HOOD'S "SONG OF THE SHIRT"

THRICE REJECTED BY LONDON NEWSPAPER.

Finally Accepted by "Punch" and "Went Through the Land Like Wildfire."

Few poet-lovers but are familiar with Thomas Hood's song to the toiler, "The Song of the Shirt," which has been translated into more foreign languages than any other poem written by Hood. This poem was first printed in the London Punch on December 16, 1843, and created a sensation in London, and it was soon reprinted throughout the British Empire, and shortly thereafter it was reproduced practically throughout the world.

Good Living."

There is quite a story connected with Hood's composition of the "Song of the Shirt." On October 25 it was brought to the attention of the poet that a wretched woman named Biddell was charged at the Lambeth police station with having pawned articles belonging to her employer. It was shown that she made trousers for seven pence a pair, and the utmost she could make was seven shillings a week, which her employer looked upon as "a good living for a woman who had herself and two infant children to support."

This case attracted a great deal of attention at the time, and two days later the London Times had a powerful editorial on the incident. Punch quoted from this "leader" with stinging additions—probably by Douglas Jerrold—the following week. Hood, whose sympathies were stirred by suffering, penned his "Song of the Shirt" and sent it to Punch, his wife saying as the package was done up: "Now mind, Hood, mark my words, this will tell wonderfully! It is one of the best things you ever did!"

Wife's Faith Justified.

Mark Lemon, who was at the time the editor of Punch, recalling the receipt of the manuscript in later years, said that the author accompanied it with a note, saying that the lines had already been rejected by three papers; that he feared it was not suited to Punch, and leaving it to Lemon's discretion whether to put it in the paper or in the waste basket.

The confidence of Hood's wife in "The Song of the Shirt" was justified. The poem in Punch created a sensation. It was copied in The Times and other journals, and as M. H. Spielmann has put it, in sympathetic appreciation of Hood as a contributor to Punch, it "went through the land like wildfire."

The historian of Punch claims that the publication of "The Song of the Shirt" trebled the circulation of that journal. It may be said also to have trebled Hood's fame and popularity at the time.

Facts.

Anti-aircraft gun defences employed 717 officers and 11,948 men at the signing of the armistice.

Shirts cost $145 in Petrograd, while as much as $1,000 will be given for a re-made pair of trousers.

French authorities estimate that 1 in every 30 of the Allied soldiers who entered that country married a French bride.

Germany's population has been estimated at as low as 57,000,000, as compared with nearly 65,000,000 before the war.

London roads are being repaired, after years of neglect, and old wood blocks, in great demand as firewood, fetch $15 a cartload.

The Military Intelligence Department of the British Army in July, 1914, was 103 strong of all ranks; in November, 1918, it had grown to 5,969.

"Tin hats," which are being sold off by the Government, are being converted into wash-basins, flower-pots, cake-stands, ash-trays, and fish-bowls.

Films taken on the battlefields have already brought the British Government over $355,000, a large portion of which has been given to war charities.

German trains will not be heated or lighted in the coming winter, it is stated, owing to coal shortage, while all express trains will be abolished.

Mournful Outlook.

"I engaged the rooms for my holiday," he said, "because the landlady wrote me that they overlooked a superb garden of 200 acres, richly adorned with statuary, where I was at liberty to promenade."

"Well?" his friend inquired.

"It was a cemetery," he said, bitterly.

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After growing for 10 years, the Japanese cypress, one of the smallest specimens of the horticultural world, reaches the size of a golf ball. As if exhausted with this tremendous effort, the next 10 years see it increase only by a fraction, when it practically stops growing altogether.

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A faint and chiming air;
And belfries in each little town
Sing out the hour and mark it down.

If you should go to La Bassee
Or walk the Bethune street,
You'll see the lorries pass that way
And hear the tramp of feet;
And where the road with trees is lined
You'll watch the long battalions wind.

