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## RICHEST OF ALL REDSKINS.

Osage Tribe of Indians Are Called the Wealthiest People on Earth. Much has been written about the wealth of the Osage Indians. These fortunate people as a tribe are perhaps the richest people on earth.

To begin with, they have something like \$8,000,000 on deposit with the United States government. This large sum is drawing a good rate of interest, sufficient to give each member of the tribe \$164 per annum. They also have about 1,000,000 acres of land, which, in view of the immense fields of gas and oil now being developed, is worth at a conservative estimate \$5 an acre. This augments their money holdings \$8,000,000 and gives a grand total of \$16,000,000. If this sum should be divided equally among the 1,913 living Osages, each would have \$8,272.85.

Besides the regular annuity derived from interest on funds on deposit, each Osage gets a considerable sum of money received from the annual rentals of the tribal pastures. To this is now being added that of oil and gas royalties. The full value of this item is difficult to arrive at, from the fact that frequent new developments augment the monthly revenue from this source. At this time the tribe is drawing something like \$12,000 monthly from oil and gas royalties, or about \$75 per capita per annum, amounting in all to nearly \$250 a year which each Osage receives as his pro rata share of the income from their tribal funds.

Aside from this, the Osage Journal reports that there are many members of the tribe who have private fortunes of considerable volume. These private holdings ranged from the common farm home, equipped with the ordinary conveniences and comforts of life, to palatial mansions and live stock and other personal property holdings valued at many thousands of dollars. More than a dozen Osage Indians are rated as owning property valued at from \$10,000 to \$20,000 or more, and several of them have commodious country homes, containing from ten to twenty rooms. These persons are not all mixed bloods, but a number of them are full-blooded Osages, who have by their own industry and thrift added to their original patrimony.—Kansas City Journal.

### Old-Time Gingham Apron.

The little gingham aprons that they wore,  
Those dainty queens of sunny days of yore—  
One was a-rent where flowers tumbled through  
Upon the bare feet paddling in the dew.  
No banners of glory ever yet  
Fashioned by the cunning hand of skill  
Can hide the signal flag I'll ne'er forget.  
No silken sheen and satin ever will  
Displace the modest, sometimes tattered thing—  
The little gingham aprons that they wore,  
Ah! queens beyond the ransom of a king!  
Ah! vanish gingham aprons of the yore!

Dear little gingham aprons of the days  
Of sandy paths and primrose-scented ways;  
There is a glory in each string and check  
Heart gathers from the flitsam and the wreck.  
They used to scurry o'er the mossy stile,  
They used to sway upon the grapevine swing,  
Ah, me! there was no sophistry or guile  
In e'en a puckered ruffle or a string.  
I close my eyes—and see the merry train  
Anon come trooping down the sunny shore;  
The bare feet paddle in the dew again  
And flowers drift through the rents the briars tore.  
—New York Sun.

## POET OF CHILDHOOD'S HOUR.

Hans Christian Andersen, Danish Author of Wonderful Tales of Fairyland. The world has recently observed the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen, author of those wonderful tales of fairyland which are so dear to the hearts of children, and in every schoolhouse in Denmark, where he was born, as well as in every part of the civilized world where little boys and girls dwell, the occasion will be remembered with song and music and gay, happy thoughts.

Poor, indeed, in memory and lacking in the fullness of childhood's days are the men and women of today who have grown up without some knowledge of Andersen's wonderful fairy fancies. His rhetoric often faulty, his syntax perceptibly bad in many ways, Andersen never fails to go straight to the heart of the imagination of a child. His judgment and beautiful simplicity not only in choice of subjects but in language reflect unerringly the thoughts of babyhood. Everything Andersen touches, whether it be an animate or inanimate object, becomes in the mind of the child at once alive. The broom and the doll are as much living creatures as the cat. The rag carpet is transformed into a thing of life, and not until long after the glamour of the baby dream has passed away do these inanimate



HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN.

things take their proper and prosaic places.

Andersen was born in the ancient city of Odense, Denmark, April 2, 1805. Nowhere in his earlier life had he any material surroundings that gave promise of the wonder-worker he was afterward to become. His parents were poor and shiftless people and the boy had little regular instruction and few child friends. Long before his fifteenth birthday he fell passionately in love with the stage, and the happiest and most hopeful hours of his early life were in his fourteenth year, when he started off for Copenhagen armed with a letter of introduction to a fair danseuse at the Royal Theater, given him by her father—an old shoe cobbler of her native village. When he introduced himself to the young woman and told her he had come to make himself a famous actor, she took him for a lunatic and showed him the door.

Then followed four years of hardship, during which time the boy traveled through many parts of Europe, working his way along from village to village and gradually gathering in his mind material for the beautiful descriptive volumes he was afterward to write about Spain, Italy and Germany—volumes that, owing to the wonderful popularity of his later child stories, are not as well known as they deserve to be.

