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IF WE ONLY COULD.

If a man could be born when he's old, And gradually grow young, The wisdom he'd gain and the love he'd attain, Are not easily said or sung. If I knew as much as my boy, Who is six times younger than I, I'd have a surfeit of general omniscience. Be finished and ready to die. So a man might drink deeper, I hold, Yes, force out truth's obstinate bung. If he could be born when he's old, And gradually grow young, We'd be able to hold when we're thirteen years old. The substance and sum of all truth, And the ocean of wisdom we'd hold, Cannot be imagined or sung. If a man could be born when he's old, And gradually grow young, But a man is now born very young, And he gradually grows very old, And his youth finishes, his wisdom diminishes, And his ignorance grows manifold. And so every year his wisdom decreases, And his light knowledge web is unstrung, And no man can be sure that he is not immature. Unless he's exceedingly young— What saves the world might be said, What gifts of brain and of tongue, If he could be born when he's old, And gradually grow young. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE MIDDLE-AGED MAN.

He Buys Two Cakes' Worth of Coconut Cakes and Renews His Youth. "When I was a boy," said a middle-aged New Yorker the other day, according to the Sun, "I used to be very fond of coconut cakes, as they were called, small disks of candied coconut, which cost one cent each. They were colored with red and finally they got some chocolate colored, and it seems to me they had some other colors. If I had only one cent I bought usually a white one, though sometimes I took a red one; if I had two cents I bought a red and white, to have a variety. I have seen the time when I had three cents, and bought all three colors at once. I bought a white one, a red one, and a white one. I had not bought any coconut cakes for I don't know how many years, though I had seen them along after year after year, particularly in summer, when the dust blows and the white ones get all covered with dirt; but the other day I bought two of the new-fashioned kind, that seems just now to be having a run; you see them on all the push carts. The new coconut cakes are all one color, a sort of molasses color; and they are not round and flat like the old ones, but thick and bunched, like little broken-off masses of the prepared coconut. "I found them very good. They differ somewhat from the old-fashioned coconut cake in taste and texture, as well as in build and color; the old coconut cake, while not brittle, exactly, was what you might call crumbly and sugary; it dissolved quickly in the mouth; while the contemporary coconut cake, after you get below the light crustwork of its exterior, has decidedly more consistency; it is what the modern child calls chewy; but the coconut taste is there all right, and as I eat them they carry me back to the days of my youth."

A MILLIONAIRE'S WORK.

The most wonderful baths in the world are those built by Adolph Sutro, in San Francisco. The great cliffs have been tunneled, that the water of the Pacific may flow through a succession of canals into the reservoir where it is warmed; and thence into the enormous tanks. The baths are more than twice as large as the largest of the famous old Roman baths, and Mr. Sutro has tried to make them as beautiful. Twenty thousand people can sit, stand, or promenade about the tanks, which are arranged for every possible set of bathers. There are cold baths and hot baths, swimming and diving baths, baths for children and beginners. The largest tank is two hundred and seventy-five feet long and one hundred and fifty feet wide. There is even a fresh-water tank, supplied from the waterworks above. The place is full of beauty and color, with tropical plants and rows of glass side-walks, while through the glass side-walks, the ocean view stretches. The building is of steel and glass, and its glazed roof spans more than two acres. Tier after tier of rooms for the bathers rise, until they are numbered by many hundreds. A great stage, fifty feet broad, is placed at the ocean end of the tank-room for an orchestra. The building is furnished with electric lifts and elevators throughout. Three restaurants provide refreshment for the bathers, and conservatory add to the beauty and interest. The Cliff rocks outside are covered with seals, sunning themselves, and the finest baths in the world have perhaps the most beautiful setting.

FEMINE INGENUITY.

The Queen Uses the Women of Peru Make of Shawl Pins. Of the multifarious uses of the hair-pin, some, at least, are well known. They are suggested by a French traveler's description of a pin which the Indian women of Peru wear as a fastener for their shawls. Its head is in the shape of a spoon. In fact, it is a spoon and a shawl-pin in one. It is odd, the Frenchman says, to see a woman pull out the pin, letting her shawl drop from her bare shoulders, and proceed to use it for eating her soup or porridge. After the spoon passes the bowl of the spoon carefully between her lips two or three times, gathers up her shawl, and fastens it in place. The same women use their slippers instead of pocketbooks—a point in which they may be said to have the advantage of their North American sisters, who having no pockets, or some within comfortable reach, are compelled to carry their purses in their hands. The money of Lima consists of bank-notes, which go very well into the bottom of a slipper. As to the effect upon the bills, perhaps the least said is the best. There is an old saying that money always smells sweet.

ACROSS THE SEA.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN expects to visit America again this fall. FRANK BISHOP's rheumatism is still so acute that he is unable to leave Kinsington. M. CHATELAIN, the barber of the Theatre Francaise, has been elected to the French assembly by a close shave. QUEEN VICTORIA is said to be a skillful knitter, and works at it indefatigably. She has knitted, with her ladies, many quilts for the use of the wounded in hospitals during the campaigns of the British forces. Mr. GLANVILLE astonished some of his auditors in the house of commons the other night by using the word "gumption," yet who could employ it more appropriately, seeing how much of the quality the G. O. M. possesses himself?

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