

AN OPTIMIST.

Well, he'll be a little disappointed to-day,
Kisses the small children in a hurry.

FAMOUS HYMNS.

Circumstances That Inspired the Writers of Some of Them.

The circumstances that inspired some of our great devotional hymns must deepen the interest in both the song and singer and reveal that mighty kinship of human souls, that divine sympathy, that confers deathless fame on a few simple verses, soul biographies living in song.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me." This greatest of hymns was written in 1775 by the Rev. Augustus Toplady, a very learned English divine, at the early age of 33. This hymn has the rare, wondrous spiritual ecstasy he revealed in his daily life. In his last illness he said: "I cannot tell the comforts that I feel in my soul; they are past expression. It will not be long before God takes me, for no mortal man can live after the glories which God has manifested in my soul." The marble tablet over his grave says, "He wrote 'Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me.'"

Mrs. Vanalstyn, better known as Fanny Crosby, the blind poet, wrote the hymn "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" for music in 20 minutes, but into it was put the essence of her whole life of faith. Miss Crosby, after a day's jostling through the city streets, guided by some loving hand, returns to her little room and pours forth her soul in song.

Of the many hymns written by Mrs. Sarah Flower Adams the only one that has survived is the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee," based on the Bible story of Jacob's version at Bethel, the imagery of which narrative it follows most faithfully.

One day Charles Wesley was sitting by an open window, looking over the beautiful fields, when he saw a little bird pursued by a hawk. The poor thing, weak and frightened, in seeking to escape from its enemy flew into the room and found refuge in Wesley's bosom. As the poet was then in great trouble and needed the safety of a refuge, the consolation of help from a higher power than his own, the incident seemed to him a divine message, and, thus inspired, he wrote the famous hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Webster Paid the Bill.

Porter Wright, who was a servant in the employ of Daniel Webster, says the great statesman's sense of humor was infinite. On one occasion a man presented a bill to him for payment. "Why," said Webster, "I have paid that bill before." The neighbor assured him that he was mistaken. "All right, then; call again in the morning, and I will settle with you." As soon as the man was gone Webster called his son Fletcher and told him to look over his papers and see if he could not find a receipted bill. To the surprise of both, two receipted bills were found, showing that the bill had been paid twice. Webster put the receipts in his pocket and said nothing.

In the morning the neighbor returned for the money. Webster took his seat under the old elm and ordered Wright to bring out the decenter. Filling the glass to the brim, he handed it to the man and told him to drink. Webster then began, "Mr. Blank, do you keep books?" The man assured him that he did not. "Then I would advise you to do so," said Webster and, pulling one of the receipts from his pocket, handed it to him. The man was covered with confusion, while Webster continued, "And while you are about it you had better get a bookkeeper who understands double entry" at the same time handing him another receipt. "Now," said Webster, "I am going to pay this bill just one more, but I assure you, upon my word of honor, that I will not pay it the fourth time."

A Story of Grant.

On one occasion about 50,000 people tried to pay their respects to General Grant in person. He had shaken hands for hours and was resting his hands in his pockets while a procession of enthusiastic admirers filed by. A little girl 5 or 7 years old slipped through the line of guards about the general and went close to him in a dazed, awestruck way. She looked him over, with a puzzled expression on her face, and then, taking the right hand from his pocket, shook it, kissed and put it back, much as she would put down a sleeping doll. The crowd yelled for the little girl to "pass it around," and the general, taking her by the hand, stepped forward and resumed the handshaking.

Tibet's Dead Sea.

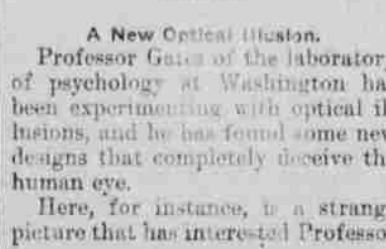
Among the most important scientific results of Mr. Sven Hedin's explorations in Tibet is the discovery of an extensive "dead sea," having many characteristics in common with that of Palestine. It is so intensely saline that oars used in it soon become coated with crystals. It is believed that the bed of the sea is one huge crust of salt.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., and the Colton House He Prizes So Highly. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the vice president, is the exact opposite of the average boy. He is an original character, inheriting his father's positive disposition and emphatic ways. His tastes are nature. In winter Teddy slides down Sagamore hill on his skis and his sled and in summer fishes, bathes, rides his pet pony and takes walks through the woods. He is fond of gardening and is a born naturalist. He owns some guinea pigs and has a museum in which all the specimens are labeled. There are samples from faroff China as well as from nearby places. Among them are an owl, an ostrich egg, birds' eggs in all sorts of nests and several choice birds. There are bats and lizards which Teddy himself has struck. His collection of beetles is large and beautiful. He has samples of butterflies from China, each in a glass case by itself. There are a fragment of a Spanish flag taken from a Spanish ship and a Spanish sword and several other Spanish trophies. He has a large collection of souvenir buttons, pins, pictures, etc. He is fond of swords and pistols and often visits his father's gunroom, where Kit Carson's celebrated rifle and a large number of guns of every description are to be found. In this room are massive heads of buffalo and deer and rugs made out of the skins of bears and tigers shot by the vice president. The boy is a good student and learns quickly. He takes lessons on the piano. Teddy is 15 years old and has two brothers and three sisters, one brother, Kermit, being 11 and the other, Archie, 5. The girls are Alice, 16; Ethel, 9, and Quentin, 3.—American Boy.

