

LONGFELLOW.

Awake, he loved their voices
And wore them into his rhyme,
And the music of their laughter
Was with him all the time.

Though he knew the tongues of nations,
And their meanings all were dear,
The prattle and lay of a little child
Was the sweetest for him to hear.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

A New Reel for Silk Spools.

Although well known in the reel branches of the silk and cotton trades, it is not generally realized by the outside public that the cost of transport of silk and cotton thread is very expensive, owing to the great disproportion between the weight of the reels or spools and that of the silk or cotton wound on them. It has been shown in evidence before a special committee of the house of commons that in some instances 84 per cent of the weight carried is in spools, leaving only 16 per cent of real silk. The same remarks apply to dities when exporting to foreign countries, the bulk of the duty being actually paid on the wood reels, as the silk cannot be weighed separately from them.

To remedy this defect and to relieve the manufacturer of his heavy tax, Mr. John Keats, whose name is well known in connection with bootmaking machinery, has invented a spool which, from its lightness, is named the "featherweight." This spool, which is 2 1/2 inches in diameter and of the thickness of a visiting card, is formed with serrations or slits around its circumference, which produce a series of petal shaped projections radiating from the center. It is made from celluloid, which is wood pulp chemically treated in order to neutralize the resin which is retained in the ordinary wood reels and which supports insect life, to the detriment of the goods, especially when exposed in oriental countries.—London Times.

One Experience in a Lifetime.

An old lady, wife of a bank president, has one happening to relate as she does unconsciously—the single adventure of her life. But that was sufficiently exciting to last throughout an ordinary existence. Her home was entered not long ago by a gang of burglars, whose search was for her son, the cashier, to open the safe for them in the bank next door.

At sight of the young man led away, with revolvers pointed at his head and surrounded by desperate masked men, his mother's fright and horror found vent in wild cries and a passion of tears.

The rest of the family were gagged, handcuffed and bound to chairs. She was tied to a bed and euphor and water left close at hand.

No one else took any other notice of her, but as the strange procession moved off one of the ruffians hastily stepped back to where she lay, stooped over and kissed her shriveled cheek, murmuring in her ear, "I had a mother once."

An incident so romantic that it does not ring true, which it is.—New York Times.

The Small Boy Becomes Thoughtful.

Tommy (at the barn)—Papa, is this the finest team in town?

Tommy's Father—No, but there isn't any finer. Those horses, my boy, cost me \$600. They're a perfect match, high spirited, good travelers and come of a famous ancestry.

"That's why you've got such a nice barn for 'em, isn't it?"

"Yes, partly. A pair of fine horses, my son, must be considered as an investment, and a good business man always takes care of his investments."

"And that's why you watch 'em so much and drive on the boulevards with 'em and keep 'em looking so slick, isn't it?"

"Yes, that's on the same principle. A careful man is bound to look well after his investments and see that they are always in good shape."

(After some cogitation) "You don't consider me much of an investment, do you, papa?"—Chicago Tribune.

Perpetual Motion Not Perpetual.

Perpetual motion does not necessarily mean a machine that will run perpetually. That is the literal meaning of the term, but inventors do not bind themselves strictly to it. It is not supposed to be possible to do away with friction, therefore nothing can be perpetual. The commonly accepted meaning of perpetual motion is a mechanism that will operate itself.

Many men have gone crazy in the attempt to invent such a device. The young Spaniard who has invented a clock which he thinks will solve the problem has a strangely suggestive name for a man who is trying to accomplish what the world has failed in. He calls himself Lunn—New York Tribune.

The Growth of the Finger Nails.

The philosophy of the finger nails is a most interesting study, simple though it may appear at first sight.

It has been computed that the average growth of the finger nails is one-thirty-second of an inch per week, or a little more than an inch and a half per year. The growth, however, depends to a great extent upon the rate of nutrition, and during periods of sickness it is undoubtedly retarded.

It is understood to grow faster in summer than in winter and differs for different fingers, being most rapid in the middle finger and slowest in the thumb and little finger.—Philadelphia Times.

Statistics About London.

London has 1,000 ships and 9,000 sailors in its port every day. It has on an average upward of 75,000 persons annually taken into custody by the police, 57,000 persons living in its common lodging houses, 25,000 persons annually arrested as drunk and disorderly, and more than one-third of all the crime of England is committed within its radius.—Exchange.

A Short Way.

Miss Twitter—Mr. Enpee has a habit of referring to his wife as "she."
Mrs. Dogood—Only an abbreviation.
Miss Twitter—For what?
Mrs. Dogood—She who must be obeyed.—Truth.

Bashfulness is but an aggravated case of self-consciousness, but the unhappy victim should be pitied rather than ridiculed and helped to gradually conquer that which, while it lasts, is as bad as a disease.

Scientific Teaching.

Science teaching should be progressive and should start at the foundation—as, for instance, in the building of a house. The first stuff is concrete, which is lime and gravel. To make lime, limestone or chalk is needed, also fuel to quicken or burn it, requiring the description of wood, the growth of plants and the process of combustion. Coal, ashes, cinders, breeze, follow. The formation of clay, marble, granite, sandstone and plaster comes next. In this house will be needed iron, lead, zinc, tinplate. Then glass, glue, whitewash, putty. These materials should be handled by the pupil and the processes shown by means of apparatus.

No philosopher should as yet be done. About here introduce him to the truly awful revelation that in all the universe, as far as can be learned, there is but a limited number of prime stuffs—the elements. Now fire, flame, water may be carefully studied. Charcoal, peat, gas, matches and their substances come successively. Then the peeping, painting, glazing, varnishing. Furnishing would embrace numerous manufactures and processes.

