"
"Why—er—I didn't think any necessary."

"Oh, probably I misunderstood you. I thought you said you wanted to talk business."
—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Japan and Foreigners.

In the last century there was a Japanese law providing that no ship or native should leave Japan under pain of forfeiture or death; that any one returning from a foreign country should be killed; that no one should purchase anything from a foreigner, and that any person bringing a letter from abroad should die, together with all his family.—Chicago Tribune.

Legal Knowledge for Women.

Mrs. Mary Hall, attorney-at-law, conducts a class in civil government at Woodside. The class is proving a great success. One important branch, that of the different property and marriage laws of each state, will probably be taught so that each young pupil will be conversant with the laws of her own state, at least concerning matters so important to her interests. The girls and women of the past have been almost unparadoxically ignorant of the same, resulting, in many cases, in disastrous consequences to themselves.—Hartford Times.

How Men Are Coddled.

Cooking classes for gentlemen! The final blow to that honorable and old-fashioned institution of matrimony. Modern developments are in league against wedlock. Patent buttons have been fashioned that preclude the necessity of a needle. Depots of repairs are established from which issue skilled hand maids to go into the bachelor's home and reduce the rents in hose and the fractures in linen at minimum cost. The trained nurse has monopolized the most useful of all professions. Indeed the wife is summarily dismissed from the husband's sickroom if danger is imminent.

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A Bird Much Like a Fish.

The "birds of a feather" that "flock together" do not belong to the penguin family, as they are entirely destitute of feathers, having for a covering a kind of stiff down. Another penguin peculiarity is that it swims not on, but under water, never keeping more than its head out, and when fishing coming to the surface at such brief and rare intervals that an ordinary observer would almost certainly mistake it for a fish.—Sports Afield.

Lord Salisbury and Lord Mayor's Days.

Lord Salisbury, aspirant minister of England, has seen seven consecutive Lord Mayor's days, and in doing so has beaten the record of more than fifty years. Since Lord Liverpool died no other minister has celebrated so many successive Lord Mayor's days at the Guildhall. It is true Lord Salisbury's tenure of office has not been continuous. The six months' administration of Mr. Gladstone in 1868 interrupted, but it did not break the Lord Mayor's day of the year in which he came into office.

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