

The Book He Never Read.

Lady Currie, well known to English letters under her pen name of Violet Fane, told Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, one of her American friends, an amusing incident of her life in Constantinople when her husband, Lord Currie, was ambassador of the Sublime Porte. She was a rapid and omnivorous reader, and Lord Currie often trusted her to read and report on books with which otherwise he would have had to make personal acquaintance. Much precious time was thus saved for a busy diplomat, and the task was entirely congenial to his competent unofficial reader. One day he handed her a new biography of the Sultan, Abdul Hamid, just published in England. A short time afterwards he asked her whether it was interesting.

"Yes," she answered, "but—" and just then some visitors of distinction were announced and she did not finish the sentence. That evening her husband and wife dined with the Sultan. Conversation was more formal than entertaining and indeed flagrant to a depressing degree. Lord Currie had a happy inspiration.

"Sire," he said, "an interesting book has just appeared about yourself!"

Lady Currie made a frantic effort to reach his feet under the table, but without success.

"Ah!" said the Sultan, "I should like to see that book!"

"You shall have my copy," the polite ambassador hastened to assure him. At their departure from the palace the Sultan's words in response to her leave-taking were a reminder: "I will send for the book in the morning."

When Lady Currie had her husband alone with her in the carriage she said to him between mirth and despair:

"The book you recommend to the Sultan opens with this sentence: 'A more loathsome toad than the Sultan Abdul Hamid I never saw!'"

When the Sultan's servant called next day he was informed with many messages of apology that the book could not be found. It was sent for, always vainly, several times afterwards; and the next time the ambassador had an audience the Sultan, clearly suspicious of something wrong, reproached him with duplicity. Lord Currie made what excuses he could, but he never produced the book, nor did Abdul, though he probably guessed he was not enthusiastically admired in Great Britain, ever learn there existed anywhere a mortal presuming enough to designate him a toad.

Broadcasting the Nightingale.

A bird friend in "London Town" sends us some notes of the most unique story in birddom. The nightingale holds the role of world's prima donna as songster. For generations the verdict has been unquestionably endorsed. "Lord what music hast Thou provided for the saints in heaven when Thou affordest bad men such music on earth?" So writes that great nature student Isaac Walton, the quaint fisherman of the long, long ago. Picture a many multiplied Market St. rush hour, the London Strand, with its hurry and rattle. Amidst this noisy crowd, comes a rare, rippling music, strange shrill voices, notes in full compass, from the clear challenge of the initial note, white, white, white, to the whole throated bass, with its thrice repeated "fluck" of the song in its acme of expression and completeness. The wonders of science had transmitted from a moonlit Surrey wood many miles away, the song of the nightingale. Thousands of listeners in London and other large cities heard the song, caught up on a microphone and broadcasted to fascinated and enraptured hearers. Surely this was a wondrous thing. It is probably two or more centuries since the song of the wild nightingale was heard in London City. What next? Many years ago a famed naturalist, thoroughly conversant with bird language, had written down the notes of the nightingale, but there was none competent to interpret.

The nightingale sang in the thicket, and all England heard him over the radio.—Dr. F. W. D'Evelyn.

Light From Trees.

A French scientist has discovered a means of extracting and harnessing the electricity in trees. He connected a copper plate attached to a tree, and another plate buried in the earth, with a galvanometer, a delicate instrument which measures the strength of weak currents of electricity, and obtained a record of the current passing through the tree.

With three trees connected in the same way the power was increased, the experiment, with a like result, being continued until twenty trees were linked up in this fashion.

The scientist then placed two copper plates in the earth, about six feet apart, and with the current thus obtained lighted a small electric lamp.

Whether the idea can be extended to be commercially worth while has yet to be determined.

Treating 'Em Rough.

Smith—"Well, I gave it to that fellow straight, I can tell you. He is twice as big as I am, too, but I told him exactly what I thought of his rascally conduct, and I called him all the names in the dictionary and a lot of others as well."

Jones—"And didn't he try to hit you?"

"No, he didn't; and when he tried to answer me back, I just hung up the telephone receiver and walked away."

Silence is golden, except when you are waiting for the prospect to say, "Go ahead."

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Surnames and Their Origin

KEMPSON.
Variations—Kemp, Camp.
Racial Origin—English.
Source—An Occupation.

Here is a group of family names the origin of which could not be recognized without reference to some compilation of English words in use about the time the Norman overlords of England ceased to use French as their common tongue, and the Anglo-Saxon speech, after two centuries or more of depression and change, emerged and, under the influence of Norman pronunciation, formed the foundation of our modern English.

"Kemp" was a medieval English word for "soldier." "Walter le Kemp" was simply "Walter the soldier," and "Hamo Kempson" was "Hamo the soldier's son." The form Camp is in most instances due simply to a natural change in pronunciation occurring regularly in many English words in certain parts of that country and reflected in the changed spelling.

We have instances of similar changes in the word "Derby." On this continent we pronounce it as spelled. In England they call it "Darby."

As often as not the reverse change in pronunciation has taken place in the course of centuries. Thus the name of that famous street in London, Pall Mall, is pronounced "pell mell."

