

SONGS THEY USED TO SING.

I kinder like the old songs. The songs I used to know. In the dear old country villages. Of the dear old long ago.

I kinder like the old songs. Heard on the old playground—"King William was King James' Son."

Somehow I like the old songs—"The Maple on the Hill," "Some Twenty Years Ago, Tom," "And dear old 'Whippoorwill'."

HER FIRST CLUE

YOU, a detective? The superintendent of a large department store scanned closely the dainty little woman before him.

"Do you doubt the chief's statement?" she asked. "No, not that, but I was expecting a larger and more serious woman."

"I am neither weak nor frivolous," came the answer, as the petite figure straightened to its fullest height, while fire flashed from the large brown eyes that a moment before had smiled a friendly greeting.

Mr. Hale laughed heartily, exclaiming: "I see my error and I beg your pardon. Let us get to work. You understand the matter, I presume—a series of thefts in our cloak department; our own men being baffled, I privately asked Chief Morse to aid me. In what capacity do you come?"

"As a saleswoman. Is anyone suspected?" "I am sorry to say yes," replied Mr. Hale, taking a letter from his desk.

"Some time ago I received this anonymous letter which tells me the floor walker will bear watching. Mr. Bruce is a fine fellow. He came to us, a high school graduate, fourteen years ago. He was ambitious, and soon jumped over the counter, a floor walker, and at times we have sent him abroad as buyer. Indeed, we were considering making this position a permanent one when the trouble developed, but it is certain Mr. Bruce in action, looks and talk is of late a wonderfully changed man, we were compelled to prefer another."

"I see. I am ready now to be enrolled as an employee, but I want this letter. I shall return it, of course." Her appearance as saleswoman in the cloak department was a surprise, for her personality astounded her associates, as with even a first critical glance came an impression of her exquisite daintiness and true refinement.

Her 30 years were to her youth, so lightly they told on her, from which all inferred the recent death of a relation had forced her to become a bread winner.

But the sprightly little body did not long leave them to surmise, for between sales and efforts to sell, she found many a chance for chats, till, as the day waned, many asserted that the new girl was a perfect little gossip; yet all agreed she was a present day young woman, brilliant of a piquant and alluring union of wit and wisdom.

The following day "Miss Wood" flitted among her companions as an autobiograph friend. Her book was thrust before all, and none there were that resisted.

The floorwalker smiled sadly as he simply named his name, "Charles Gordon Bruce," and closing the album, said quietly: "Miss Wood, may I in return ask of you a favor?"

"Certainly," she replied, pleasantly. He spoke in seeming desperation as he said: "I have been watching you closely. You are not only an intelli gent woman, but a keen and observant one, I am sure; and for this reason I seek your aid. A systematic robbery has been going on in this department for some weeks—one cloak at a time. I am helpless to discover the thief. Will you watch closely and help me if possible?"

"Certainly, I will, sir; but it seems strange. Who can it be?" "One of the score employed on this floor," he answered, bitterly. "Why doesn't the firm hire a detective?" she asked.

"We always have three good men about the store," he asserted, "and I know they have kept a close watch, and, frankly, I know I am myself under suspicion, and unless the matter is solved soon I shall go mad."

He quivered at the intensity of his emotion, and, full of sympathy, the little woman unobtrusively extended a hand as she said, stoutly: "I will use my eyes, believe me."

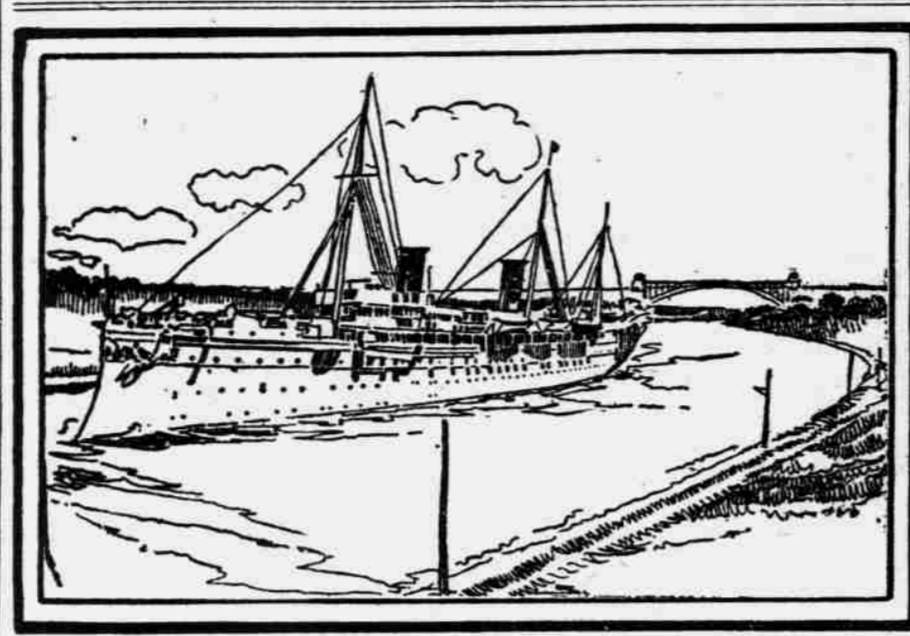
"Thank you," he said, warmly, as with a grateful pressure of the hand he turned away. Alone in her "den" that evening Bernice Wood, microscope in hand, bent over her album of photographs. It was her belief that every adult handwriting was made up of the characteristics of the individual, and that in a test all depended on the presence or absence of these characteristics.

