

Democratic Watchman

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BLUE BELLS.

Wide with surprise were Dolly's eyes,
And wondrous wise they glistened,
As she bent her head o'er the blue-bell bed,
And listened—listened—listened.

Bright was the dew and the sky was blue,
And the birds she knew were singing,
So early she came out, you see,
To hear the blue-bells ringing.

A big butterfly went flapping by,
And swift and shy from the clover,
A rabbit ran out, and darted about,
And a beautiful bird flew over.

She heard the breeze sing a song in the trees,
And the bees all buzzing and winging
For honey to fill their hives, but still
Never a blue bell ringing.

Although, as she said, when she lifted her head
From the blue-bell bed up-springing,
Even if they should all the day,
Keep ringing—ringing—ringing—

Not you, nor I, if a big butterfly
And a rabbit went by, mid the singing
Of the breeze in the trees, the birds and the bees,
Could hear a blue-bell ringing!

—Kate M. Cleary, Wide Awake.

How Long Does a Dream Last.

The London Globe says that this interesting question has recently been discussed in Germany, among others by Dr. F. Scholz, who has given some striking examples from his own experience and observation. It is not possible to give a definite answer, and probably enough dreams vary very much in point of duration, just as they vary in force and vividness. At one time the figures of a dream, whether they emerge from the horn or the ivory gate, are as real as life; the sorrow is even more intense, the happiness more realistic. At another time they seem to live only in a pale moonlight, and watch the scenes rather than participate in them. It is very certain, however, that the majority of dreams are only of momentary duration though extended occasionally to the length of a minute.

In proof of this, Dr. Scholz tells the following story from his experience: After excessive bodily fatigue and a day of mental strain, of not disagreeable kind, I betook myself to bed after I had wound up my watch and placed it on the night-table. Then I lay down beside a burning lamp soon I found myself on the high sea on board a well known ship. I was again young and stood on the lookout. I heard the roar of the water, and golden clouds floated around me. How long I so stood I did not know, but it seemed a very long time. Then the scene changed. I was in the country, and my long dead parents came to greet me; they took me to church, where the loud organ sounded. I was delighted but at the same time wondered to see my wife and children there. The priest mounted the pulpit and preached, but I could not understand what he said for the sound of the organ which continued to play. I took my son by the hand and with him ascended the church tower—but again the scene was changed. Instead of being near my son I stood near an early-known but long dead officer—I ought to explain that I was an army surgeon during the manoeuvres. I was wondering why the major should look so young, when quite close in my ears an unexpected cannon sounded. Terrified, I was hurrying off, when I awoke up and noticed the supposed cannon shot had its cause in the opening of the bedroom door through some one entering. It was as if I had lived through an eternity in my dream, but when I looked at my watch I saw that since I had fallen a sleep not more than one minute had elapsed—a much shorter time than it takes to relate the occurrence. Dr. Scholz has collected many other examples of a similar kind.

Dealing in Live Alligators.

The demand for full-grown alligators for Northern museums and aquariums begins with the warm days of the spring, and many an alligator's retreat has been carefully marked by the alligator catcher, who, when the signs are ripe, will dig the saurians out and sell them at from \$1 live only in a pale moonlight to the length of the animal. The negroes loop ropes around the big alligators and drag them out in triumph.

Mr. Gucig Bourquin, who is an authority on such matters, says that he has known \$25 to be offered for a twelve foot alligator. The colored men on his place have two big fellows "holed," and when the weather warms they will be dug out. He gives the negroes the alligators, and they give him all the terrapins found in the holes.

Queerly enough, the alligator and the terrapin live in the same domicile and upon terms of the utmost harmony. This may be due to the fact that the swallowing capacity of the alligator is not equal to the occasion, as only small particles can be swallowed by the saurians, the gullet being disproportioned to the anatomy of an alligator's mouth, as a result of which, when the alligator kills such animals as dogs and hogs, it is said they guard their prey until decomposition sets in, so that the food may be in such condition as to make deglutition easy.

The alligators are said to be getting fever in the waters of this section, as they are continually being hunted and killed from the time they come out until they lay up again for the winter. Hundreds of them are shot for the mere sport of shooting, and no effort is made to find them after they are shot. It is only in unfrequented streams and swamps and impenetrable swamps where they are now numerous.—Savannah News.

EXCUSSED THIS TIME.—Schoolmarm (with ominous look in her eye)—What made you so late, Robert Reed?
Robert—Been fighting?
Schoolmarm (advancing furiously)—You have, eh?
Robert—Yes, Ma'am. A boy sed yer wud ugly as homedam sin, an' I jest give it to him.
Schoolmarm—Well, Bobby dear, I'll have to pardon you this time; but control your temper the best you can.

A Cooking School Victim.

He—What's the matter with my darling? Why these tears?
She—I've made some biscuits for you and instead of two quarts of flour and one tablespoonful of saleratus I used two quarts of saleratus and a tablespoonful of flour, and I'm afraid you'll think they're not as good as your mother's biscuits.

Dry as Prohibition Could Wish.

Philadelphia Record.
Farmers who have been unlucky enough to settle in Western Kansas are suffering from their annual visitation of drought. The hot winds over the treeless plains burn the corn until it is fairly cooked in the ear, while the grass is so scorched that it will not make hay. These adverse meteorological conditions are of almost annual recurrence in the western section of Kansas; and it is surprising that farmers could have been induced to settle in that well nigh rainless region. There, however, they are; and there they have to stay, without even the poor satisfaction of having corn to burn for fuel next winter.

Just Because.