The next division would concern the person, with chapters on clothing, food, washing, writing, reading. Clothing includes the textile fabrics; food, the manufacture of bread, which would be an intellectual epic poem, explaining the growth of wheat, the nature of yeast, the relationship between the constituents of wheat and the body. The study of life and a flower is more elevating than the most subtle game of whist ever played.—Chicago Post.

Have Pity For Bashful Men.

Girls, do not laugh at the mistakes of the bashful man or boy. You have no idea how your innocent mirth wounds him, and there is no use in making anybody unnecessarily miserable. No matter how much a little woman of the world you think yourself now, you can remember certain episodes in your past career that make you grow warm from head to foot just to think of at this far away date.

Even though today your manners are as nearly perfect as possible and your deportment at all times correct, you can undoubtedly remember a time when to enter a room that held strangers was an ordeal that you would have avoided if you could have done so without shocking the proprieties that in those days seemed such fearful bugbears. Can you not remember feeling that every eye was fixed upon the smallest details of your attire with harsh and irritating criticism in the glance, and for the time being your feet and hands seemed to have assumed most unusual proportions, and though in other places you knew perfectly well what to do with them they on this occasion became unmanageable, and you felt as though you were all hands and feet?

Isn't the memory of the mocking smile or the titers that went around at your expense as hard to bear in memory as it was in reality? Therefore refrain from making fun of the bashful men.—Exchange.

Overeducation.

"It is now asserted by many that a man can—*can*—be overeducated," said T. E. Harper. "People meet so many cads and cranks who are 'educated' that they have really begun to assert that a person may be overeducated—know too much. Good old American horse sense will outgrow this idea soon, I know. It isn't education that is troubling the cads and long haired cranks. It isn't knowing too much that is troubling any one. It's the simple fact that a minor knowledge of a hundred arts and sciences has succeeded in bewildering these people."

"They run to this meeting, and that 4 o'clock Spencer class, and this 2 o'clock class for the study of Ibsen, and that evening class for the instantaneous acquirement of a supreme knowledge of the German master works until they have become befuddled. They don't actually know what they are doing, and so they gather about and talk on a dozen subjects, only to make some poor striving soul imagine that he doesn't know anything at all and that they are supreme. As a matter of fact, they are wasting their time, and so is any one else who listens to them."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Our Great Country.

It has recently been discovered that on American soil the sun never sets. The British have for years sung a song in glorification of the fact that the sun never sets on the soil of that clime.

But, lo! now comes the stars and stripes, which are never out of sight of the sun. The exact situation of the geographical center of the United States is a surprise to any one who has not given the subject careful attention. The most eastern point of the United States is Quoddy head, Maine, the western, Attou Island, Alaska; the most northern, Point Barrow, Alaska; the most southern, Key West. The center of the quadrangular figure formed by uniting these four points is located at crossing of 55 degrees north latitude and 110 degrees west longitude, about 430 miles north of the north line of Montana. It is also true of the United States as of Great Britain that the sun never sets on our territory, for when it is 6 p. m. on Attou Island, Alaska, it is 9:30 a. m. of the following day at Eastport, Me.—Exchange.

Effect of Boston's Streets.

Cobble—How on earth did those trousers get twisted around your legs so?

Stone—I have been in Boston and tried to find my way around the streets.—Life.

Wasted Their Business.

Skeptio—If this is such a wonderful specific of yours, why are all the doctors opposed to it?

Quack—Because when a man takes it he keeps well too long.—New York Epoch.

The sounding board of pianos, the most important part of the instrument, is made of American spruce and is as carefully chosen as the wood for a violin.

It is averred that a sausage and a slice of bread and butter compose the Prince of Wales' breakfast five mornings out of six.

Collecting Chinese Coins.

"The earliest Chinese coins that I have heard of," said Consul Bodice, "date from the dynasty which ruled from 355 to 207 B. C."

"From that time until today these useful little coins have been used by every monarch, no matter whether he was an emperor of the entire country or king of one of the petty principalities into which from time to time the Chinese empire was broken. There have been over 1,500 occupants of the various thrones, royal and imperial. In addition to these regular issues, if such they may be called, there have been special issues from time to time and also special local issues. A wealthy mandarin in Canton is said to have the finest collection extant, containing 25,000 specimens of different kinds."

The cost increases as you go backward in time. The cash of this century can be secured at their nominal face value. Those of the eighteenth and seventeenth centuries bring from 1 cent to 10 cents each. Those of the Han dynasties bring \$100 each when in fine state of preservation.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Artificial Maple Sugar.

Decoctions or extracts of the wood or bark of trees are frequently used for flavoring sirups or sugars. Different extracts differ in taste. The hickory tree, it is said, yields an extract that will impart the flavor of the maple, and Daily's method of producing artificial maple sirup of sugar is as follows: Make an extract of hickory bark or wood by allowing water to percolate through the same. The bark or wood may be ground, or sawdust therefrom used. Hot water may be used, or the material boiled in water. The strength of the extract may be increased by increase of the quantity of the wood or bark. To one gallon of hot or boiling sugar sirup add, say, three tablespoonfuls of the hickory extract. It is said the effect of the extract is to produce a flavor that renders the sirup indistinguishable from genuine maple sugar. If the sirup is boiled down, a sugar resembling maple sugar in taste is produced.—London Public Opinion.

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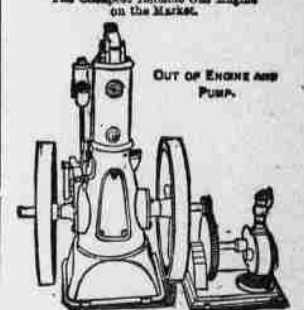
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