

Home Reading.

THE NAME THE GRANDSIRE LOVED.

BY LOUISE S. UPHAM.

So, child, another wee daughter Has come, your household to share; You hadn't enough of blessings, You hadn't enough of care;

And now you ask the old grandsire What the baby's name shall be; For you'll give my youngest grandchild The name that best pleases me!

So long alone I have journeyed, That my hair, like the snow, is white; Alone through the days so shadowed, Alone through the wearing night!

You want a sweet name for your baby; There is but one sweetest, best; The name of the lassie I wedded, The name of my wife so blest!

THE SHORTEST DEED ON RECORD.

Scribner for May contains a paper of "Reminiscences of Washington," from unpublished family records. Among the anecdotes of Washington, there related is the following:

In August, 1796, after a few delightful days spent with their distinguished relatives, Captain Lewis relates that the following conversation took place at the breakfast-table the morning fixed for their departure.

Washington was, as all the world knows, a man of few words, and while he quietly partook of his frugal meal the conversation flowed cheerfully on between the other members of the family present. Suddenly his nephew turned laughing to him and said:

"Uncle, what do you think I dreamed last night?"

The General replied he could not guess, and asked to be told. Captain Lewis, continued to laugh merrily, replied:

"Why, I dreamed you gave me your farm on Deep Run."

"Humph!" ejaculated his uncle. "You had better have dreamed I gave you Mount Vernon."

No more was said on the subject, and Captain Lewis had quite forgotten his unmeaning dream as he placed his wife in the carriage, and bade his uncle and aunt good bye.

Washington followed him to the carriage, and handed him a folded paper, saying as he did so: "You can look at that when you reach home."

Captain Lewis received the paper in astonishment, but could make no reply, as the carriage now rolled swiftly away.

He might have felt in duty bound to suffer the pangs of curiosity until he reached home, but his wife had no such conscientious scruples; she had not been forbidden to open it, and so she soon succeeded in gaining possession of the mysterious paper, and before Mount Vernon was lost in the distance she discovered the fact that they had left that modest dwelling much richer than they were when they entered it.

Whether Washington had intended to bestow the Deep Run farm in his will upon this nephew, and only hastened the time of the gift, or whether, with the quiet humor in which he rarely indulged, he thus proved the dream of which he had been told a practical reality, was never known.

The deed is said to be the shortest on record, and is as follows:

"I do by these presents give, and (if Deed of Conveyance should not have been made before) hereby oblige my heirs, Executors, and Administrators to fulfil, all the Lands which I hold on Deep Run, or its branches in the County of Fauquier, unto my Nephew Robert Lewis and to his heirs or assigns forever.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of August, 1796.

Geo. Washington." [SEAL.]

LISTENING TO EVIL REPORTS.

The longer I live, the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rule which I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters:

1. To hear as little as possible whatever is to the prejudice of others. 2. To believe nothing of the kind till I am absolutely forced to it. 3. Never to drink into the spirit of one who circulates an evil report. 4. Always to moderate, as far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed towards others. 5. Always to believe that, if the other side were heard, a very different account would be given of the matter.—Curis's Life of Simeon.

THE BEST FRIEND.

The most agreeable of all companions is a simple, frank man, without any high pretensions to an oppressive greatness; one who loves life, and understands the use of it; obliging alike at all hours; above all, of a golden temper, and steadfast as an anchor. For such a one we gladly exchange the greatest genius, the most brilliant wit, the profoundest thinker.—Lesson.

Happiness generally depends more on the opinion we have of things than on the things themselves.