Clearfield Republican.
A farmer friend in sending us a remittance remarks: "Why don't you occasionally print one of Talmage's sermons?" Because we have inside information and know how they are manufactured. They are prepared by a syndicate to order, just like the Conkling sermons, and put up in plate form at \$1.25 to \$4. Not one ten of the sermons is ever preached, but written and sold like a wagon, or Stanley's Africa—for cash. The fraud and deception practiced on the public, in a moral sense cannot be defended. The sermon is purported to have been delivered in Brooklyn the previous Sunday, when Talmage was not within 200 miles of that city, and was most likely engaged boating and fishing at that time. One morning they started in earlier than usual. They had learned that there was a large cargo of sugar to be sold by the underwriters. It was a big deal, and Sears and Gray concluded that they had the inside track of the deal. When they reached the toll gate Sears said: "Gray, you must pay the toll to-day."
"I won't do it," Gray replied. "I paid for baiting (feeding) the horse yesterday, and I won't pay the toll to-day."
"Well, I won't," said Sears. They kept up this cross fire for some minutes, and failing to agree, Sears turned the horse around and drove back home, Gray going with him. They discovered when it was too late that if they had gone into the city they would have made \$400,000 in that deal.—Chicago Times.

The Story of Strikes.

Official Showings That They're Likely to Occur For Long.
From Bradstreet's.
A report on labor troubles in the State of New York for five years has just been issued by the state bureau of statistics of labor. The bureau's investigations have led it to the conclusion that the hope that the day for strikes and labor disturbances is drawing to a close is purely optimistic. There were in the five years covered by the bureau's statistics 9,384 strikes in 5,223 establishments, employing 173,728 employees. Of the whole number nearly two-thirds were successful, while over one-third unsuccessful. The predominating causes of strikes were questions of wages or hours of labor. Forty-one per cent of the whole number of strikes were either for an increase or against a reduction of wages, and of these a little over 77 per cent were successful. Something over 28 per cent of the whole number of strikes were for a change in the hours of labor and of these nearly 77 per cent were successful. Among the strikes recorded 598 were "threatened" strikes, and of these over 91 per cent were successful. On the face of these statistics it will be seen the balance of advantage has inclined in favor of the striking employees.

The Farmers and the McKinleyites.

Chicago Tribune (Rep.)
The special supporters of the McKinley bill say to the Western farmer: "We are going to more than double the duty on tin-plate, which will undoubtedly make all the tin-ware you use more expensive. But that will be only for a time—ten or twenty years perhaps. For some capitalistic Pittsburgers whom we know intend making tin-plate, and in the course of human events, if we are not mistaken, prices will fall more or less towards the old scale. But even if they do not, you will have a new industry. Some Welsh workmen now making tin-plate across the ocean will come over here, and you will have a chance to feed them and thus dispose of those surplus of wheat and corn you are speaking about."
The Western farmer says in reply: "You are very kind. It is true I may not be as much affected as you are by the heroic devotion of these Pittsburgers who are ready to go into business when the United States Government makes it safe for them to do so, but we feel that the Welsh workmen now who subsist on our flour and meat, and will eat but little more American food in this country than in Wales. Still, at the outside, there will be but a few thousand of them, and they will not buy a hundredth part enough to make up for our extra tinware bills. There are, however, 40,000,000 people to the south of us—Latin Americans—who we would gladly supply with wheat, pork, lard, hams, butter, cheese, and similar products. Never mind the few thousand Welsh tin-plate workers whom we feed where they are, but open these Latin-American markets to us, as Secretary Blaine advocates. Latin America is bigger than a tin-plate factory in Pittsburg."
The reply of the McKinleyites is: "We have no time to attend to such matters now. The pressing urgency of a few men in Pittsburg, Connecticut and New Jersey, and some Ohio raisers to get suddenly rich, takes up all our time. Come around in a few years and we will see if any thing can be done for you. The needful thing now is that certain gentlemen shall be made rapidly rich at the general expense of consumers."

—A man over in Paris makes a living by waking folks whose business necessitates their rising early; he does it rousing business.—Peck's Sun.

—For softening the hands, take one-half cupful of glycerine, one cupful of rose water, one-half teaspoonful spirits of camphor. First put camphor in the bottle, then glycerine, and shake well before adding the rose water. Apply after washing the hands and while still wet. Rub in well, then wipe with a soft towel.

HER EXCUSE.—When will parents learn not to expect too much of their children?
"Ethel, get up, my dear. Don't you know it's naughty to play like that? Mr. Smith's daughter never would do so. She's a good little girl."
"Well, mamma, Bessie Smith ought to be a better girl than I am. Her papa's a minister, and my papa's only a deacon."

Jewelry is constantly being twisted into all sorts of shapes and styles. One of the latest is a bar pin, representing a caterpillar, being formed of cat's eyes. The main part is the fuzzy substance, held in place by slender gold chain, twining round and round between the stones, and giving a most lifelike appearance to the creature. The head is of beaten gold with ruby eyes.

—It may be a surprise to many to learn that statistics prove the sea to be safer to live on than land. The death rate of sailors in the British merchant marine is under 12 per thousand; the loss of life by shipwreck is about a quarter of this; in fact, there are more lives lost among miners from accident than sailors, and many more among railway employees.

Two BOSTON MILLIONAIRES.—A couple of Boston millionaires whom I know, Sears and Gray, live in one of the suburbs of Boston and used to drive in together. There is a toll gate on the road which they travel. One morning they started in earlier than usual. They had learned that there was a large cargo of sugar to be sold by the underwriters. It was a big deal, and Sears and Gray concluded that they had the inside track of the deal. When they reached the toll gate Sears said: "Gray, you must pay the toll to-day."
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