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LIKE A CHILD.

BY LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON.

Playing there in the sun,
Chasing the butterflies,
Catching his golden toy,
Holding it fast till it dies;
Singing to match the birds,
Calling the robins at will,
Glancing here and there,
Never a moment still—
Like a child.

Going to school, at last,
Learning to read and write,
Puzzled over his slate,
Busy from morn till night,
Striving to win a prize,
Careless when it is won,
Finding his joy in the strife,
Not in the thing that's done.

Busy in eager trade,
Buying and selling again,
Chasing a golden prize,
Glad of a transient gain;
Always beginning anew,
Never the long task o'er,
Just as it used to be—
The butterfly before.

Seeking a woman's heart,
Winning it for his own,
Then too busy for love,
Letting it turn to stone.
Sure of his plighted truth,
What more had a wife to ask?
Is he not doing for her
Each day his daily task?

A child, to pine and complain!
A child, to grow so pale!
For want of some foolish words
Shall a woman's faith fail?
Words! he said them once—
What need of any thing more?
Does one who has entered a room
Go back and wait at the door?

Baby Mary and Kate
Never can climb his knee;
Motherly arms are open—
"Father is busy, you see."
Too busy to stop to hear
A babble of broken talk,
To mend the jumping-jack,
Or make the new doll walk.

So busy that when Death comes
He pleads for a little delay,
If not to finish his work,
At least a word to say—
A word to wife and child,
A sentence to tell the truth,
That he loves them now, at the last,
With the passionate heart of youth.

The kisses of Death are cold,
And they turn his lips to stone;
Out of the warm, bright world
The man goes all alone.
Do angels wait for him there
Over the sounding sea?
He goes, as he came, a helpless wight,
To a new world's mystery—
Like a child.

Anecdote of President Lincoln.

As the President was passing through the wards of a hospital near Washington upon one occasion, he observed in one of the beds a young soldier whose pallid countenance and expressionless glassy eyes betokened great physical and mental prostration, and he inquired of the attending surgeon if there was any prospect of his ultimate recovery.

"Not the slightest," replied the doctor. "His vital powers are rapidly ebbing away, and will soon be exhausted."

"I am heartily sorry for the poor boy," said Mr. Lincoln, "and I should like to do something to make his last hours pass as comfortably as possible. Would there be any harm in my speaking to him?" added he. And upon being assured that there would not, he sat down by the bedside, and taking the young man's hand, in the kindest tone of voice said, "My young friend, I am the President of the United States, and am informed by the doctor that you cannot possibly live but a short time. Now, if there is any request you would like to make in regard to your family, it will afford me great satisfaction to comply with it."

The youth turned his dim eyes toward the President, but made no response until the question was repeated, when, with great effort, he succeeded in giving articulation to his thanks, and expressed an earnest desire to see his aged grandmother, who, he said, was then living in Bangor, Maine.

The President, after assuring him that every effort should be made to gratify his wishes, bade him a kind adieu, and calling the medical officer aside, asked if there was any prospect of the young man's surviving until the old lady could be telegraphed to and come to Washington, and he seemed a good deal perplexed on being told there was no hope of this; but after a moment's reflection, he said the only expedient that occurred to him under the circumstances was the exercise of a little of that harmless strategy which was always allowable in war times; that if he could only find some old woman who would consent to personate the grandmother, the boy was in such a state of lethargy that he would not probably detect the deception, and would die with the consoling belief that he had received the parting benediction of his aged relative.

"That would certainly be a perfectly justifiable device," replied the surgeon; "but where will you find the elderly female to enact the part of the grandmother?"

"Let me see," soliloquized Mr. Lincoln, holding up his left hand while he enumerated with the index finger of the right hand; "there is old Mrs. B——r, old Mrs. S——k, and old Mrs. M——s; they are all most benevolent ladies, but I am apprehensive they could not be prevailed upon to undertake any thing which involved the faintest shadow of deception. No, no," continued he, "there is no hope from that direction; but if I could only induce my venerable friend Gideon Welles to personate the old lady, in suitable costume, the object would be attained, and nobody harmed."

"But," remarked the doctor, "Mr. Welles' long white beard would at once expose the artifice."

"That can all be obviated by his wearing a night-cap, tied down so as to cover up the beard," said the President. Accordingly he sat down at once and addressed a note to the Secretary of the Navy, begging him, as a special favor, to comply with the request at as early a moment as practicable, as the boy's hours were numbered.

Now it so happened when the Secretary received this communication he was busily engaged in official transactions, which, in his opinion, were of so much consequence that they could not be postponed for any thing else, and he replied that he entertained a high appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the President's selecting him to perform the chief *role* in the sad little drama indicated, but unfortunately he was at that very moment deeply absorbed in the solution of the difficult problem as to whether Noah's ark or the new model gun-boat was best adapted to the purposes of modern warfare.—*Editor's Drawer, in Harper's Magazine for April.*

LEARNED WOMEN.—Lioba, a nun of the eighth century, taught civil and canon law, theology and philosophy, with the approbation of ecclesiastical authorities. Wildegarde, an abbess of Bingen-on-the-Rhine, was called the St. Bernard of women on account of her sanctity and eloquence. In the University of Bologna, Novella D'Andrea taught canon law for ten years. Laura Basi was made doctor of laws in 1732, and taught in the Universities of Rome and Bologna. St. Catharine, of Sienna, was a jurist and diplomatist; Gregory XII. appointed her to negotiate the terms of surrender of the rebellious city of Avignon.

Language of the Hands.

