

Origin of Famous Hymns

From a window-pane I, a little Hertfordshire village to the pages of millions of hymn-books, printed in many languages, is the remarkable distinction that befalls the work of one envied, Herbert Aubrey. Confined one day to her house at Hoddeston, she composed the words of "Our blest Redeemer," afterwards amusing herself by scratching them on the window of her room since when they have been sung by countless voices all over the world. One beautiful morning morning many years ago a young woman, Jemima Thompson by name, was travelling between Tamworth and Wellington. Having nothing to do and little to think about, she took an old envelope from her pocket and proceeded to write down almost the first words that came into her mind. By the time she had reached her journey she had composed the words of the famous children's hymn, "I think when I read that Sweet Story of God" which has long since become a classic in the hymn-book.

Whether the poet, on being faced with the prospect of appearing before the House of Lords in connection with his appointment as Clerk of the Journals, became so nervous that he decided to commit suicide rather than face the ordeal. On the day before his appearance he drove by coach to the Tower Wharf, intending to drown himself.

The fact that there were too many people about thwarted him, and he returned to his rooms in the Temple. He then tried to kill himself by falling on the open blade of a knife, which, however, broke in his pocket, and some friends appeared on the scene, and in their company Cowper forgot his troubles. Afterwards he became so full of remorse that he sat up all night and contrived to write a hymn, "I think when I read that Sweet Story of God." It is sung all over Christendom every Sunday, not probably one hymn in a hundred knowing how it was written.

"Meek and Gentle," was composed almost unconsciously by the Rev. G. H. Paine, vicar of St. Peter's, Bristol. He wrote the famous hymn one evening while his wife, who was the piano to him. The lines, afterwards recorded, came into his mind without the slightest effort on his part and he scribbled them down on the back of an envelope, without knowing that he had written a hymn which would long outlive himself.

The little fishing port of Brixham is associated with what is perhaps the most famous hymn of all—"The Fishers." It was written by the vicar of Brixham, Henry Francis Lyte, and it is a beautiful composition. The hymn is the first of a strolch by the sea on a lovely Sunday evening, after tea. The vicar left the house for his customary walk and jotted the words down on a scrap of paper.

Christians, Awake! was a Yuletide present to a little girl, John Byng, the author, wrote the hymn for his daughter, Dolly, who found her first Christmas gift with the rest of the Christmas gifts.

THE CAUSE OF BACKACHE

Only in Rare Cases Does Backache Mean Kidney Trouble.

Every muscle in the body needs constantly a supply of rich, red blood in proportion to the work it does. The muscles of the back are under a heavy strain and have but little rest. When the blood is thin they lack nourishment, and the result is a sensation of pain in these muscles. Some people think gain in the back means kidney trouble, but the best medical authorities agree that backache seldom or never has anything to do with the kidneys. Organic kidney disease may without developing a pain in the back. This being the case, patients in the back should always lead the sufferer to look to the condition of his blood. It will be found in most cases that the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to build up the blood will stop the sensation of pain in the ill-nourished muscles of the back. How much better it is to prevent than to cure! You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Songs of Birds.

The duration of birds' songs greatly varies. It is two or three seconds for thrushes and chat-fins, four to five seconds for blackcaps, but from two to five minutes for the lark.

Many a man who has energy enough to start a riot has not strength enough to hold his tongue.

Minard's Liniment for Garget in Cows.

Surnames and Their Origin

HARPER

Racial Origin—English. Source—An occupation. If you want to know just what sort of a position the harper held in medieval times, you should read the historical romances of Sir Walter Scott dealing with medieval life in the Scottish borderland.

Persons bearing the family name of Harper may count upon it, unless the name was arbitrarily adopted at some later period, that their ancestors in the Middle Ages were harp, traveling entertainers, who derived their sustenance from the donations of the nobility; men who travelled about from castle to castle, chanting their songs of history and tradition.

They were by no means looked down upon as persons of inferior position. They were, in fact, honored and respected in much the same fashion that the professional musician is today, and they lived on "charity" only in the sense that authors, physicians and members of other respected professions did, for in those days it was not possible to commercialize art, and virtually all callings had to rely upon the patronage of some member of the nobility for their support.

The harp was probably a more popular musical instrument along the Scottish border and in Wales than in other sections of England, though the harpers travelled the entire island.

MOWAT

Racial Origin—Scottish. Source—A place name. Here is a family name to puzzle you. From the sound of it you might think it of East Indian origin. As it stands there is nothing to indicate its origin. Fortunately there are records to prove its origin, though even then it is a little more difficult to grasp the manner in which the change has come over the name from its original form.

The family name of Mowat is a Scottish evolution of a Norman French place name. It is borne by a certain branch of the Clan Sutherland.

The original Norman form of the name was "de monte Alto," and in some of the old records it is found as "de Montealto." There is a record of the grant of lands in Lossesraggy and Cupiedachis by King Robert Bruce to one "Patricius de Monte-alto."

According to his family tradition, the Norman family was one of the first to leave the domain of William the Conqueror and attach itself to the court of the Scottish monarchs, and upon receiving "a grant of lands in the territory donated by the Clan Sutherland, the family attached itself to that clan. Through its centuries which have followed, the name "Montealto" has been spelled down by Gaelic speaking tongues to Mowat.

Our Great Dominion.

Statistics show shipments of wheat and flour from the Columbia River and Puget Sound district of British Columbia to have been 54 per cent greater during July, August, and September than during the same period last year. Shipments to the United Kingdom and continental ports from the Pacific in September alone amounted to 7,514,000 bushels. One great cause for the "sport" grain business is the large movement now being made to the Orient.

