

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH.

The True Inwardness of His "Mesocosm" from the "Red Men." The Indians especially admired every and cunning. This device of a white chieftain and his valor when asked appealed to their admiration, and there was a great desire to see him.

The renowned prisoner was received with the customary chorus of Indian songs; and then, acting upon the leading Indian custom, the law of unbounded hospitality, a bountiful feast was set before him. The captive, like the fallant man he was, ate heartily, though ignorant what his fate might be.

The Indians seldom wantonly killed their captives. When a sufficient number had been sacrificed to avenge the memory of such braves as had fallen in fight, the remaining captives were either adopted as tribesmen or disposed of as slaves.

So valiant a warrior as this pale-faced cau-coruse was too important a personage to be used as a slave, and a-bun-so-na-cook, the chief, received him as an honored guest rather than as a prisoner. Kept him in his own house for two days, and adopting him as his own son, promised him a large lot of land. Then, with many expressions of friendship, he returned, well escorted by Indian guides, the trail that led direct back to the English colony at Jamestown.

This relation destroys the long-familiar romance of the Captain's life saved by "the King's" own daughter, but it seems to be the only version of the story based upon its own original report.

But though the oft-described "rescue" did not take place, the valiant Englishman's attention was speedily drawn to the agile little Indian girl, Ma-ta-oka, whom her father called his "tomboy" or po-ca-hun-tas.

She was as inquisitive as any young girl, savage or civilized; and she was so full of kindly attentions to the Captain, and bestowed on him so many smiles and looks of wondering curiosity, that Smith made much of her in return, gave her some trifling presents and asked her name.

Now, it was one of the many singular customs of the American Indians to tell their own names, nor even to allow them to be spoken to strangers by any of their own immediate kindred. The reason for this lay in their peculiar superstition, which held that the speaking of one's real name gave the stranger to whom it was spoken magical and harmful influence over such person.

For this very reason, Wa-bun-so-na-cook was known to the colonists by the name of his tribe, Pow-ha-tan, rather than by his own name. So, when he was asked his little daughter's name, he hesitated, and then gave in reply the nickname by which he often called her, Po-ca-hun-tas, the "little tomboy." This agile young maiden, by reason of her relationship to the head chief, was allowed much more freedom than was usually the lot of Indian girls, who were, as a rule, the patient and uncomplaining little drudges of every Indian home and village. — E. A. Brooks, in St. Nicholas.

How to Discipline the Eye.

A very good way to discipline the mechanical eye is to first measure an inch with the eye, then prove it with a rule, then measure a half-inch, then an eighth, and so on, and you will soon be able to discover at a glance the difference between a twelfth and a sixteenth of an inch; then go to three eighths, six, twelve, and so on. Some all this guessing; there is no guess-work about it. It is measuring with the eye and mind. Acquire the habit of criticizing for imperfections every piece of work that you see; do every thing as nearly as you can without measuring (or spoiling it), or as nearly as you can trust the eye with its present training. If you can not see things mechanically, do not blame the eye for it; it is no more to blame than the mouth is because we can not read, or the fingers because we can not write. A person may write a very good hand with the eyes closed, the mind, of course, directing the fingers. The eye necessary, however, to detect imperfections. Every operation in life requires a mechanically trained eye, and should realize more than we do the great importance of properly training at organ. — Boston Budget.

Disasters to eyesight are evidently more common than is generally supposed, judging from the statement that more than 2,000,000 glass eyes are made annually in Germany and Switzerland. An artificial eye seldom lasts more than a few years, the secretion of the glands being it cloudy. — Arkansas Traveler.

Recent delicate scientific experiments have discovered the fact that the force of the land is never absolutely rest for more than thirty hours at a time. Thus, those great earthquakes which mark epochs in history are mere extreme cases of forces that seldom sleep. — Public Opinion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—Young Simpkins—"If the devotion of a lifetime will prove to you the strength of my love, Gladys, it shall be yours. Can you desire more? Can you?" Gladys—"That will be all." — Young Simpkins (instinctively)—"Ca-ash!" — Tid-Bits.

—An ingenious woman is working a novel scheme for getting material for a crazy quilt. She has written to many postmasters asking for a piece of silk, satin or velvet, and setting forth that she hopes to get pieces for her quilt from every State in the Union.

—The members of the Moyamensing Hook and Ladder Company, of Chester, Pa., are mourning the death of Budd, the dog of the company. He was buried in a neat coffin, wrapped in the Stars and Stripes, and the truck has been handsomely draped in black and white in his memory.

—A twelve-year-old lad living in Maine dreamed that he stood by the death-bed of his mother in Boston, she then being on a visit to that city. Thirty-three years after the dream was fulfilled, not only as to the event and locality, but as to certain minor details in the chamber of death.

—Annie E. Moore, of Winthrop, bids fair to be one of Maine's most valuable daughters. In 1885, when she was but thirteen years old, she took the first premium on butter at the State Fair, and now she has taken the premium at the Eastern Maine Fair for butter made by a girl not over fifteen years of age.

—A two hundred and twenty-five ounce nugget has been unearthed by Chinamen at Hargraves, Australia. The news of the find leaked out through the transmission of it to the mint by Chinese agents. The celebrated Cair nugget of one owt. was found at Hargraves in the year 1852, and recently, a few miles away at the Maitland bar, a 460-ounce nugget was found.

A True Mother of Heroes.

A recent application of a West Virginian named Brown at the Pension Office in Washington brought to light the fact that one mother had given sixteen sons to the service of the Union during the war. She had borne thirty-three children in all, of whom twenty were boys, and of these only four did not serve as soldiers in the Union army. Two were killed and fourteen survive. Each of the latter is to-day in receipt of a pension from the Government for disabilities received in the service, and the death of her other soldier sons entitles the mother also to a pension. The case is an interesting one, not only for the remarkable number of sons of one mother who wore the blue, but as illustrating how contagious was the war spirit in some families along the line of fire. — Chicago News.

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