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MRS. TYLER CLAIMS TO BE PRO-TOTYPE OF POEM

Says Original Author Was One John Roulstone - Further Verses Probably Added by Mrs. Hale.

Richard K. Powers, of Lancaster, Mass., has just celebrated his 103rd birthday, and Richard K. Power's cousin Mary had a little lamb.

Now, when a respectful world was in-formed of Mr. Power's birthday, it was informed also of a certain fact concerning his cousin's famous pet. "Mary," said Mr. Powers, "was my cousin. Her full name was Mary Sawyer. Her lamb was one of twins, born on the Sawyer farm in 1814."

It was good of Mr. Powers to make this important contribution to literary and natural history. There were many who then learned for the first time that Mary's lamb was not unique. But, as a

whose maiden name had been Mary the country. Among these were the Sawyer, wrote for a Vermont newspaper the following narrative. She was then 11 ever 11 ever Young street, in the pleasant town of Somer-

"One cold, bleak March morning went out with father to the barn, and after the cows had been fed we went to the sheep pen and found two lambs there which had been born in the night. One of them had been forsaken by its mother and through neglect was about dead from the cold and for want of food. I saw it had a little life and wanted to take it into the house, but father said no: it was about dead any way, and at best could live but for a short time. But I could not bear to see the noor little thing suffer so, and I to Character," and "Woman's Record to Character," and "Woman's

not take for a long time. I got the tation. lamb warm the first thing, which was done by wrapping her in an old gar-ment and holding her in my arms beside the fireplace. All day long nursed the lamb, and at night it could But Mary herself gives the credit not swallow just a little. Oh, how pleased to Mrs. Hale, but to John Roulstone, I was. But I was not then satisfied it would live, and I sat up all night with hew of the Rev. Lemuel Capen of Sterling, Mass. In her interesting "The

It was a fast grower, as symmetrical a Sarah Joseph" is probably "Mrs. Sarah sheep as ever walked, and its fleece was Josepha Hale." of the finest and whitest. Why, I used It is possible that Mrs. Hale included to take as much care of it as a mother verses by other authors in her "Songs regularly, keep the burdocks picked out book is available, but it may be that she of its feet, comb and trim with bright acknowledges in it, or did acknowledge

"The day the lamb went to school I hadn't seen her previous to starting off, and not wanting to go without seeing

"I thought it would be a good plan house was reached the teacher had not Friday night. The members had un-arrived and but few_scholars were der consideration the request of school school was in session. I took her down ter being allowed to stand over. to my seat-you know we had oldfashioned, high-boarded-up seats then 25. Dutton's.

cite and left the lamb all right, but in a for master's papers. He has the minute there was a clatter, clatter on congratulations of his many friends ing of the hooves of my lamb. Oh, how mortified I felt! The teacher was Miss Polly Kimball, who was the mother of Loring, the circulating libraryman of Boston. She laughed outright, and of course all the children girled. It was rare sport for them, but I couldn't find at noon, when it followed me back." So far so good; a clear, consistent narrative thoroughly in accordance with question, Who wrote the verses? Here is what "Mary" says: "Visiting the school that forenoon was a young man was very much pleased at the school incident, and the next day he rode across the fields on horseback, written on it three verses, which are feeling, general debility. the original lines, but since then there have been two verses added by a Mrs Townsend: The verses were written together when I got them: Mary had a little lamb.

And everywhere that Mary went

it followed her to school one day, Which was against the rule, It made the children laugh and play To see the lamb at school.

And so the teacher turned it out,

But still it lingered near.
And waited patiently about
Till Mary did appear.
Evidently there was no doubt in Mrs. Tyler's mind that she was the Mary of the poem, and that the romantic John Roulstone wrote it. She was generally accepted as the original "Mary"—even now her cousin basks in reflected glory. And yet the poem is claimed for an author other than John Roulstone, by a woman, ant early "feminist" writer formidably named Sarah Josepha Buell

In 1827, according to Anne Hollings-worth Wharton, Dr. Lowell Mason introduced singing into the public schools of Boston. He asked Mrs. Sarah Hale and other writers to furnish verses suitable for children, Mrs. Hale, writes matter of fact, the story of that amiable beast was told twenty-four years ago, little poems for children, which were For in the year 1889 Mary E. Tyler, of Boston, and sung in the schools whose maiden name had been Mary of Boston, and afterward throughout

> If ever I see, on bush or tree, Young birds in their pretty nest, and the world-famous 'Mary's Lamb.' Even if this latter and best known poem were not founded upon an inci-dent in the writer's own childish experience, it was unquestionably inspired by her familiarity with and her affec-

the poor little thing suffer so, and I can Character," and "Woman's Record teased until I got it into the house, and or Sketches of All Distinguished Wothen I worked upon mother's sympathy.
"It couldn't at first swallow, and the catnip tea I had mother make it could prominent in the "women's rights" agi-

> What is more important, she was influential in bringing about the establishment of Thanksgiving Day in the United

who was, it has been discovered, a nepunless there was some one there to True Story of the Real Mary and the Real Lamb," published by Frederick A. "In the morning, much to my girlish Stokes, Fannie M. Dickinson supports delight, it could stand; then it improved this theory, and adds: "In 1829, in a rapidly, soon learned to drink milk, and book of noems for children, published from the time it could walk about it by Mrs. Sarah Joseph. three stanzas would follow me anywhere if I called it. were added to these." Now, "Mrs.

would of a child. I used to wash it for Our Children." No copy of the colored ribbons the wool on its fore- clsewhere at some time, that the first head, and when that was being done the three stanzas were by John Roulstone. lamb would hold down its head, shut At any rate, Richard K, Powers is its eyes, and stand patiently as could 103 years old. And he says that the Mary who had a little lamb was his

Rev. A. P. Mershon, pastor of the her I called. She readily recognized my Bethel church, will preach on eigarette voice, and soon I heard a faint bleat smoking on Sunday evening, and give ing way down the field. More and out a chemical assistant to break off the vice. The recipe is published and my pet was coming to me. My brother used by the Anti-Cigarette League of Nat said, 'Let's take the lamb to school America. The mouth-wash is com-

"Cancelled books," 25c. Gibson's. and I consented, and she followed right The management committee of the along behind me. When the school Board of Education held a meeting on there. Then I began to think what i teachers for an increase in salary, but should do with the lamb while the no definite action was taken, the mat-Sale! White bear coats from \$1.

Well, I put the lamb under the seat, just | Donald Macgillivray has returned from Montreal, where he was suc-"By and by I had to get up and re cessful in passing the examination

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