W. L. Clark, of the Pacific Steamship Company, at a meeting of the United States Shipping Board, made the assertion that thirty-eight United States propelled lines were enrolled or influenced by Canada.

It is reported that a number of Canadian capitalists have under consideration the project of constructing a large elevator at Kobe, Japan. The movement of Canadian wheat which commenced this fall to Japan is responsible. So far 750,000 bushels have been booked to that country.

New buildings and improvements to the extent of \$325,000 have been completed at the Brandon Manitoba, Exhibition grounds during the past year, according to a report of the directors.

The Canada plan of a system of taxation was made the subject of special study by members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate who arrived at Ottawa on November 30th for the purpose. The party consisted of about fifty members of Congress which spent three days studying under the guidance of the Department of Finance. The operation of the sales tax was made the subject of a special study.

Construction has commenced on the addition to the North-western Elevator Company's plant at Fort William, Ont., and it is announced that the building will be completed next spring. The elevator addition will cost approximately \$700,000, consisting of 60 concrete tanks, 22 feet in diameter and 35 feet in height, which will give the entire plant an aggregate capacity of more than 900,000 bushels. Cleaning machinery will be installed adapted to clean 8,000 bushels of grain an hour.

More than two hundred exhibits of grain, grasses, clovers and alfalfa from Alberta, from seed grown from the international boundary as far north as the Peace River country, are being sent to the International Grain and Hay Show at Chicago. All of the seed has been grown by farmers and the collection is considered unsurpassable.

The establishment of a finishing station in Belgium, Holland or France for finishing Canadian cattle prior to their being slaughtered and delivered has been best to London and other British centres is proposed by the Alberta Minister of Agriculture. In those countries a shortage of livestock and surplus of pasture is said to exist, and these cattle could be brought to the pink of condition after undergoing the long voyage. Canadian grain would be shipped overseas for this purpose.

Alberta's exhibits at the International Livestock Show at Chicago include two Clydesdale mares and a colt; two Percheron fillies and a colt, and a Shorthorn heifer. All these are provincial prize winning stock and Alberta is confident of repeating her successes of last year. The animals are travelling to Chicago in a special car.

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A remarkable instrument has been invented by two Italians. It is a cinematograph camera and projector combined, so small in size that it will slip easily into the pocket.

Its resemblance to a miniature organoid holding film camera. On one side of the magazine is a spool containing a roll of film 40 ft. in length, which is sufficient for more than 600 pictures. The end of the film is attached to another spool, which is driven by a small clockwork motor.

To take a "movie" you simply wind up the works, point the camera in the right direction, and press the button. The little motor draws the film across, and at the same time the camera and the shutter at the rate of 900 times a minute.

The camera is used also to throw the picture on to the screen. The film is wound round a spool; the back of the camera is removed, and a lantern attachment is fixed on. Then the motor is wound up, the button is pressed, and there you are!

Such an instrument will enable amateur photographers to keep motion records of friends, relations, and children.

Shelter-Belts and Soil Fertility.
A blanket of four or five inches of snow over a prairie farm during winter and until early spring means a large amount of moisture for the soil. The problem is to keep it there and not have it blown away by high winds. This is where shelter-belts on the farm prove their value by preventing drifting and thus retaining moisture and fertility.

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Devastating. Talking of school answers, a rather devastating one was given a member of a certain education committee, who thought it well to visit the schools occasionally and ask questions in the classes.

Once he spoke about Mr. Lloyd George, who, he said, was a statesman. "Now, can you tell me what a statesman is?" he finished up by asking.

"Yes," said a statesman, "a man who makes speeches." "Well," hardly that. "I sometimes make speeches, but I am not a statesman."

The little hand you put up again. "I know, sir, a statesman is a man who makes good speeches."

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BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

Deep.
Sea Scout—"Well, what do you think about the ocean?"
Land Scout—"It's too deep for me."

His Sole Attraction.
Ancient Adorer—"I could sacrifice all my wealth for your love."
Young Adorer—"If you did anything so foolish I should never love you."

That's All.
A six-year-old girl submitted the following composition on "Pepplo" to her teacher:
"Pepplo is composed of girls and boys, also men and women."
"Boys are no good at all until they grow up and get married."
"Men who don't get married are no good either."
"Boys are an awful bother. They want everything they see except soap."
"My ma is a woman, and my pa is a man. A woman is a grown-up girl with children."
"My pa is such a nice man that I think he must have been a girl when he was a boy."

A Dubious Outlook.
The wealthy young man who was trying to learn to work had fallen in love with the daughter of his employer, but he found that his path was by no means clear of obstacles.
"You tell me that your father objects to your marrying me," he said, in a crestfallen way. "Is it because I am in his employ? I can leave it and go back to a life of idleness if he prefers."
"Oh, no, that isn't what he wants," said the fair one. "He says I may marry you just as soon as you're valuable enough to have your salary raised."

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"My troubles had been pulling me down for six years and during all that time I hardly knew what it was to ever feel good. My stomach was all out of order and as regular as I ate anything I had to pay for it in suffering. There was a burning like fire in my stomach. I would float all up with food that nearly cut me in my breath and at times I had such smothering spells that I thought each breath would be my last. I had frequent attacks of rheumatism in both knees and ankles and sometimes these spells nearly laid me out altogether. My nerves were all unstrung. I was restless all night long and could sleep but little, and when morning came I never felt fit for work.

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