She placed by the side of each autograph the disguised handwriting of the letter and instituted a comparison of



THE EMPEROR

KAISER WILHELM II., like King Edward and the King of Sweden, is a first-class yachtsman and handles sheet and tiller with experience and smartness. When on board he likes to be at the helm, nor does he allow any one else to steer even the gig when he is in it.



THE IMPERIAL YACHT HOHENZOLLERN.

Royal Ulster regatta; and in 1893 the Queen's Cup at the Royal Yacht Squadron regatta at Cowes, to mention only a few of its earliest performances.

As a matter of fact the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern is really no yacht at all, but a cruiser, a good-sized man-of-war. It was built at the Vulcan works, Stettin, and is larger than even that gigantic ironclad Konig Wilhelm, the pride of the fatherland's fleet. It carries eight quick-firing Krupp guns. It is a double-screw craft, with eight boilers, and is faster than almost any other vessel in the German navy.

Though primarily intended as a pleasure boat, its warlike attributes are due to the fact that the Reichstag, on being asked to pay for it—the construction was to cost \$4,500,000 marks, a pretty stiff figure for a pleasure boat—only agreed to the out-



DINING SALOON ON BOARD THE HOHENZOLLERN.

board. The dining-room is lofty and spacious and will seat eighty guests, although by a clever arrangement of portieres it can be reduced in size. The ceiling is in a charming scheme of pale fawn and gold and the upholstery is gray and white.

The main fittings and furniture of the yacht, including wainscoting, doors and staircases, are of the finest bird's-eye maple, so light as to be almost white.

The Hohenzollern has three masts and two funnels, and it possesses two wheels, one worked by steam, the other by hand, both of which have nickel spokes and are painted white and gold. The gilded imperial crown on the prow and the Hohenzollern coat of arms in black and silver disposed within a laurel wreath, on the stern, are the emblems of the yacht's ownership.

"Saved and promoted!" he cried, joyously. "Oh, what a load has fallen from me! I feel like a new man. To you I owe it all, and so long as I live I shall love you. May I?" he pleaded, earnestly.

"It is love or gratitude?" she queried. "Love!" he cried passionately. "Oh, what a dreary afternoon it has been without you here. Even Miss Zaffman's confession that my rival at the store is her lover, and that to down me she aided her thieving brother, fell upon heedless ears, for my thoughts were of you. It is love, dear Bernice. May I love you always?"

"Always!" "Oh, blissful echo!" "Always!" They lunched together merrily. Shortly after their return to duty, while displaying cloaks to a customer, Miss Zaffman carelessly tossed a valuable garment upon a side counter. Later, while still trying to make a sale, she threw the garment from her again, this time into a remote corner, where unseasonable cloaks were piled.

Ah, Eugenie, a petite figure hovering near, and a pair of large brown eyes riveted upon that garment. Often Eugenie's brother dropped in on his noon hour. He is a large man—a motorman—and wears a great bear-skin coat.

He comes to-day, and the huge coat is thrown open. He seeks the remote corner for the usual quiet chat with Eugenie. The large brown eyes see the long watched cloak flitted snatched from the table, and with a quick folding thrust by Eugenie beneath the motorman's coat, which he at once buttons tightly about him.

Mr. Bruce is at luncheon. Miss Benton, in charge, sees a figure in black dart along the aisle and flash down the stairway. She wonders at it, but wonders more on seeing Superintendent Hale and two of the detective "squad" appear.

As Eugenie parts with his brother at the elevator in ringing tones Miss Benton hears: "Zaffman, the jig is up. Open that coat!" Eugenie swooned away.

It was night. Beneath the chandelier in her little parlor stands Charles Bruce clasping the hands Bernice Wood had extended in warm greeting.

BEST WATER IN THE WORLD.

That Which Flows in the Mississippi Excellent for Drinking. "Speaking of water reminds me of the fact that Mississippi River water is probably the best in the world, except the water that we sometimes get from the deep in the ocean," said a gentleman who is very careful about the kind of water he uses.

Of course there are men who claim to be experts and who urge very serious objections to the water which bubbles out of the earth at Lake Itaska and flows on to the gulf, but the layman may discover many of the weak points in these objections. The fact is that they are thoughtlessly made, if, indeed, they are not captious. Unquestionably there is some contamination, because the Mississippi is really a vast drainage canal which runs right through the heart of the country.

