

JOHNNY APPELSEED.

Jonathan Chapman better known as "Johnny Applesseed," was born in Boston about the year 1775. He early drifted to Western Pennsylvania, where in its wild frontier life his mania for planting apples was first discovered. Tired of the rapid settlement of that wilderness, he soon pushed out for the west. In 1801 he visited Ohio with a horse-load of apples which he had gathered from the cider presses of western Pennsylvania. He planted his seeds on the fertile spots of the banks of Licking creek. In 1806 he was seen by a settler drifting down the Ohio river in two canoes lashed together, and loaded with apples, destined for the western border of the white settlement. He often planted as high as a bushel of seed in one place, then inclosed the spot with a slight fence or guard of brush, when he would leave the place after the trees had in a measure grown. Planting one stock of seeds he returned to Pennsylvania for another, which he gathered from the cider presses in different places. He first carried the seeds in linen bags, but the dense underbrush, hostile with thorns and briars, made leather bags the only safe ones for his purpose. Sometimes the bags found transportation on the back of an old broken-down horse, but more often on his own sturdy shoulders. He was a man of vigorous muscle and great endurance, or he could not have stood the long, weary journeys through the lonely and trackless wilderness for so many years, journeys in which he was loaded like a mule ascending the Andes. He always planted his seeds in some remote picturesque spot, and there let them grow to be claimed by the settlers, whose homes sprung up in the isolated clearings. In this way the wilderness was made to blossom as the rose, and the foundation was laid for that immense growth of fruit trees whose yield to-day forms so important a part of the annual products of the state of Ohio.

When the trees were large enough for sale, Johnny either sold them or left them to be sold by some settler for him. In this business he was methodical as a merchant. The really poor got trees for nothing, of others more able he took old clothing, some meal or other thing he could use, of those able to pay he demanded money, which he was seldom without. He usely took notes payable at some indefinite period. This done he paid no more attention to the matter, quite often it was the last he ever saw of the giver of the note. His wants were few, and he cared little about money. He used what money he got in buying Swedenborgian books which he gave to the settlers where he stayed, and he very often helped poor families in need of the necessities of life.

An old infirm horse excited his pity. Buying old broken-down horses and leaving them in charge of some one who was pledged to care for them, was another part of this strange man's mission. He had at times quite a drove of aged and maimed horses under the care of some humane farmer. Inflicting pain on dumb creatures was with him an unpardonable sin. This sympathy extended to the smallest animals, even to insects. He put out the fire in the woods, because the wind blew the mosquitoes into the flames; "God forbid that I should build a fire for my comfort which should be the means of destroying any of his creatures." He once built a fire at the end of a hollow log, in which he intended to pass the night, but finding a bear and her cubs occupying it, he removed the fire to the other end and slept in the snow rather than disturb the bear. A snake having bit him, a friend asked him in regard to it, Johnny drew a long sigh and replied: "Poor fellow! he only just touched me, when I in an ungodly passion put the heel of my

scythe into him and went home." While at work in the woods a hornet got underneath his shirt, and although repeatedly stung by the insect, he deliberately took off his shirt and liberated the intruder. His friend laughed at him and asked him why he didn't kill the little imp, to which he replied: "It wouldn't not be right to kill the poor thing for it did not intend to hurt me."

He live the roughest life, camping out in the woods, or, if sleeping in the house, occupying the floor; his dress was an indescribable medley, composed of cast-off clothing he had taken in change for apple trees. In late years this second-hand raiment he thought too luxurious, and wore as a principal garment an old coffee sack, in the bottom and sides of which he cut holes to thrust his head and arms through. He thought this a coat good enough for any man to wear. He seldom wore shoes except in winter. For traveling on rough roads he wore a rude pair of sandals. He bought no covering for his feet, using old cast-off boots and shoes, generally unmatched, and wore them while they would stick to his feet. He made his own head gear; for a long time he wore the large tin dipper in which he cooked his mush while traveling. But it failed to shade his face from the sun. Hence he made a hat of pasteboard, with an immense peak in front, and bent down at the sides to protect his face from the heat. He led a blameless and moral life, and likened himself unto the primitive Christians, literally taking no thought of the morrow. This conviction made him at all times happy. At one time an itinerant minister holding forth on the public square at Mansfield, was denouncing the sins of this life and dress, and exclaimed inquiring: "Where now is the bare-footed Christian traveling to heaven?" Johnny, who was lying on the ground near by, took the question in its literal sense, raised his bare feet in the air and vociferated. "Here's your primitive Christian!" to the discomfiture of the well-dressed missionary. The physician who was present at his death was heard to inquire what was Johnny Applesseed's religion; he had never seen a man in so placid a state at the approach of death, and so ready to enter upon another life.