There is no telling how often since the word "kemp" was in common use. Families bearing it as a surname have changed the pronunciation back and forth between "kemp" and "camp" through succeeding generations. But the changes in spelling have been more rare, as they always are.

DYER.
Variation—Lyster.
Racial Origin—English.
Source—An Occupation.

The family name of Dyer is quite recognizable by the modern English speaker as having developed from a word denoting an occupation. That is because in this case both the word denoting the occupation and the name have changed similarly from the original form, and have not, as in many cases, drifted apart. Nevertheless the original word would be unrecognizable to the average person to-day.

In the Middle Ages it was spelled "Dyghere" or "Dyghstere." But if you will soften that pronunciation of the "gh" to a barely audible buttural, as it was pronounced then, you'll find it very easy to slip it a bit further to a "y" sound. And that is precisely the manner in which common speech, over the period of several centuries which have elapsed since the formation of family names began, has softened it into "Dyer," together with the broadening of the short "i" or indefinite "e" into the modern English long "i."

"Lit" was another old English word which meant "dye." In a medieval manuscript there occurs the following passage: "We use no cloths that are litte of diverse colours" (We use no cloths that are dyed in diverse colors). The "lister" or the "lister" of these words were used, but in the course of time the pronunciation of the latter has prevailed as coming more smoothly from the tongue. It has been preserved as a family name, but as an ordinary word it has passed out of use.

Make the Fair-Ground Work All the Year.

The average country fair-ground is a fair-ground and nothing else, serving the public only during fair week. The rest of the year it is wholly idle and deserted and sometimes even unsightly. Yet the fair-ground is often a pretty natural park with trees and is generally very accessible to both town and country people. If natural picnicking and play places are hard to find, as often is the case in prairie country, why not then make a recreation centre of the fair-ground?

This was the idea that came to the Fair Association of a county in Iowa. The grounds are within the city limits of West Union and on the main-traveled road from country to town. There is a natural grove of oaks on the area and a bright creek meanders through it. No other body of water is near.

The Fair Association laid the matter of making a playground of the fair park before the public and found prompt willingness to co-operate, and open pocketbooks offered to carry out the plan. Playground equipment was bought and set up. Picnickers were invited to make free use of the grounds. Then last summer a swimming pool was added. It was accomplished in the simplest of ways. The creek runs along one side of the fair-grounds and makes a bend down the other side. Water was taken from the creek and carried through tiling to the swimming pool. From the lower end of the artificial pond the water flowed out into other tiling and back into the creek. This gave running water, making the bathing place pure

and sanitary. The pool is 40 x 150 feet, with sloping bottom, and cost about \$2,500.

Through the summer the pool was the most popular place in town, and summer evenings the fair-ground was the gathering place of town and country folks. The grass has been kept mowed and the place given generally the same care as a regular park.—F. L. C.



Very Shy.

"The bride was very shy—yes, she was shy about ten years when it came to giving her age!"

His Careless Ways.

"When you found you hadn't your fare did the conductor make you get off and walk?" asked the inquisitive man.

"Only get off," was the sad reply. "He didn't seem to care whether I walked or sat down."

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Mothers Who Made History.

Probably the most famous of all "mothers" is Mother Hubbard, the old lady whose time seems to have been taken up in attending to the wants, wishes, and antics of her equally famous dog. Although this animal must have been very trying, Mother Hubbard never appears to have lost her temper for a moment, for the lengthy nursery rhyme ends with a charming couplet:—

The dame made a curtsy, the dog made a bow,
The dame said "Your servant," the dog said "Bow-wow."

Which is usually what a dog does say!

Another famous "mother" is Mother Goose. Unlike Mother Hubbard, she was a real person, and under her name an enormous amount of child-literature has been published, of which she is responsible for only a small portion. Her daughter married Thomas Fleet, a famous American printer, and they had a little son. The grandmother used to make rhymes and sing them to this little fellow, and her son-in-law printed them as "Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes."

Mother Carey is an English way of saying Mater Cara, and she is famous for her "chickens," which are the seabirds known to sailors as stormy petrels, because they always seem to scream around ships during a storm. Mother Carey's geese are the great black petrels or fulmars seen in the Pacific, and the saying has arisen that when snow falls Mother Carey is plucking her geese.

Mother Shipton is another famous "mother." She lived in the reign of Henry VIII, and as everybody knows, is famous for her prophecies. In a way she foretold the age of aviation, steam, and petrol, as well as the death of Cardinal Wolsey.

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When Smith's Mind Worked.

Smith was a freshman, older than most of his class. He was tall, lanky and slow. His mind, like his body, worked slowly, and the nervous professor in mathematics, after a long and careful explanation, was wont to say:—

"Well, Smith, if you will go over that explanation carefully and meditate on it, I think you will understand. Meditate, Smith, meditate."

So Smith became "Meditate" Smith to his fellow students. One evening a party of students gathered in the room of one of their number, and Smith was one of them. The meeting was for fun and perhaps mischief, and such a meeting was an infringement of rules.