But the flow is imperially giving the food for so rapid that these contaminating ingredients are never allowed to concentrate at any point. The heavy per cent of soda water acts as a purifying agent in handling the unhealthy particles which get into the water.

"Up to a few years ago the water of the Mississippi was heavily charged with vegetable juices. There is still a fair per cent of these juices in the water of the river—enough, in fact, to make the river the greatest oyster feeder in the world, if the juices could reach the oyster beds without depositing the sediment which stains the water. But the per cent of vegetable juices in the river has been reduced in consequence of the levee construction which has been going on between Missouri and the Gulf of Mexico. Levees have prevented an immense wash of vegetable substances into the river from time to time by the freshets which pour in from the low lands. There is still, however, a sufficient quantity of vegetable matter in the stream.

"But I was speaking of the value of the water for home and drinking purposes. It is the best in the world, and is filtered and purified. I have tried the best water in the world. I would rather drink any water that I know anything about. The water taken from the deep in the ocean is supposed to be very pure, and no doubt is, but a number of years ago, while at Liverpool, I had a chance to compare ocean water with the water of the Mississippi, and I do not hesitate to say that I found the latter a far superior article."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Catching Gigantic Fish. Chase S. Osborne, railroad commissioner of Michigan, formerly State game warden, says the first time he fished in the famous waters of Lake Superior's north shore is memorable as giving him the surprise of his life.

"A party of us had gone there in a yacht," he said, "and anchoring in the shelter of a little island, thought we would try for muskellungs. Most of us took boats and went out in parties of two and three.

"I was the first one in my boat to get a bite, and when I landed it fish weighed twenty-two pounds. We caught several more of that size, and as it was many times better than any fishing we ever had before I never doubted ours had been a remarkable success. I was thinking how the other fellows on the yacht would stare at our catch and how they would secretly envy us when we pulled back to that vessel.

"We were the first to return," said Mr. Osborne, according to the New York Times, "and we spread our catch out for the inspection of the others when they should climb aboard. Then we saw one of the boats coming and waited anxiously. When its occupants came on deck they had three fish bigger than our biggest, and when all were back on the yacht we found that every one had a muskellunge bigger than any we had caught."

It Floored Audrey. "Touchstone," observed Audrey, as they left the wings and started for their dressing-rooms, "what's the difference between the stage carpenter and the author who was back here just now to look at the stage?"

"Too many for me," said the Fool. "One set the scene and the other seen the set."

"Audrey?" exclaimed Touchstone, "the next time you endeavor to perpetrate conundrums you will do well to remember that your education has been sadly neglected as to grammar. But here is one for you to untangle: What's the difference between Edwin Booth and Iago?"

"Lor!" said Audrey. "what is the difference?" "One played Othello and the other worked him. When you get that doped out, come back and I'll give you another."

But Audrey didn't report in again that night.—Portland Oregonian.

Of Trouble. One of the colored philosophers doesn't take Brother Dickey's optimistic view of it. He sings: Kiss yo' han' ter trouble—Dat wad den singers say: But dat wad' do, I sez ter you. Can't kiss dat thing away! Fer trouble Ain't no bubble—Atlanta Constitution.

The Latest Book. "How do you like that new book I brought home?" asked the wicked woman slyly who had installed the first volume of the 1900 census in his library.

"To tell the truth," replied Mrs. Mortimer, patiently, "it is not very thrilling so far, but after I get through the figures perhaps it will be more interesting."—Ohio State Journal.

The Log-House Claim. Mr. Konsett—I expect to be famous some day, because I am industrious. Mr. Tweedles—So do I, but I don't base my claim on being industrious. Mr. Konsett—On what, then, pray? Mr. Tweedles—I was born in a log house.—Ohio State Journal.

When a man knocks softly at your door, he comes to borrow.

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PEARL COOPER, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 561, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 6, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1902.

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DELL IRELAND, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 562, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 18, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1902.

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LOUIS C. GILMORE, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 563, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 28, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902.

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LOUIS C. GILMORE, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 564, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 28, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902.

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WILLIARD W. IRELAND, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 565, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 28, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902.

He names as witnesses: O. L. Brown, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; Pearl Hedges, of Independence, Ore.; Ernest Irwin, of Independence, Ore.; George Jones, of Independence, Ore.; Pearl Hedges, of Independence, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of April, 1902.

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ORVILLE A. KRAMER, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 566, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 4, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902.

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GEORGE JONES, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 569, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 34, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902.

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U. S. Land Office. Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 23, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the Sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

GEORGE JONES, of Independence, County of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 577, for the purchase of the 2 1/2 acres of Section No. 34, in Township No. 13 south, Range No. 7 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902.

He names as witnesses: Charles Bilyeu, of Independence, Ore.; Ernest Irwin, of Independence, Ore.; George Jones, of Independence, Ore.; Pearl Hedges, of Independence, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of April, 1902.

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DELL IRELAND, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 578, for the purchase