

Democratic Whipman.

Belleville, Pa., Dec. 15, 1893.

"HOW DID YOU REST LAST NIGHT?"

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

"How did you rest last night?"
"I've heard my grandpapa say
Them words a thousand times—that's right—
Them words that way!
As puny 'chul like as mornin' dast
To ever leave in sight
Gran'papa 'd allus half to ast—
"How did you rest last night?"

Us young-uns to grin,
At breakfast on the sly,
And mock the wobble in his chin
And eyebrows held so high
And kind—"How did you rest last night?"
We'd mumble and let on
Our voices trembled, and our sight
Was dim, and hearin' gone.

Bad as I used to be,
All I'm wantin' is
As pure an' calm a sleep for me
And sweet as sleep as his!
And so I pray, on Judgment Day
To wake, and with his light
See his face dawn, and hear him say—
"How did you rest last night?"

Helen Keller's Visit to the World's Fair.

Helen Keller spent three weeks in Chicago during the Exposition, "and had a perfectly splendid time." Thousands and thousands of American young folks will share her enthusiasm as they recall the delightful days at the wonderful show, when, seeing it all and hearing it all about it, they took in pleasure and information at every turn. But little Helen Keller can neither see nor hear. Everything is a blank to her until an impression can be made either through her imagination or through the deaf and dumb language of the hands and fingers; and even then, in Helen Keller's case, the words are not seen but felt by her palm and fingers as they lightly hold the hand that is making these signs of words and letters.

The president and the managers of the Exposition were exceedingly kind to her, and did all in their power to make her visit pleasant and instructive. So widely is she known, and so general is the interest in her, that wherever she went she received attention. The task of describing things to her was made lighter by the helpful sympathy of the chiefs of the department, who gladly permitted her to pass her fingers over the exhibits whenever it was possible, and cheerfully gave her all the information they could. Of course I interpreted everything to Helen by means of the manual alphabet. She was allowed even to climb upon the great Krupp gun, and its workings were explained to us by one of the German officers. Everywhere the show-cases were opened for her, and rare works of art were given to her for examination.

At the Cape of Good Hope exhibit the great doors were unlocked, and Helen was admitted to the realm of diamonds, where everything was carefully explained to us about the precious stone: how it is mined, separated from the matrix, weighed, cut and set. Wherever it was possible she touched the machinery, and followed the work being done. Then she was made very happy by being allowed to find a diamond herself—the only true diamond, they assured her, that had ever been found in the United States.

But the French bronzes afforded her more pleasure than anything else at the Fair. The picture which she presented as she bent over a beautiful group, her eager fingers studying the faces or following the graceful lines of the figures, in her effort to catch the artist's thought was the most touching and pathetic I have ever seen. And, strange as it may seem to those who depend upon their eyes for the pleasure which they derive from works of art, this little blind girl, who has not seen the light since she was nineteen months old, rarely failed to divine the thoughts which the artists had wrought into their work.

Constant practice, indeed, has given to Helen's sense of touch a delicacy and precision seldom attained even by the blind. Sometimes it seems as if her very soul were in her fingers, she finds so much to interest her everywhere. People frequently said to me at the Fair: "She sees more with her fingers than we do with our eyes." And in one of her letters she says: "I am like the people my dear friend Dr. Holmes tells about, 'with eyes in their fingers that spy out everything interesting, and take hold of it as the magnet picks out iron filings.'"

Descriptions are to Helen what paintings are to us; and her well-trained imagination gives the light and color. One evening, as we sat in a gondola, I tried to tell Helen how the thousands of tiny electric lights were reflected in the water of the lagoons, when she asked: "Does it look as if a shower of golden fish had been caught in an invisible net?" Is it any wonder that Dr. Holmes says of her, "She is a poet whose lyre was taken from her in her early days, but whose soul is full of music?"

So we see, pathetic as Helen's life must always seem to those who enjoy the blessings of sight and hearing, that it is yet full of brightness and cheer, of courage and hope.—Anna M. Sullivan, in December *St. Nicholas*.

HARSH, BUT—?—"Ho," said a well-known statesman, "I shall never believe that woman has the proper judgment and sense to cast a ballot or interfere in politics, while she is weak minded as to passively suffer, year after year, from diseases peculiar to females, when every newspaper she picks up, tells of the merits of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Not to take advantage of this remedy is certainly an indication of mental weakness!"

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