

A Pioneer's Story

WILLIAM HEMSTREET'S HEAD RENEWED AT SEVENTY.

He was Afflicted With Illness for a Period, and Thought His Days of Fulfillment Were Past—He is Again Hearty and Robust as He Was Years Ago.

From the Free Press, Acton Ont.

No man is better known to the people of the counties of Halton and Wellington than William Hemstreet, a pioneer and much esteemed resident of Acton. Mr. Hemstreet is a native of the county of York, and was born in the town of Acton in 1817. In his young days Mr. Hemstreet conducted a farming business. He subsequently engaged in the droving and butchering business, and some twenty-five years ago, owing to his superior knowledge of the value of live stock, he took a license as an auctioneer. In 1850 he became an auctioneer. In 1855 he was constantly on the road, driving in all kinds of weather, holding several sales several days a week. Although possessing a strong, healthy constitution, the continued exposure to the hard work of selling some days for eight hours at a stretch, he gradually lost his strength and vigor, and about three years ago found himself collapsed and worn-out. In connection with a reporter of the Free Press he said:—"I felt that my days of usefulness were over. My strength departed, my voice was gone, I was too weak to work of any kind, and I was undeniably useless to myself or anyone else. My symptoms were peculiar and baffled several of the local physicians, who differed much in their diagnosis. After the medicines faithfully but no improvement resulted. I did not suffer much pain but was a very sick man. My appetite, no strength, could not sleep, and both myself and my friends concluded that my days on earth were numbered and that my worn-out frame would in a very short time slip down in eternal rest. I had to give up all my business interests." Mr. Hemstreet's condition was so serious his attention was attracted by the published testimonial of Rev. Dr. Freeman, a minister with whom he was personally acquainted, relating his restoration to health after using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He was particularly impressed with this testimonial and concluded that the pills must possess singular merit. He would not lend his name to their probation. Mr. Hemstreet then decided to give them a trial; he first took one box, then three, then half a dozen and took them regularly. No remarkable effects, he says, were noticed, but with characteristic persistence he purchased a further supply. By the time twelve or thirteen boxes had been taken, he felt that new blood was coursing through his veins; that he possessed renewed vigor and was able to perform all the duties his business calls demanded. "For a year I continued to take the pills," he said, "and I was regaining my old strength and good health and I determined the course should be complete and permanent, and I gave the credit for making me the man I feel myself to be to-day."

WHY WE OPEN THE MOUTH.

Attention Sign Which is a Survival of Primitive Life.

Erasmus M. Stanley advances a new explanation of the tendency to open the mouth in surprise and astonishment. Darwin ascribed this tendency to the intuitive desire for quietness and effectiveness of breathing, and to mere relaxation of the muscles. Mr. Stanley finds a deeper organic reason, viz., that the open mouth is the attention sign, and is a primitive and constant connection with the young of many animals for the reception of food,—for example, with birds. Any sound or other stimulus immediately causes the young bird to extend its mouth. With young animals the same influence has often the same effect. The mouth of the infant under such stimulation usually assumes the sucking form, and its smile when the finger is pointed at it, may be either nascent or degraded sucking. Mr. Stanley maintains that the common and highly useful tendency of the young to open the mouth to all stimuli, visual, aural, etc., continues as a survival in after life, being especially brought out with stimuli of high intensity and unusual quality, and becoming a mark of surprise and astonishment. It is a habit very common among boys and girls to open their mouths under any attention. The child which smiles in surprise—thus declares itself as a kind of attention expression. Assuming that the primary expression of the mouth is a feeding expression, and that this probably has been modified and evolved in connection with a variety of attention phenomena, Mr. Stanley suggests that it would be worth while to make a detailed study of expression in infants and young animals with this point in view.

ENGLISH AND IRISH

Why These Two Races Have Never Been Able to Agree.

That the English and the Irish have lived under the same physical conditions, should have the most opposite characteristics of any two people in the world is one of the mysteries of the physical conditions of the two races. Ireland, England, being insular, with a climate marked by moderate irregularities, possessing a moist and equable climate, the chief differences being that the English is rather more mountainous and drier, and its climate being a little milder and wetter. Yet the two peoples are sharply contrasted in temperament and character. The English is impulsive, mercurial, humorous and unmethodical as the Irish is calm, orderly and practical in action. The Irish are most successful in actual English in defence. The Irishmen enter into matrimony with his property, the Englishman calculates the best of marriage before making a proposal. Irish literature is more glowing than English, but is less solid and enduring. The contrast of character is strikingly demonstrated by the fact that the two nations, during an entire course of more than seven centuries have never been able to thoroughly understand each other, and are still separated by artificial difficulties maintained by unscrupulous agitators. The differences between the two nations have been entirely due to their mutual misunderstanding of each other's characteristics.

