Such a Contrast!

Laura Allan

I was waiting to be served at a restaurant table when an attractive young woman and a three-year-old boy took the opposite chairs. While I was giving my order the mother fussed with the child to the extent of arousing his impatience, then she glanced over the menu card, smiled at her son and said, "What are you going to have, Harold?"

To me the scene at once acquired interest. A three-year-old was about to choose his own luncheon! Well, he wasted no time about it. Emphasizing his demand with a bang of his his knife-handle upon the table, he declared in no uncertain terms, "I want doughnuts with syrup on them and fried eggs!"

The young woman had, perhaps, noted my surprise at the proceedings, for her attitude changed. In what was almost a pleading tone she suggested, "Hot soup would be very nice this chilly day. See, I am going to have some, and so is this lady."

The boy looked from his mother's face across to mine, entirely unconvinced. He refused the soup placed before him and again demanded doughnuts. I tried to help by commenting upon the excellence of the soup, so hot and delicious, and led on to another subject. The mother took up the cue delightfully, and we ignored the boy who continued to make a nuisance of himself. I thought that his hunger would presently force him to capitulate, but he was overfed, so that bit of stratagem failed.

The mother calmly ordered a vegetable salad for both, which the boy scorned. I kept up a merry chatter as I saw that she was weakening under the strain of his noisy demands. But when I indicated a dessert on the menu, she smiled and ordered it. Harold was so captivated with the rosy baked apple and its whirl of snowy whipped cream topped by a red cherry, that he seized his spoon and began an onslaught. He even accepted a crisp cookie with his tiny glass of orange juice. We elders exchanged triumphant smiles and our visiting cards.

It was evident that the mother's manner was a new experience to the child. He watched her with puzzled eyes, and submitted to his outdoor garments without a word. She whispered in goodby, "Your surprised look was a revelation and your sympathy and tact are inspiring. I mean to persevere."

That evening it chanced that I dined at a home where the three-year-old boy is the only child.

He had his own chair and low table near his mother's place, and was served in courses like the grown ups, but with special food. His milk-tomato soup was followed by a poached egg on toast, which he managed dexterously, then a dish of stewed prunes with an oatmeal cookie, and a small cup of properly cooked cocoa. A spoonful of strawberry ice-cream was a festive finish.

He was quiet during dinner and polite to the maid—one scarcely knew he was present.

Before getting ready for dinner he had had a merry romp in the hall with his father, and after dinner his mother told him his regular good-night story. Then he went to bed happily.

It was all so restful, so altogether satisfactory.—Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

Water Hemlock Declared Deadly by Scientists

Children should beware of the deadly poisonous hemlock or water hemlock weed, which is sometimes mistaken by them for wild parsnip during the Spring and early Summer, warns both Dr. L. W. Durrell, botanist, and Dr. George H. Glover, veterinarian, at the Colorado Agricultural College Experiment Station, in a recent bulletin.

"Keep live stock away from ditch banks or swampy places where this dangerous plant grows, and caution children against tasting any parsnip-like plants," Dr. Durrell warns.

"Poison hemlock is a tall perennial weed growing three to six feet tall, with a hollow, smooth stem, and characteristic thick bunch of spindle-shaped roots. When these roots are cut a yellow juice oozes out. It grows throughout the State, up to an elevation of 8,000 feet above sea level. The entire plant is poisonous.

"Poisoned animals suffer convulsions and die in great agony. Death occurs in a very short time. A small piece of root the size of a person's finger has been known to kill a horse within an hour.

"No antidote is known, but animals or persons poisoned should be given raw linseed oil or potassium permanganate in solution with water. Any remedy that will empty the stomach should be quickly used.

Alberta Place-Names

The first reference to coal in Alberta is contained in a map of Aaron Arrowsmith. It is that of Edgecoal creek, known today as Rosebud river. concerning this stream Arrowsmith says "great quantity of coal in this creek."—Geographic Board of Canada.

Hotel Clerk (writing a form): "Name please?" Guest: "Tammas MacTavish MacHaggis." Hotel Clerk: "Nationality?"—Wall Street Journal.