SOCIAL LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

For married people socially disposed there is no place in the country like Washington. The absurd Puritanical and provincial notion ingrained in our American life, that most social diversions are proper only for young people in the calf and colt stage of existence, and that when men and women are married they should be tied fast together and laid away on a shelf, labeled with the Scotch-thistle motto, "noli me tangere," does not prevail here. At soirees, receptions, sociables, "pound parties," etc., married men herd in a corner to talk business and politics. Bachelors do not have a monopoly of the pleasure of calling upon ladies, nor do young ladies have the sole privilege of making themselves agreeable to gentlemen. The manners of the upper classes are in this respect rather French than English. Here, and nowhere else in America, as far as I know, can be found something approaching the French saloon. Every married lady of position has her weekly reception-day, when her parlors are filled with her friends of both sexes, who drop in for a call or stay for an hour's chat, just as their humor or convenience may dictate. Lady callers naturally predominate, because gentlemen, as a rule, are busy during the day; but there is a large class in Washington, composed of army and navy officers, diplomats, and persons of wealth and leisure spending their winters here, who frequent those receptions, and no doubt find in them more culture and pleasure than can be got in clubs, billiard-rooms, hotel-lobbies, and other places where men resort to kill time. At one of these receptions, if the husband of the lady of the house comes in, he is on the same footing as the other guests. His wife is the queen of the occasion, and he assumes no authority to question or share her sovereignty. You see, therefore, why Washington is so attractive socially. Young people are as lively and unrestrained as in other American cities, and married people rival them in fondness for social gaiety and diversions. The fortunate idlers of society who have nothing to do all day but to enjoy themselves are more numerous in proportion to the population than in any of our Northern towns, and they are reinforced evenings by an army of people from the public offices whose daily tasks are so light as to leave them fresh for the night's entertainment.

A NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE.

It is a common thing to see a young couple in a railroad car, sitting, as the poet says "wrapt in their mutual atmosphere," and regardless of the rest of the passengers. They are surrounded by a score of traveling bags, bundles, and valises. They have cake and cold chicken laid away in baskets, and fruits hidden in most of their many packages. They are point device in all their accoutrements for a journey. Their clothes are new and fit them exquisitely. They are attentive to each other's wants, point out attractive views in the hurrying panorama of the country through which the train is flying, smile at each other with a sort of benign satisfaction, and venture upon various innocent endearments in the face of the busy public which they have only been accustomed to indulge in when alone in a pleasant parlor, with the gas turned low and the old folks gone to bed. He slides his arm around her waist with the easy confidence of ownership, and she rests her head upon his shoulder with the charming affectation of dependence. Everybody recognizes the bride and bridegroom on their wedding journey, and their fellow passengers watch them with amused interest. Some with a sneer think of the days to come when the honeymoon has drawn to a close and the mother-in-law drops in for her first long visit. Others dream of their own early years, rebuilding to the sound of the rhythmic car wheels the pleasant visions that time has left them, and memories of "light and life and love in youth's sweet prime," rise like an exhalation of the brain. Metaphorically speaking, the scent of orange blossoms spread, an aroma of romance abroad.

GROWING OLD.

It is the solemn thought connected with middle life, that life's last business is begun in earnest; and it is then, midway between the cradle and the grave, that a man begins to marvel that he let the days of youth go by so half enjoyed. It is the pensive autumn feeling; it is the sensation of half sadness that we experience when the longest day of the year is past, and every day that follows is shorter, and the light fainter, and the feebler shadows tell that nature is hastening with gigantic footsteps to the winter grave. So does man look back upon his youth. When the first gray hairs become visible, when the unwelcome truth fastens itself upon the mind, that a man is no longer going up hill but down, and that the sun is always westering, he looks back to things behind. When we were children, we thought as children. But now there lies before us manhood, with its earnest work, and then old age, and then the grave, and then home. There is a second youth for man, better and holier than the first; if he will look on and not look back.—F. W. Robertson.

COMMON SENSE.

Common sense has given to words their ordinary signification, and common sense is the genius of mankind. The ordinary signification of a word is formed step by step in connection with facts: as a fact occurs, which appears to come within the sense of a known term, it is received as such, so to speak, naturally; the sense of the term becomes enlarged and extended, and by degrees the different facts, and different ideas, which, in virtue of the nature of the things themselves, men ought to class under this word, become in fact so classified.—Guisot.

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