When the jollity was at its height a warning came that the professor was coming to investigate. The room was cleared at once. Smith as usual was the last, and hearing steps approaching, he crawled under the bed, seeing no other way of escape. Here he sat doubled up like a Jackknife awaiting the event with no little apprehension.

The professor entered, looked about him, saw that the room was empty, then turned to depart. As he closed the door, a thought seemed to strike him; he re-entered the room and looked under the bed.

"Hey, Smith, what are you doing there?" he cried. Smith turned his head with difficulty. "Meditating, professor." The professor withdrew.

All He Wanted.

Through the doorway of the milliner's shop walked a smartly-dressed man who approached the manager, and said:—

"I see you have a sign in your window saying: 'We will gladly remove any hat from the window.'"

"That is correct, sir," said the manager, with a beaming, expectant smile. "Very well," went on the visitor, "would you object to bringing out that large hat in the middle of the window? I mean the one with the purple ribbon and pink feathers."

"Not at all, sir, not at all," the manager assured him, and hastened to comply.

"Thank you so much," exclaimed the visitor, when the manager once more approached, hat in hand. "I don't think I could have borne walking past your shop for a single day more with that thing staring at me."

Wasn't Ambitious.
Irene was being shown off by her mother.

"We are very proud of our little girl," said her mother to the visitor. "We are going to send her to school in the autumn, where she will learn, oh, such a lot, and be a bright and intelligent child."

"But I don't want to be bright and intelligent," said Irene. "I want to be just like mummy!"

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Finis.

Give me a day with its sun in the west
And see what it has to say;
Give me the year as it nears its rest,
In the glow of an autumn day.
Give me a life, where the path is unrolled,
To the shore of God's limitless sea;
For the end is the best, and the tale that is told,
Is the tale of Eternity.

—Marian Alden.

Temporary Repairs.

Mrs. Pester—"Do you think this face clay does my complexion any good?"
Her Husband—"Oh yes, a little. While you have the mud on it covers up the defects."

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Minard's Liniment for Rheumatism.

Paris newspapers, which have run regular "street accident" columns for years, have now extended this to railway accidents, which are of daily occurrence on the various railroad systems throughout France.

The water in which rice has been boiled is an effective remover of iron rust from materials. Soak the rust spots in the rice water for four or five hours, and then rinse in clean water.

Beauty culture is now being taken in hand at an early age. The noses, ears, and hair of infants can be improved by a little care and treatment on the part of the mother or nurse.

Visitors to Wembley, up to August 4th, averaged 101,700 a day. At this rate, about 18,000,000 people will see the Exhibition before it closes at the end of October.

She called this quilt a memory quilt—Every cherished bit of cloth, Remembrance hallowed it; Every patch recalled a face A time, a circumstance, a place.

So she lived again the years, But now their hopes, their fears, Their song and sorrow, smiles and tears.

Only a mellow sweetness bring, Without regret, without a sting.

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The Compensating Vision.

The minister's car had stopped at the big country place a few miles out of the city. As the maid opened the door a pleasant voice called, "Come right in, Dr. Forsythe. I've been hoping that you would get out to see me before winter set in."

He found the owner of the voice reclining in her big chair by the window with an open letter in her hand. She turned to smile at him as he advanced.

"I've thought of you often since the cool weather set in," he began. "I meant to call sooner, but our special meetings and one thing or another detained me. I was afraid you would find it rather cheerless when you had to go indoors. I know how you loved the big, sunny porch."

"Well, do you know, Dr. Forsythe, I am beginning to think it a good thing to be an invalid; it gives us such a good chance to find compensations all about us. I did dread the thought of the fall and winter. I know how much I should miss the flowers and the leaves. But," she added brightly, "now that the foliage is gone I find that I can see a great deal farther and live in a much larger world than I could before."

"No; don't stop me, doctor," she added hurriedly as she saw him about to speak. "I—I—must finish. I know what a poor kind of Christian you must have thought me to be right after my accident—so bitter and complaining. My life had always been so full, and I was always so busy. There were so many things to do and so many pleasures to keep me occupied. Everything I loved was right at my elbow—friends, money, health,—her voice faltered a little,—"my life was full—too full, I think."

"But now that the doctor says I may never walk again I'm beginning to live in a much larger world. Before it was like looking out of this window in summer—all flowers and trees. They filled my view so completely I couldn't see very far. Now I'm seeing more than I ever saw before in my life. I am finding a lot of folks to help and pray for that once on a time were so far beyond my horizon I didn't even know they existed. I've just received a letter from one of them this morning,—she smiled as she touched the envelope on the table beside her,—"and it's brightened the whole day for me. No, I don't mind it a bit that the leaves are gone. Every season has its compensations."

"It has," returned the minister heartily, "for those who look to God and honestly try to do his will."

The Memory Quilt.

In the folds of this old quilt
There's a warmth of love that lingers
Like the touch of tender fingers.

In its fading squares I see
My mother sitting patiently
Sewing by the window, where
The waning afternoon's dim light
May serve her falling sky
And the glow of sunset sky
Guide her thread through the needle's eye.

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