Mountains That Honor Mankind

Many Famous Peaks the World Over Serve as Everlasting Monuments to Individuals

Out in the Black Hills a mountain is being turned into a memorial by a sculptor working on a gigantic scale. But as history, both recent and remote, bears witness a mountain as nature shaped it may also serve. Down in the Great Smokies they are talking of naming a 6,000-foot peak Sequoyah in honor of an eighteenth-century Indian artist, a Cherokee; and only a short time ago a whole range in Antarctica was named by Admiral Byrd for one of his backers, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The naming of mountains after persons goes back even to the legendary. Do we not find North Africa's highest mountain named Atlas after the giant who bears upon his ample shoulders the burden of our earth? Are not the Pillars of Hercules—the Rock of Gibraltar and Mount Ayela on the opposite side of the straits—named for another mighty legendary hero who shouldered out the hills and let the broad Atlantic sweep into the land?

The Old World has many mountains named for men and in it an English name will always be the highest; for the loftiest peak in all the world bears the name of a rather modest English surveyor and geographer—Sir George Everest—who made a survey of many Himalayan peaks in 1841 and was the first accurately to fix the position of Mount Everest and to gauge its height. So Mount Everest is his everlasting monument—and what a monument! It reaches up into space more than five miles above sea level.

New Hampshire, it is believed, leads all other American States in the number of mountains named for famous persons. Though her mountains are not such awe-inspiring ambassadors to heaven as are countless other peaks named for mortals, she makes up in numbers and in the dignity of her names what she lacks in altitude; for New Hampshire is the proud possessor of the Presidential Range.

The Pacific Coast evidently wanted its own mountain memorial to certain founders of the Republic. Hence it is that in the Cascade Range in Washington we find also a Mount Adams, while her southern neighbor, Oregon, has dedicated two great peaks to Washington and Jefferson.

People in Washington have had a long dispute over one of their most famous peaks. Is it proper to say Mount Tacoma or Mount Rainier? Seattle insists upon honoring the name of Captain Rainier rather than that of Tacoma, a rival city. Rainier's name, too, has been given to a great national park.

Oregon honors the name of an Englishman with its loveliest mountain. Mount Hood raises its hoary head high above the surrounding country and looks down from the height of 11,000 feet upon the Columbia River. This mountain was first discovered by white men in 1792. No one knows just which member of Vancouver's expedition first saw it and gave it a name in honor of Admiral Samuel Hood of his Majesty's Navy.

Although an English surveyor had the loftiest mountain in the world named for him, an American President was honored by having the peak that rises highest above the surrounding country named in his honor. Everest has many lesser brothers hemming it in. Mount McKinley, in Alaska, named in 1896 in honor of William McKinley, rises to a greater height above the surrounding country than any other mountain in the world. It pierces the sky at a height of more than 20,000 feet.

In the Andes whoever named the peaks seemed content almost to let mortals alone. Many are named for saints but we find a fine 17,000-foot mountain named in honor of a Spanish poet who was born 200 years before Columbus began his first voyage. The poet Ruiz may be otherwise forgotten, but Mount Ruiz will keep his name fresh.

The naming of mountains after people may sometimes be accompanied by ceremony. Such a ceremony took place not very long ago in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, when it was decided to do honor to the memory of Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed by a German firing squad during the World War. In Jasper National Park a tremendous peak was chosen—a peak that looked down upon the Glacier of the Angels and was a companion to Mount Sorrow and Throne Mountain—and with candles and choir and clergy, representatives of the State and other dignitaries, a great mountain was christened Mount Edith Cavell. The Canadian Rockies include several peaks named for pioneers or other men of distinction, Mount Bryce, Mount Lyell, Mount Coleman and others.

Few women have been honored by having mountains named for them, although there are in the Antarctic the Queen Maud Range and twin peaks named Mount Ruth Gade and Mount Alice Gade, all discovered by Amundsen. For an American woman mountain climber—Annie Smith Peck—a great peak in the Andes has been named Mount Peck.

Wherever explorers have penetrated the continent of Antarctica one finds the names of men—some prominent, others obscure—perpetuated in mountain peaks and areas of land. Ross, Scott, Shackleton, Mawson and Wilkins all honored their patrons and supporters and sometimes their ships..

Century Old Turtle Found

Franklin, Pa.,—A turtle which has lived more than a century—if the date carved on its shell is authentic—was captured here. The shell was eight inches in diameter.