Of all Andersen's works his "I Sverrig"—"In Sweden"—is his most beautiful story of travel. In this volume are found some of the most stirring, life-like descriptions of the habits of a people and the character of a country that have appeared in modern times. In 1835 came his wonder stories, containing the famous "Tinderbox" and "Big Claus" and "Little Calus." In 1847 he was the guest of Charles Dickens at Gadshill, and six years later he dedicated his "Poet's Day Dreams" to Dickens. "Improvisatore" was the result of a tour through Italy. It is full of exquisite descriptions of Italian life and scenery.

Andersen was the most ungainly figure of a man imaginable. He often said, himself, that he was the ugliest human being in Europe. What is probably the best known of all his fairy stories, "The Ugly Duckling," is really the disguised story of his own life. Long before his death, which occurred in 1875, his admirers had erected a statue in his honor, and the state gave him a magnificent funeral. But the monument to Andersen that will endure as long as civilization lasts is the love and affection of juveniles, bathed in the little storms of tears and laughter through which all modern babyhood passes as it reads his "Wonder Tales" and his "Picture Book Without Pictures."

We claim that when the children have their noses flattened against the pane watching for father to come home, it is a good sign; he's good to them.

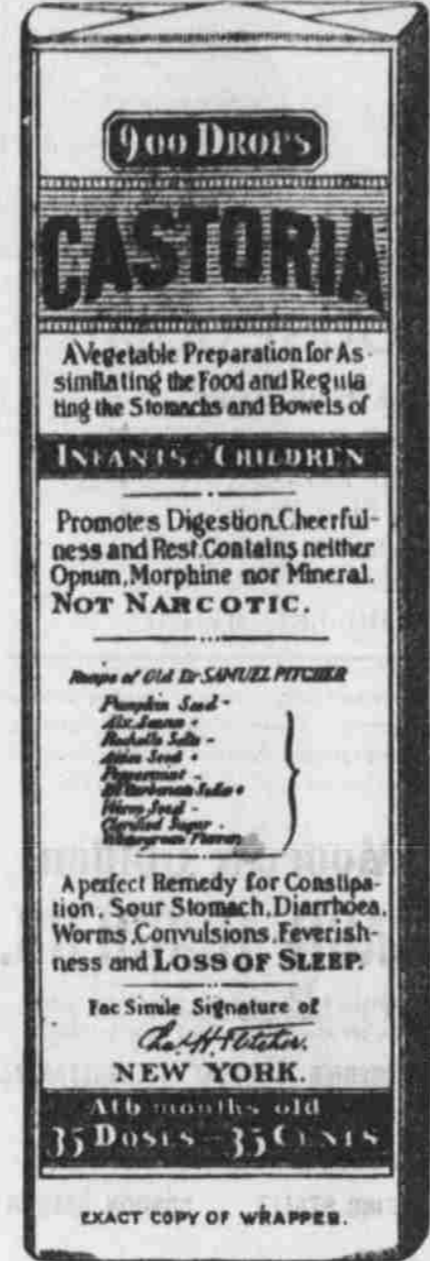
# Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twentytwo per cent., or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirtyseven per cent., or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

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"You don't seem to worry much."  
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### Mr. Grosvenor's Articles.

The articles by Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor on "Inoculating the Ground," and "The New Method of Purifying Water," which have appeared in The Century, have attracted wide attention, especially the first-named, which appeals to the great audience of people who are interested in the cultivation of the soil. The article has been translated into many languages (including Chinese), and has been the subject of editorial mention in papers all over the globe. Mr. Grosvenor is now engaged upon several articles for The Century on timely subjects connected with agriculture, the first of which, on the Weather Bureau, will appear in the June number.

### The Kiss Scientifically Considered.

Mother—What's that smacking noise in the parlor?  
Studious Boy (who goes to school)—It's sister and her young man exchanging microbes.

### Two Views.

Western Farmer—The corn crop is ruined. Why, sir, the hot winds just burned it right up.  
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"This line in your hand," said the girl who had studied palmistry, "indicates that you have a brilliant future before you."  
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"Yes," answered the fair maid; "but this other line indicates that you are too slow to ever catch up with it."

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### Muzzles Needed.

"See here!" exclaimed the angry man. "I wish you would muzzle that dog of yours at night. His barking keeps my baby awake."  
"I was just going to request you to muzzle your baby," rejoined the neighbor. "His nightly howling annoys my dog."—New Yorker.

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Little Rodney—Papa, what is the difference between climate and weather?  
Mr. Wayout (of Dismalhurst-on-the-Blink)—Climate, my son, is what a locality has when you are buying a home there, and weather is what it has afterward.—Puck.

In After Years.  
"Women are certainly changeable creatures," said the weary-looking man.  
"What's the explanation?" asked the friend of the family.  
"During our honeymoon," answered the weary party, "my wife declared she could not live a day without me."  
"Well?" queried the family friend.  
"Only last week," continued the other, "she tried to get me to insure my life for \$10,000 in her favor."

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