

At Old Jefferson College.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

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In the autumn of 1867 the anxious... awaited hour arrived when I started for Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa.

Occasional correspondent of the Washington, Pa. newspaper, I take pleasure in the recollection that my articles and Daniel Houston's solicitations resulted in awakening an interest and the successful subscription to \$300,000 stock which, with the aid of the Pennsylvania Railroad, put Canonsburg and Washington on the railroad map and connected them with the outside world.

spend a small fortune upon the college education of their sons.

The president of the college, Dr. Jonathan Edwards, was not a genius but a little giant in the use of words. He seemed from his public discourses and prayers, (he was the college preacher), to have reduced all his knowledge to stereotyped phrases, to sculptured thought that he could summon at will.

The joy of the college was the burly, always good natured, jocular Scotchman, Professor Jones. He was a magnificent Classical scholar and his instructions in Natural Philosophy were somewhat limited and crowded in their English by the constant stream of apt Classical quotations he was pouring forth.

That it was no mean performance was witnessed by the fact that it was published, two columns and more, in the Washington Reporter and read better than it was uttered.

The college was simply conducted and shortly manned those days. There were no elective courses, Greek, Latin, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Mental Philosophy and Rhetoric constituting the substance of the curriculum.

One Death That Would Have Pleas'd Actors

There is one theater effect that never changes with the years, writes Fay Templeton, in the Pictorial Review.

One night we were giving "Lucrezia Borgia" in Texarkana, Texas. Lucrezia's poison-party had reached its dramatic climax.

Campaign That Gave Vast Area to Whites

But for the success of Col. George Wright and his soldiers in the battle of Spokane Plains, a few years before the Civil war, development of the entire Northwest might have been indefinitely deferred.

Good Food Neglected

It was contended for many years that no country could produce so excellent a macaroni as Italy, because of the species of hard wheat grown there, which is essential to its making.

Historic French Tomb

Le Mans, one of the old towns of northern France, was unfamiliar to Americans until its strategic position made it a military base for the Americans during the World war.

Old English Almshouses

Trinity almshouses, in the Mile-End road, constitute in their entirety one of the most picturesque bits of old London still extant.

The Girl He Needed

She was young, shingled, and fair-haired, and more than ordinarily attractive. As she sat down near the well-dressed man who had called her from the adjoining room her face wore a look of expectancy.

Few Have Ever Found Humming Birds' Nest

Comparatively few people ever have the pleasure of peeping into a humming bird's nest, to behold two tiny eggs like round white beans, or to see two birdlets which somewhat resemble little beetles.

In the first place, the nest is so small and so resembles the surrounding shrubbery that it is easily overlooked. Then, too, it is so cleverly hidden by its wise builders and so disguised in its construction as to require an experienced eye to discover it.

The humming bird, more than 500 species of which have been classified, is distinctly American. In the main, it is a tropical bird, as fewer than 20 species are found in the United States.

Soldier's Name Well "Worth Army Corps"

When the French revolution flamed out, the aristocratic La Tour d'Auvergne, disdaining pleas of his fellow officers to leave France, threw in his lot with the revolutionists.

Trombone Long Popular

The trombone has been recognized as a meritorious musical instrument for centuries. The Romans knew it as the tuba dulciss, and there is some evidence that the trombone was known to the ancient Greeks.

He Got His

Diamond Jim Brady, who used to consume at one sitting at Rector's in New York, by the testimony of George Rector, two three and four dozen big oysters, a dozen soft shell crabs, six or seven full-grown lobsters, a huge steak, topped off with coffee, an entire tray of pastries, and a two-pound box of candy, washed down with three and four cafes of orange juice, was warned often against the many social leeches that preyed on his lavish hospitality.

Cyrus Used Boiled Water

That a safe water supply was considered essential to an army by the military leaders of ancient times is evident from a statement in Herodotus that Cyrus the Great of Persia carried with him on his military expeditions boiled water from the Coaspes river, transporting it in silver vessels on four-wheeled wagons.

Cease Worrying

There is no doubt that in our day and generation more people suffer because of worry than of work. The following bulletin has been issued by doctors against worrying: "So far as is known," the bulletin says, "no bird ever tried to build more nests than his neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one; and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

Trees Required for a Christmas in Pennsylvania.

Figures compiled by the Department of Forests and Waters show that last year about two and a quarter million dollars were spent in Pennsylvania for Christmas trees.

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