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The Tonic He Needed

Jim Hatherton was right in the middle of his final examinations at Varsity when as he said himself something snapped and he was just a bundle of nerves. He went to a doctor and told his story. The medical man, not so long out of university himself asked a good many questions about Jim's examination and his home folks.

Finally he said "You sit right down here at my telephone and call up your mother and have a real good chat. I know you write every week and all that, but just have a good chat and don't hurry for it will not cost much anyway."

Jim did more than that; he called his home every evening from his rooms while the exams were on. The sound of his mother's voice seemed to be just the tonic he needed.

Owl Laffs

Wife—"You don't love me any more."

Husband—"Why, dear, I certainly do."

Wife—"You couldn't love a woman with such old clothes as I have."

After vacation comes recuperation.

Nothing tones down a trouble maker so quickly as to run into someone he isn't sure he can lick. The success of a woman's evening depends upon her dress; one might say her happiness hangs by a thread. Death and taxes are no surer than summer visitors.

Why the Farmer Needs the Rain

The farmer needs the rain, you know;
It helps him quite a lot;
It saves his fruit and grain and crops
And other things he's got.

The rain saves farms from damages,
It does, and that's a fact;
It keeps the picnicers away,
And leaves the place intact.

Shopping to some women is so trying. Now is the time to go out and in for gardening. Most folks want things to be different, no matter how different they are already. When you are promised 50 per cent. return on an investment, the entire 100 per cent. often fails to return.

A Vacation Thought

The bee, though it finds every rose has a thorn, comes back loaded with honey from his rambles; and why should not other tourists do the same?

A kind-hearted gentleman saw a little boy trying to reach the doorbell. He rang the bell for him, then said:

Gentleman—"What now, my little man?"

Little Boy—"Run like the mischief. That's what I'm going to do."

Contractor (to his lawyer)—"Judge, the doctor says I've got about a month to live. I want to make my will.

"Fix it so my over-draft in the First National Bank goes to my wife—she can explain it to them.

"My equity in my automobile I want to go to my son. He will have to go to work to pay the bills.

"Give my unpaid bills to the bonding company. They took some awful chances on me and are entitled to something.

"That new-fangled machine on the job, I want the engineer to have. He made me buy it; maybe he can make it work.

"My equipment, give to the junk man. He has had his eye on it for several years.

"I want to have the funeral handled by you, Judge. Any undertaker will do, but I want these six material men for pallbearers. They have carried me so long, they might as well finish the job."

Brown—"Do you think the dead can communicate with us?"

Black—"I know they can't. Once I managed to borrow a dollar from a Scotchman. A week later he died, and I haven't heard a word since."

One commodity in the world not yet deflated is trouble. If you dont' talk too much about your troubles most people won't think you have any—and that's worth a good deal. "I forgot" is never an adequate excuse, except when you offer it yourself. What we can't understand is how the ant ever earned its reputation for industriousness, considering the number of picnics it attends. There's something funny about arithmetic problems—you can't understand them when you're studying them at school, but when you're grown up you can't understand how a child can be so dumb. Two things most needed at this time of the year are a clear day for the Sunday school picnic and a good left-handed pitcher for the baseball team.

Conductor—"She seemed like a good sensible girl."

Brakeman—"Yeh, she wouldn't pay any attention to me either."

Seasonable Poem

Mary had a bathing suit,
She carried in her purse,
And every time she wore the thing
It shrunk up worse and worse.

Obedience

One way to know is to obey. Even our primary conceptions of moral duty depend for their vigor and clearness upon our practical attitude toward duty. Nothing so clears them as doing what we know to be right and eschewing what we know to be wrong.

That brings us to a solidity and simplicity of conviction which we can reach neither by observing men's experience nor by logical reasonings. It keeps us in touch with reality, and dissipates the vapors which otherwise becloud the mind.

Other processes may bring us to conclusions which we cannot deny, but which have no power over our lives; this gives us conclusions which act upon us as motives and helps to farther right action. For, as George Eliot says, the finest reward of doing right is the power to go forward to right action which is more difficult.

Life

Life's but a means unto an end, that end,
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Even a wet holiday, if it frays tempers sufficiently, may thus be a healthy holiday. And the small boy whose tricks make grown-ups stutter and shake with rage may be a public benefactor. But—be careful! Temper does sometimes get people into awkward scrapes, and the plea that you're reducing, or helping others to reduce, may not always be accepted.

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