But all the clocks that mark the time
Are months and years too slow,
And all the bells that ring and chime
Strike hours of long ago,
And all the belfries where you pass
Lie tumbled in the dust and grass.

Yet still the long battalions wind,
Though all the men are gone,
Because one hour has stayed behind
And wanders there alone—
Yes, one heroic shining hour
Chimes on from every fallen tower.

The George Who Did It

"I watched Lloyd George fill practically every post of high distinction within the bestowal of the British government during the war," says Mr. Isaac F. Marcosson in an interesting account of his interviews and experiences with the wonderful little Welshman who is England's premier. "Often when figuratively I saw the flag of distress hung out, heard the alarm bells ring and felt the heart of Britain turn to him for leadership in her hour of peril and crisis, I realized that the American phrase, 'Let George do it,' fitted him and his astonishing service better than anything else. I once told him about this expression, and he was amused and pleased."

No doubt. And if Mr. Marcosson had chanced to quote the phrase, with a similar complimentary application—as he might almost as aptly and appropriately have done—to M. Clemenceau, the George who has served France so long and so remarkably, that wise and gallant old statesman would also have been amused. Perhaps—since he knows America better than Mr. Lloyd George does—he may have heard the phrase; but quite certainly, in any case, he would know that it originated in his own country, and that the George who originally "did it" had lain at rest beneath his magnificent tomb in Rouen Cathedral a full century before America was settled. He was the famous Cardinal Archbishop Georges d'Amboise, prime minister of King Louis XII.

A courtier from childhood, a bishop at fourteen, a conspirator with princes, a prisoner for two years, a reformer of legal procedure, army discipline and taxes, a counselor of generals and kings and an aspirant for the papacy, the fifty years of his life were crowded with wide and various achievements. The beneficence of the reforms he promoted caused Louis to be called "the Father of his People," although the credit for them belonged chiefly to his minister, who was called "the tongue and soul of the king."

Sometimes, when troublesome affairs were presented for decision, the king would say neither yes nor no, but instead:

"Let George do it. He is a man of experience," and "George," the invaluable churchman, statesman and friend, would do it.

Georges d'Amboise, Cardinal of Rouen, was, in his prime and pride, a man of high ambition; but as he lay dying, attended often by his sovereign, and oftener by a humble brother of the monastery, it was not to King Louis that he addressed the words so often quoted:

"Ah, Brother John! If only I could have remained Brother John!"

That was in 1510. So it is a long four centuries back that slangy Americans of an inquiring turn of mind must go to find out who was George and what he did.

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There is a widespread belief among medical men that the epidemic of la grippe, or influenza, which swept over the world last year, will again appear in Canada during this autumn and coming winter. This dangerous trouble spares neither age nor sex, but it naturally finds its easiest victims among those who are run down in health, or those whose blood is weak and watery, and it is among the latter class in which the greatest number of fatalities occur. The surest way to prevent an attack of this dreaded trouble is to keep the blood rich and pure, and the safest and best way to do this is through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

No reasonable precaution to avert an attack of influenza or la grippe should be spared. The disease itself is deadly, but its after-effects, among those who are spared, make the life of the victim one of constant misery. Ask almost any of those who have been attacked by influenza what their present condition of health is and most of them will answer: "Since I had the influenza I have never been fully well." This trouble leaves behind it a persistent weakness of the limbs, shortness of breath, bad digestion, palpitation of the heart, and a tired feeling after even slight exertion. This is due to the thin-blooded condition in which la grippe almost always leaves its victims after the fever and influenza have subsided. They are at the mercy of relapses and complications, often very serious. This condition will continue until the blood is built up again, and for the purpose of building up the blood and strengthening the nerves nothing can equal a fair treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From first to last dose these pills make new, rich blood, which reaches every organ and nerve in the body. Thus the lingering germs are driven out, and the weak, despondent victims of influenza are transformed into cheerful, healthy, happy men and women.

