

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., February 28, 1902.

Wonderful Tom Stringer.

A Boy Who is in Some Ways as Remarkable as Helen Keller.

The boy who has nothing but poverty between him and success in life, the boy who gets up well and strong 365 days in the year, has no cause to feel that he is handicapped by his environment. Health and strength, with the full possession of sight and hearing and speech, are the best elements of success when they are combined with the manly determination to make the most of life.

He can take a rough piece of board and convert into a rack or a fancy shelf without the least assistance from anyone.

Like Helen Keller Tom has been taught to articulate, but he has not made nearly such rapid progress in speaking orally as Helen Keller has, because he has no interest in articulate speech. The finger language is far more agreeable to him, and he would never use any other method of speech if he were not compelled to do so.

Recreations of Presidents.

While Mr. Roosevelt is doubtless the most all-around athlete who has ever occupied the President's chair, he by no means stands alone as a lover of out-door life. If our first President, the immortal Washington, had any "weakness" it was in the direction of fine horse flesh, a propensity common, it might be said, among Virginia gentlemen in his day.

Thomas Jefferson was another true Virginian in respect to his love for fine horses, of which he owned many. When he was President he made a practice of horseback riding almost every afternoon, no matter what the weather might be, and he kept this custom until within a few days of his death.

As for John Quincy Adams, his diary shows that he paid great attention to physical exercise. Much space is occupied with his observations on this subject. Entries about riding horses and the benefits derived from riding and swimming are sandwiched between entries respecting experiments in gardening and horticulture in a manner which indicates that he fully realized the benefits and enjoyments as well as the necessity of out-door exercise.

Andrew Jackson was not only one of the best horsemen of his day, but he was an ardent lover of out-door sports. He was a daring rider to hounds, and was equally daring in his wagers on horses in whose speed he had confidence.

The dwarf trees of Japan have been a never-ending source of wonder to Euro-peans ever since the opening of the hermit kingdom to inspection by the best of the world. A single pine, perfect in form and foliage, has recently sold for \$1,000. It is six feet high and alleged to be 850 years old.

The Japanese dwarf all kinds of trees and make them live to a great age. Some of these dwarfs, like the Chabo Hiba are well known and their owners have documentary evidence attesting their great age.

The older they are the more valuable, of course, they are. In Japan certain families follow the calling, trade, art or what you will of growing dwarf trees from generation to generation, and you can buy a miniature oak 500 years old from a descendant of the man who first planted the acorn.

Not only forest trees, but fruit trees and flowering shrubs, are dwarfed by these clever gardeners.

After living together happily for twenty nine years, William Kiefer and wife, of Tarentum, Westmoreland county, quarreled about religion. William struck his wife on the head with a piece of iron, knocked down his son for interfering, and wound up by serving one day in jail and paying a fine of \$25 and costs.

After suffering for twenty-five years from what was believed to be catarrh, Mrs. Jos. D. Parker, of Hughesville, obtained unexpected relief in a strange manner. While sneezing something dropped out of her nose and fell on the floor. It proved to be a cherry seed, which must have lodged in her nose when she was a small girl.

"I never was so happy," said the new benedict. "I tell you marriage has made a different man of me." "I'm glad to hear it," said his rival, "for your wife's sake."

He does not ask for any concessions because of his blindness. In fact he never makes any reference to the fact that he is blind, and his teachers never refer to the fact. It was not until a year or two ago that Tom knew that he was different from other boys.

A wealthy young man, on his way to Europe for the first time, dropped into conversation with F. Marion Crawford, the celebrated novelist, who has no small reputation for globe-trotting. Said the beginner: "No doubt the American abroad can make his way about on a very small stock of foreign language?" "Only one phrase is really necessary," replied Mr. Crawford. "What is that?" "How much?"

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State Y. M. C. A. Statistics.

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