A CURIOUS POSTAL SYSTEM.

In certain parts of Sweden, where the most absolute confidence is reposed in the honesty of the people, a very unusual postal system is in vogue. As the mail steamer reaches a landing place, a man goes ashore with the letters, which he places in an unlocked box. Then the passer-by who expresses a letter opens the box, turns over the letters and selects his own, unobserved by anyone.

A LONG MARCH.

The longest cavalry practice march ever taken by a German regiment in time of peace began a few days ago. The regiment starting from the town of Giessen. The cavalrymen selected for the feat were the members of the Thirteenth Uhlans, of Hanover. Five special trains carried the regiment, with their horses, to Giessen, at a cost of \$15,000. From Giessen the cavalrymen are riding to Strasburg, via Frankfurt-Darmstadt, to attend the imperial review. At the end of September the regiment will return to Hanover.

EASY BICYCLING.

The Sultan of Morocco has a somewhat imperial method of amusing himself with cycling. A couch is rigged up between the wheels and on this the monarch reclines, studying the cyclist's method and the compass, while his attendant pedals for him.

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When all nature thought of sleeping,
Out at home,
And the twilight, softly creeping,
O'er the fields and meadows sweeping,
Through the aisles of maples leaping,
Brought the cool refreshing gloaming
Out at home.

I was sitting in the garden,
Out at home,
Among the berries and the melons,
Out at home,
And that soothing touch of evening's
Gentle playing on my heartstrings,
Turned my thoughts, with tender yearnings,
O'er the days when we were children,
Out at home.

How we raced among the flowers,

Out at home,
Neath the elm's refreshing bowers.
Out at home,
How we planted cut potatoes,
How we ate the ripe tomatoes,
Listened to Dame Nature's platoes,
Learned her wisdom, hoards and powers,
Out at home.

Many years have flitted by them,
Out at home,
Since the days when we were children,
Out at home,
But the same blue sky is o'er them—
Bluest spot there is in Heaven—
And the landscape flung around them
Teems with memories loved and olden,
Out at home.

There's the swamp we used to dread

so,
Out at home,
There's the camp we used to love so,
Out at home,
There's the barn so weather beaten,
And the fields in wheat so golden,
And the meadows clover laden,
And the corn and pumpkins blooming,
Out at home.

But they've changed so, brother, dear-est,

Out at home,
Since the days when we were children,
Out at home,
Age has touched with crippling finger
Those who round the hearthstone linger,
And their steps now feebly falter,
As they near death's dark cold river,
Out at home.

Still their hearts are kind as ever,

Out at home,
Dear old mother's O, so clever,
Out at home,
And it was so good to see her,
Sitting in that high old rocker,
Telling 'bout when we were younger
All the things that used to happen,
Out at home.

oft I think as twilight deepens,

Out at home,
I am sitting in the garden,
Out at home,
And I see, as once in childhood,
With their fairy fringe of wildwood,
Fences, fields, and lawn and larch-wood,
All the scenes of happy boyhood,
Out at home.

—ERNEST CHUTE.

NEW USEFUL INVENTIONS.

One of the most useful and practical exhibits at the Industrial Exhibition this year, was that of the Metal Shingle and Siding Co., Limited, of Preston, Ont.

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OVER THEIR GRAVES.

In many parts of Scotland it used to be the custom to place on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. Thus, a sugar cane would decorate the grave of a grocer; an ax and saw, with hammer and nails, would be found on that of a carpenter; an awl and a hammer on a shoemaker's grave, and so on.

WHISKEY FOR POWDER.

Among the principal consumers of corn whiskey is the British Government, which used 124,000 last year in the manufacture of smokeless powder.

The Sting Within.

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SPIDERS IN JAPAN.

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GENI ARE FIRST-BORN.

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A CONSCIENTIOUS BOY.

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This isn't my bicycle, said Freddie, it's Tommy Jones'. We have exchanged just for to-day.

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