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The hatching of a double-yolked egg is not by any means a rarity. But it is a very rare occurrence indeed for such an egg to produce two perfect chickens. Cases of this kind have, however, occurred from time to time.

The stuffed figures of a couple of perfect chickens which emerged from one and the same egg are to be found in the British Museum.

A few cases have been authenticated of the appearance from a single egg of two chickens joined together by a wing or a leg, but as the general rule, when a double-yoked egg is hatched, the result is a monstrosity in the shape of a chick with two heads or two pairs of legs.

Many people think that the production of two perfect chickens from a double-yoked egg is by no means uncommon, because sittings which they have placed under fowls have yielded one more chicken than the number of eggs. It is, however, far more probable that cases of this kind result from the fowl having laid another egg after she had commenced her task of incubation.

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HOW LONG CAN THEY DO IT?

There is in Canada current opinion that it costs the Government $1.03 to get $1 of gross revenue from the railroads which have been emancipated from the capitalistic class. A deficit of $50,000,000 in 1919 is the forecast. This straightway gives rise to conjecture as to what the true relation of cost and revenue would be if some courageous Administration reached down to the bottom of our own Government operation of the roads.

Thanks in part to the peculiarities of the Canadian situation the private Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific have contributed nobly to the Government's experiment in railroad operation. This and other causes have steadily lifted the percentage of cost to gross revenue. To-day it is 89 per cent. for the Grand Trunk and 81 per cent. for the Canadian Pacific. The percentage thus actually discloses the shocking scandal of surplus, rather than the uplifting inspiration of deficit.

Monthly statements duly audited and certified show Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk can still operate on their own motive power; the exact status of the Government roads is not so clearly revealed. Why it is not is a matter of conjecture, friendly, invidious or neutral, as may be. Some irreconcilables want to know how they are to reach a conclusive audit of Canadian Northern, making a true capital investment basis for figures. Others say there is an operation deficit of more than three per cent.

What if it be so that the more wheels turn round and the faster they go, the more money they lose? If it costs 3 cents net loss to take in a dollar, isn't the taxpayer there to pay it? And doesn't the paltry 3 cents go at once back into circulation? "As long as he has a dollar left to burn, why shouldn't the taxpayer writhe and turn?"

A staunch supporter of a western co-operative grain concern with a long and honorable record of losses used to refer to its "turnover" as its "turn-under." Happily free of the embarrassment of literary cult, he has given the Government's railroad auditors a book heading, accurate and novel. They should be satisfied and so should the taxpayers. For as a facetious inquirer for Government figures says: "If a taxpayer is not to pay these taxes, what is he for?" But how long can they do it?—Wall Street Journal.

The titular honors conferred upon naval and military leaders in the war by the British Parliament are more lavish than most people expected, consisting of nine peerages, eight Baronetcies and one Grand Commandership of the Bath. The generous money gifts are in keeping with custom since the eighteenth century.

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BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

What it Merited.

The vocalist's mother sat listening with a proud smile. Then she turned to a lover of music and said:

"Do you think her voice ought to be cultivated?"

The lover of music replied:

"No, I think it ought to be harvested."

A Schemer.

Small boy (politely)—"Won't you take another piece of cake, Miss Jones?"

Guest—"Well, since you are so pressing, I will."

Small boy—"Now, mother, remember your promise that if you had to cut the second cake, I could have a piece."

Diplomacy.

She: "Mrs. Green has just got another new hat, and I——"

He: "My dear, Mrs. Green has to have new hats. If she were as pretty and as attractive as you she wouldn't have to depend on the milliner so much."

A Bit of a Facer.

A man, says the Weekly Telegraph, complained of the conduct of his son. He related to a friend all the young man's escapades.

"You should speak to him with firmness and recall him to his duty," said the friend.

"I have, of course; but he pays not the least attention to what I say. He listens only to the advice of fools. I wish you would talk to him."

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