

Origin of Famous Hymns

From a window-pane I, a little Hert-fordshire village, to the pages of millions of hymn-books, printed in many languages, is the remarkable distinction that befalls the work of one writer, Harriet Auber. Confined one day to her house at Hoddessden, she com-posed the words of "Our blest Redeem-er," 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 spring morning many years ago a young woman, Jemima Thompson by name, was travelling by coach between Taunton and Wellington. Having nothing to do and little to think about, she took an old pen-velope and a pencil from her pocket and started to write down almost the first words that came into her mind. By the time she had reached her jour-ney's end she had composed the words of the famous children's hymn, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old," which has long since become a classic in the hymn-book.

Cowper the poet, on being faced with the prospect of appearing before the House of Lords in connection with his appointment as Clerk of the Journal, became so nervous that he de-termined 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 him-self.

The fact that there were too many people about thwarted him, and he re-turned to his rooms in the Temple. Here he tried to kill himself by falling on the open blade of a knife, which, however, broke in two. Fortunately, some friends appearing 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 contritely wrote a hymn. It was "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," and it is sung all over Christen-dom every Sunday, not probably one person in a hundred knowing how it came to be written.

"Jesus, Meek and Gentle," was com-posed almost unconsciously by the Rev. G. R. Frynne, vicar of St. Peter's, Plymouth. He wrote the famous words one evening while his wife played the piano to him. The lines, he 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 realizing that he had written a hymn which would long outlive himself.

The little fishing port of Brixham is closely associated with what is per-haps the most famous hymn of all—"Abide With Me."

This was written by the vicar of Brixham, Henry Francis Lyte, and it was his last composition. The hymn was the fruit of a stroll by the sea on a lovely Sunday evening, after church. The vicar left the house for his customary walk and jotted the words down on a scrap of paper.

"Christians, Awake!" was a Yule-tide present to a little girl, John By-rom, the author, wrote the hymn for his small daughter, Dolly, who found it in manuscript form with the rest of her Christmas gifts.

A little girl, too, was the inspiration of that old favorite, "There is a Happy Land." Andrew Young, the writer, was spending his holidays in Scotland, where, in passing a cottage, he heard a quaint Indian melody being played on the piano. The tune took his fancy and he asked permission to hear it played again. As he listened, it oc-curred to him that the tune would make a pretty children's hymn. Late that night he composed the words.

Airship Will Not Collapse.

Dirigibles will be made safe by an invention of a Frenchman, according to Lieut. Enea Bossi, formerly of the Italian Aviation Service, who arrived in this country from Europe.

Lieut. Bossi says he has been in France observing the work of this in-ventor whose name is Zangean. He asserts that Zangean has invented a process of building dirigibles which eliminates the danger of collapse in mid-air from fire or explosion.

The new dirigible consists really of three envelopes one within the other. The inner envelope contains com-pressed hot air. Between the inner envelope and the middle envelope there is a vacuum, and between the middle envelope and the outside en-velope there is substance the nature of which is secret. The dirigible is landed by letting air into the vacuum, thus making it heavier.

Marble Near Pretoria.

A deposit of white marble, said to equal the best Italian in quality, has been discovered near Pretoria, Trans-vaal.

An electric landing sign marking the aerodrome at Croydon, England, said to be the largest sign in exis-tence, measures a quarter mile in diameter.

During heat waves the atmosphere of New York is very humid, owing to its proximity to the sea; hence the heat is less bearable than it would be in London.

An improvement in the seismograph—the instrument used for recording earthquake shocks—has been accom-plished by the use of light-sensitive paper in place of the ordinary paper upon which the record is marked by a stylus or pen.

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 nourish-ment, and the result is a sensation of pain in those muscles. Some people think pain in the back means kidney trouble, but the best medical authori-ties agree that backache seldom or never has anything to do with the kid-neys. Organic kidney disease may progress to a critical point without developing a pain in the back. This being the case, pain 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 blood farm to give way to unreason-able alarm about your kidneys. If you suspect your kidneys, any doctor can make tests in ten minutes that will set your fears at rest, or tell you the worst. But in any event to be per-fectly healthy you must keep the blood in good condition, and for this pur-pose no other medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Songs of Birds.