The following dispatch is commended to those who think the Apaches should be "reasoned with," and not killed:

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO, April 11.—Ninety-three persons have been killed in this state since the Apache outbreak, of which twenty-seven were Americans. It is believed that many killed are not yet reported. At Palmo rancho ten were killed last Tuesday. Two women were hung up by the hands and ripped open. From one a child was taken. It was found mangled at the mothers feet. The bodies of the men were horribly mangled.

The greatest proof of the genuine merit of an article can be found in the amount of patronage it receives, and the thousands of testimonials respecting the Great German Remedy, prove most conclusively that it is all that it is represented to be. Mr. T. J. Murphy, who resides at No. 61 Dahavoice street, Brooklyn, N. Y., is one of the fortunate ones. I rubbed St. Jacobs Oil all over my left leg for several days, and it cured as pretty a case of rheumatism as ever was fastened on a man. I never had the disease before this winter. But as almost everybody else was suffering with it, I guess I had to be in the fashion. So one day I felt a nasty sort of pain creeping down my left limb, but didn't think much of it until night, when it began to make me groan. I had seen the advertisement of St. Jacobs Oil, and had heard something about it from friends. I therefore got a bottle of it and went for my left leg. I did not stint myself in the use of the Oil, but rubbed half a bottle on the first time. The first application gave me great relief, and I let up on it until the next day, when I used the remainder of the bottle. That settled it. I have not felt any rheumatic pain since. So much for the trial.

The Panama Canal.

The preparatory work has now occupied two years of the seven years in which the great ditch was to be completed from ocean to ocean, according to the views of De Lesseps in 1881. They allowed two years then for this preparatory work, which included the practical surveys, clearing away trees, brush, rubbish, building houses for the workmen, securing tools, provisions, dredges, hospitals and medicines. Now, at the beginning of the third year, the company is entering on the work of dredging, digging and blasting, with a fair prospect of completing the whole job at the end of five years from date. At this time the whole expenses of the company is estimated at \$550,000 per month, or \$6,600,000 a year. This is probably apart from the cost of the dredging machines. When these begin operation at both ends the expenses will be increased. At the very highest, and allowing an average of \$550,000 a month for the two years of preparatory operations, the company cannot have expended to date more than \$13,200,000, probably not \$10,000,000 exclusive of dredging machines and contracts for future work to be done by the contractors. From these cold facts there does not seem to be any good ground for the damaging assumption that the canal, fully completed, will cost anything like the enormous estimates made by its enemies, the transcontinental railway directors. In fact, there is reason to believe that it can be done for less than \$100,000,000, certainly less than \$120,000,000. The present assets of the company amount to \$85,000,000, \$60,000,000 of it capital stock nearly up to par and \$25,000,000 for the Panama railroad purchase.

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And a look of contentment rested there.
I see her bathed in the sunlight flood,
I see her standing peacefully now;
Peacefully standing and chewing her cud,
As I rubbed her ears—that Jersey cow.

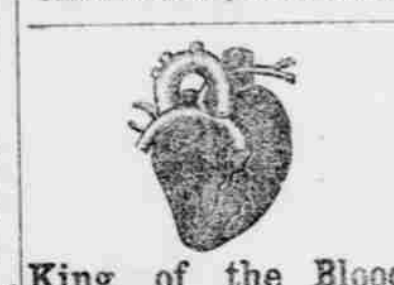
SYMPTOMS OF WORMS.
The countenance is pale and leaden-colored, with occasional flushes of a circumscribed spot on one or both cheeks; the eyes become dull; the pupils dilate; an acute semicircle runs along the lower eyelid; the nose is irritated, swollen, and sometimes bleeds; a swelling of the upper lip; occasional headache, with humming or throbbing of the ears; an unusual secretion of saliva; slimy or furred tongue; breath very foul, particularly in the morning; appetite variable, sometimes voracious; a gnawing sensation of the stomach; at others, entirely gone; feeling pains in the stomach; occasional nausea and vomiting; violent pains throughout the abdomen; bowels irregular, at times costive; stools slimy, not infrequently tinged with blood; a burning and itching urine turbid; respiration occasionally difficult and accompanied by cough; rough cough; and a constant vomiting of mucus and disturbed sleep, with grinding of the teeth; temper variable, but generally irritable. Whenever the above symptoms are found to exist,

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