

A Gentleman. "You see I am a gentleman" said Will Thompson. "I will not take an insult."

"If you want to be a gentleman, I should think you would be a gentle boy," said his teacher.

"But he has got patches on his knees," said Will.

"But pantaloons don't keep a boy from being a gentleman," said the teacher.

"Why did you not throw back?"

"Because, sir, my mother says that to be a gentleman I must be a gentle boy, and I thought it was best to keep out of his way till he cooled off a little."

The teacher walked on, after praising Peter's conduct, but kept the boys in his mind; and he lived to see Will Thompson a rosy and Peter Jones a gentleman, loved and respected by all.

Remember, a gentle boy makes a gentleman.—The Little Folks.

A Lesson in History.

BY TRUMAN HEEMAN.

The kingdom of Persia, under the reign of Cambyses, consisted of one small province, with about one hundred and twenty thousand men, but during the reign of his son Cyrus, it expanded to the dimensions of a mighty empire, reaching east and west from the river Tigris, to India, and from the Caspian sea on the north to the sea of Arabia on the south, and it was one of the wealthiest and most powerful nations of ancient or modern time.

A little more than two hundred years from the death of Cyrus, the great army of Persian soldiers and mercenaries under Darius, and another under Xerxes, were destroyed by a small army of Greeks, and Alexander entered the Persian capital, an invincible conqueror, and the empire of the "Medes and Persians" ceased to exist.

Why did Persia fall?

As industry, temperance, equality and a common brotherhood were the principal causes of the rise and prosperity of that nation, so indulgence, luxury, intemperance, love of show, division of the people into classes—some to earn wealth and others to spend it—were the chief causes which led to its destruction.

The Japanese.—Minister DeLong, in his address at the Grand Hotel, San Francisco, used the following language:

You must not confound these Japanese with the Chinese. (Cheers.) I have just returned from an extended trip into the interior of Japan, and I can say to you to-night, in all truth, that instead of being an over-populated country, ready to pour forth an emigration, that, within five years, they will be needing and asking for white labor to develop their mines and their industries, while the Chinese are a subjugated race, with all their energies crushed out of them.

The New York Mail is responsible for this: In Boston society, everybody snubs everybody else, in New York society, everybody gazes at everybody else, in Philadelphia society, everybody attends to the morals of everybody else, in Baltimore society, everybody fraternizes with everybody else, and in Chicago society, just at present everybody is borrowing from everybody else.

Too many persons are far too ashamed of having done wrong that they blush out. Are you one of these?

Charlotte Corday.

Marie Anne Charlotte de Corday was born on the 27th of July, 1758, at Armentieres, in Normandy. Her father was a direct descendant of the great dramatist, Corneille.

On the death of her mother, which occurred during Charlotte's infancy, she was placed in a convent of Caen with her sisters, where they remained until the revolution of 1789. At the latter date Charlotte found an asylum at the house of an aunt, and remained with her until July, 1793, the period of her journey to Paris on the mission which has made her immortal.

Charlotte, we learn from her own declaration at her trial, believed that in destroying Marat she should deprive anarchy of its chief, and civil war of its motive. She hoped to arrest the shedding of innocent blood and to preserve the thousands of lives and liberties that were threatened by the continuance of his power.

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Mexico is said to be like the earth, because it has a revolution every twenty-four hours.

Henry Clay.

In the long disputes between the States and Virginia and Kentucky, growing out of what was termed the "occupying claimant law," Mr. Clay was retained by Kentucky to maintain her rights before "that tribunal in the last resort," the Supreme Court of the United States. The then Speaker of the House of Representatives was to appear for the first time before that elevated, dignified and venerable body; and a large concourse of spectators was attracted by a natural curiosity to determine whether the orator of the West would be able to sustain his high reputation upon this high and untried theatre.

National Park.

The delegate from Montana, aided by prominent citizens of that Territory, is urging Congress to set apart and reserve permanently as a National Park the wonderful region, some sixty by seventy miles square, about the source of the Yellowstone river. This locality is pronounced the most remarkable region in the world. Within the area mentioned are cutroads of prodigious light, canyons 2,500 feet deep, and volcanoes, hot springs without number, and greatest of all, there are geysers which at regular intervals of a few hours throw columns of hot water, eight feet in diameter, two hundred feet high.

Chinese Arithmetic.

A correspondent of the London Morning Post, says, the Chinese have a most ingenious method of reckoning by the aid of the fingers; performing all the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, with numbers from one up to one hundred thousand. Every finger of the left hand represents nine figures, as follows: The little finger represents units, the ring finger tens; the middle finger hundreds; the fore finger thousands; the thumb tens of thousands. When the three joints of each finger are touched from the palm toward the tip, they count one, two, and three of each of the denominations as above named. Four, five and six are counted on the back of the finger joints in the same way; seven, eight and nine are counted on the right side of the joints from the palm to the tip.

Memoirs About Alexis.—It is stated that Alexis danced some of the famous Russian Steps at the ball. We have been informed that Alexis's father was a very Czar-domic smile. The ladies say the Grand Duke is a perfect duck—Muscovy, of course, and even the men admit that he is the cream of Tartar; although many affirm that he has brought Volga manners with him.

End of War.—What, after all, is the end of most wars? Nothing but this—that a number of elderly gentlemen meet together, and sitting round a table, quietly arrange all that might just as well have been arranged before the war began.

A proposition to light the streets of an Indiana "city" was opposed by the Common Council, on the ground that thieves would be enabled to see if they were watched, and consequently it would be impossible to catch them.

Carroll Sanborn, the renowned "gentleman burglar," is dead. He breathed his last on the morning of the 17th, in the jail at Lawrence, Mass. Early in October, Sanborn got a mortal wound in a fight with a constable named Donovan. The latter was bent on arresting him, and succeeded with this result. It is said that Sanborn made friends of all who came to see him while in jail, and that he gave up freely all the property he had stolen. He seems altogether to have been a singular character. In all respects, save his mania for burglary, he lived a pure and even an exemplary life.

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