The duration of birds' songs greatly varies. It is two or three seconds for thrushes and chaf-finsches, 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 Garglet in Cows.

Our Great Dominion.

Statistics show shipments of wheat and flour from the Columbia River and Puget Sound district of British Colum-bia 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 7,845,000 bushels. One great change in the export grain business is the large movement now being made to the Orient.

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

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

New buildings and improvements to the extent of \$325,000 have been com-pleted at the Brandon Manitoba, Ex-hibition grounds during the past year, according to a report of the directors.

The Canadian 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 con-sisted of about fifty members of Con-gress 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 Northwest 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 approxi-mately \$700,000, consisting of 60 con-crete tanks, 22 feet in diameter and 95 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.

Protecting Warriors of the Present Day.

When body armor "came back" during the late war, the United States authorities sought him from the great collection of medieval armor at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and consulted specialists in that branch of archeology, says a Philadelphia despatch.

So admirable was the craftsmanship of the old-time armorers that improve-ment on their work was obviously out of the question. But the modern war experts were quick to see that they had at their command two very note-worthy advantages. One of these was that armor made extraordinarily hard with alloys of tungsten, nickel or vanadium. The other was machinery.

An old-fashioned suit of armor may have required the labor of a year, or more for a skilled hand in its produc-tion. Modern machinery can chop out the requisite parts from sheets of steel by thousands at small cost. It is not required that the metal clothing shall be decorative, but merely that it shall be indestructible.

In the war good alloy steel hardly thicker than ordinary blotting paper proved an effective protection against pistol bullets, the light weight of modern armor being one of its most notable advantages as compared with the old style. French hospital records proved that 70 to 80 per cent of the wounded were injured by missiles or shell fragments which steel of this small thickness would have stopped.

Steel alloyed with manganese was found to be adapted for helmets of which 7,000,000 were ordered and 2,700,000 delivered for the American troops before the war's end. To pre-vent the helmets from reflecting light, they were painted, and while the paint was wet a coat of sawdust was bestow-ed upon them with a blower.

A Pocket Movie.

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

In appearance it resembles an ordi-nary folding film camera. On one side of the magazine is a spool con-taining a roll of film 40 ft. in length, which is sufficient for more than 600 pictures. The end of the film is at-tached 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 the same time opens and closes 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 mo-tion records of friends, relations, and children.

Shelter-Belts and Soil Fertility.

A blanket of four or five inches of snow over a fertile farm during win-ter 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 prevent-ing drifting and thus retaining mois-ture and fertility.

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 bards, traveling entertainers, who derived their sub-sistence from the donations of the nob-ility; 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, lionized and respected in much the same fashion that the professional musician is to-day, and they lived in "charity" only in the sense that authors, physicians and members of other respected pro-fessions did, for in those days it was not possible to commercialize art, and virtually all members of professional and artistic callings had to rely upon the patronage of some member of the nobility for their support.

The harp was probably a more popu-lar musical instrument along the Scot-tish border and in Wales than in other sections of England, though the harp-ers 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 Scot-tish 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 Lossieragey and Culpedauchs by King Robert Bruce to one "Patricius de Monte-alto."

According to history and 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 the grant of lands in the territory dominated by the Clan Sutherland, the family attached itself to that clan. Through he centuries which have followed the name "Mon-tealto" has been boiled down by Gaelic speaking tongues to Mowat.

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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 occa-sionally and ask questions in the classroom.

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

Up shot one hand.

"Please, sir, a statesman is a man who makes speeches."

"Well, hardly that. I sometimes make speeches, but I am not a states-man."

The little hand went up again.

"I know, sir, a statesman is a man who makes good speeches."

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Lead 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 fol-lowing composition on "People" to her teacher:
"People are 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 employ-er, but he found that his path was by no means clear of obstacles.
"You tell me that your father ob-jects to your marrying me," he said, in a crestfallen way. "Is it because I am in his employ?"
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