The London *Saturday Review* says that M. Desbarrolles, in his "Mysteries of the Hand," a book in which he gives the rules which form the basis of palmistry, divides hands into three sorts. The first sort have fingers with pointed tops; the second, square tops; the third, spade-shaped tops. By spade-shaped is meant fingers that are thick at the end, having a little pad of flesh at each side of the nail. The first type of fingers belong to characters possessed of rapid insight into things; to extra sensitive people; to pious people whose piety is of the contemplative kind; to the impulsive, and to all poets and artists in whom ideality is a prominent trait. The second type belongs to scientific people; to sensible, self-contained characters; to most of our professional men, who steer between the wholly practical course that they of the spade-shaped fingers take and the too visionary-bent of the people with pointed fingers. The third type pertains to those whose instincts are material; to the people who have a genius for commerce and a high appreciation of everything that tends to bodily ease and comfort; also to people of great activity. Each finger, no matter what kind of hand, has one joint representing each of these. Thus, the division which is types nearest the palm stands for the body (and corresponds to the spade-shaped type), the middle division represents mind (the square-topped), the top, soul (the pointed). If the top joint of the finger be long, it denotes a character with much imagination or ideality, and a leaning toward the theoretical rather than the practical. The middle part of the finger being large promises a logical, calculating mind—a common-sense person. The remaining joint, long and thick, denotes a nature that clings more to the luxuries than to the refinements of life. Things will present themselves to such a nature under a lower aspect, and utility will be accounted before beauty.

PROTESTANT EUROPE.—Colonel Forney writes to the Philadelphia *Press*: "One more thought before I close; perhaps a daring thought, but nevertheless sincere. I do not think Continental Europe will ever be made Protestant. This remark, which I made to a distinguished Episcopalian clergyman in Lyons, startled him at first, but on reflection he concurred with me. That the Catholic Church will be be liberalized is as clear as that Garibaldi is living and that Austrian despotism in Italy is dead. The great Protestant agencies on the Continent are the English Church and its associates; but they do very little more than gather their own sheep into the fold. They make no converts, nor do I think they aspire so to do. They live a few months of the year among these Latin people, and are looked upon and laughed at as so many Anglaise or Americans—but there is a different leaven working among the Catholic millions of the Old World. I can best illustrate this suggestion by the simple statement that Catholic France and Italy are to-day perverted by an irresistible democratic sentiment. It is not revolutionary or Red Republican, but it is resolute and entirely unconquerable. At last the people of the Continent are beginning to perceive that they can do without the monarchs and armies, and at the same time save their Church. They realize, from the example of America, that it is as easy for a Catholic to be a Republican as it is for a Protestant to be a Monarchist."

An English professor has reported some curious statistics in regard to the proportion of live stock to the population in the most prominent countries in the world. It appears that Great Britain has one cow to every twelve persons, a sheep for everybody, and one pig for every six. France has a like proportion of sheep, a double share comparatively of cows, but only one pig to every six persons. The Swedes have a cow between three and one-half and four, a sheep between two and three-quarters, and a pig to a baker's dozen. There are as many sheep as there are Norwegians in Norway, when they are all at home, and two and one-half of them—the Norwegians—are entitled to a cow; they can have only one-eighteenth of a pig each. Denmark has a cow for three persons, as many sheep as persons, and a pig for four and three-quarter persons. Prussia, with her usual uniformity, has an equal number of cows and pigs, one to every five inhabitants, besides a sheep apiece all round. Austria has a cow to six persons, and a sheep and a pig to every five persons. Switzerland runs up to the Swedish standard on cows, one to three and one-half persons, and has a sheep for five, and a pig for every seven and one-half persons. Omitting the records of many smaller countries, it is interesting to know that we Americans have a cow for every four of us, a sheep apiece, and a pig to every one and one-half.

BARBARITY OF THE LAW.—There is one feature of the Beecher trial that appeals to the chivalry, the generosity, the sense of justice of every man worthy of the name. It is that Mrs. Tilton is not allowed to say one word in her own defense, whatever accusations may be heaped upon her by her husband or any one else. True, she is not on trial, as is Beecher, yet she is on trial by the public, and that public will make up its verdict, based upon testimony given by her husband, who, to gain his suit, swears away his wife's reputation. And, although the jury may exonerate Beecher, it will not necessarily do away with the suspicions which her husband's testimony, and that of a few others, have thrown upon her. Day after day she sits in that trial—her moral trial—bears whatever may be testified to concerning her, no matter how great the falsehood, and yet she is not permitted, under the New York code of laws, to go upon that stand whence the arrows have been shot which may destroy her character and her life; and yet she must hear it all in silence and without redress, when, perhaps, the opportunity of a minute on the witness stand would make the whole story clear.—*Statesman.*

OUR HAIRS NUMBERED.—Somebody has been to the trouble of calculating the average number of hairs which grow on an average person's head. It is found that the number varies according to the color of the hair. Light or blonde hair is the most luxuriant, the average of this color being 140,000. When the hair is brown the number is much less, being only 110,000, while black hairs reach only the average amount of 103,000. It might naturally be supposed that a light-haired person having the most hair would have the greatest weight to carry, but it is not so. That which is lightest in color is lightest in weight; and a lady with abundant flaxen locks is as light-headed as one whose tresses are of a raven hue. Hence it follows that the former is of a finer texture.

A prosperous merchant and an opponent of Woman Suffrage recently stated "that more than twenty-five per cent. of the men who engage in active business fail; while statistics prove that women doing business for themselves seldom fail, but are, as a rule, successful. This," says the merchant, "I attribute to their prudence, foresight, and horror of debt."

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