A New Optical Illusion.

Professor Gates of the laboratory of psychology at Washington has been experimenting with optical illusions, and he has found some new designs that completely deceive the human eye. Here, for instance, is a strange picture that has interested Professor



MEASURE THEM.

Gates. At first glance you would not doubt that the man with the top hat and the cape coat was much taller than the small boy in cap and knickerbockers. Yet an actual measurement of the two figures with a pair of compasses or by marking on a piece of paper will show you that they are precisely of the same height. Try it.



MEASURE THEM.

May Irwin thinks she is more of a success as a cook than she is as an actress. During her summer rest at her pretty home among the Thousand Islands she spends many hours in the kitchen concocting new and delightful dishes. When asked what cookbook she swore by, she laughed and said:

"Now, there's a hard question to answer. A recipe is just like a play. Perhaps there's a line or situation that I can see a chance of improving. I change it a trifle, just as I do a recipe. The recipe may be too sweet, or too hot, or too sour, so I add something or take something away, just as I do in a play. I try the play on the dog for a few nights till I get it right. I try a new dish on my friends half a dozen times. Before I have served it six times it's about the queen's taste. Still, I buy every cookbook I can find."

The Women Tell Their Ages.

There is one country at least where women do not hesitate to tell their age. Next to the babies, the old women have the greatest number of privileges in Japan. There is a saying, "The grandmothers rule the empire." Age is greatly revered. The first remark made after an introduction is "And what might be your honorable age?" And you may be sure that if the answer be a Japanese she will give her full age and even be tempted to add a year or two. When women go to buy a dress in Japan, they tell the shopkeeper their age and if they are married or not, because there are special designs for the single and double relations of life as well as for the ages.



MEASURE THEM.

Prince Edward of York. He is 5 years old and a very interesting boy. He has blue eyes and luxuriant hair. Prince Edward rides a pony with great skill. He salutes those who salute him in a very dignified manner, and is very indignant if his salute is not returned. The longest journey he has ever undertaken was to his late great-grandmother's castle in the highlands.

ROOM WANTED, ROOM NEEDED.

Room we must have for that immense purchase our buyer made last week. It is impossible to move on the lines of 1800, but tumble-down prices will move stock as fast as a cyclone.

SACRIFICE SALE

of our entire stock is now on. Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Dry Goods, Notions, Dress Goods, Calicoes, Muslins, Gingham, Lawns, Tinware, Chinaware, Groceries—everything and anything you find in a Department Store.

Men's Clothing.

Competition quotes low prices, but face to face with facts the truth comes out goods are often times misrepresented, others cry, "Out of your size," is sometimes heard.

Some may shout louder than we about bargain giving but none speak truer. An honest man will receive neither money nor praise that is not his due. We get both, because we deserve them.

Fine Melton Suits.

Dark ground, neat brown checks; we are positive this suit is worth \$5.00—our sacrifice sale price, \$2.85.

All Wool Cassimeres.

Dark gray ground, \$3.50. Fine All Wool Cassimeres, Olive Ground with a neat stripe and an Olive satin piped facing—if you are looking for a rattling good suit here it is for only \$4.25. Fancy Cassimeres, all Wool Worsted, extra fine Worsted black, Clay worsted, Black and Blue Serges \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00. They are all cheap at double the money. You will be astonished after you examine our line of Clothing.

Boys' Clothing.

We wish to call attention to the fact that we exercise as much care in the buying of our boys' suits as we do in our men's suits. Fine Melton suits, same design as the men, at \$1.75. In All-Wool Cassimeres, fine fancy all wool extra fine fancy worsted, black clay worsted suits, blue and black—\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.98, to \$7.48. These suits sold anywhere from \$4.00 to \$5.00 more than we ask.

REMEMBER, all the above suits run in ages from 14 to 19 years.

Thanking you for the rushing business you have made possible for us, and soliciting your future patronage, we, anxious to please you, are,

Lewis & Samuel M. Conn, Mercersburg, Pa.

SHE LIKES "HOT STUFF."

John Marshall in 1775. In 1775 Marshall was about six feet high, straight and rather slender, of dark complexion, showing little if any rosy red, yet good health, the outline of the face nearly a circle and within that eyes dark to blackness, strong and penetrating, beaming with intelligence and good nature; an upright forehead, rather low, was terminated in a horizontal line by a mass of raven black hair of unusual thickness and strength. The features of the face were in harmony with this outline and the temples fully developed.

The result of this combination was interesting and very agreeable. The body and limbs indicated agility rather than strength, in which, however, he was by no means deficient. He wore a purple or pale blue hunting shirt and trousers of the same material fringed with white. A round black hat, mounted with the buck's tail for a cockade, crowned the figure and the man. He went through the manual exercise by word and motion, deliberately pronounced and performed in the presence of the company before he required the men to imitate him, and then proceeded to exercise them with the most perfect temper. Never did a man possess a temper more happy, or if otherwise, more subdued or better disciplined.—James Bradley Thayer in Atlantic Monthly.

She Couldn't Dance. A certain clergyman had often urged an old woman in his parish to go to church, and he so far prevailed on her that she attended one Sunday morning. However, by mischance she got into a pew belonging to a regular attendant. The vergor went to her and beckoned her to come out. At the same instant the harmonium commenced playing, whereupon the old lady, shaking her head at the vergor, said: "It's na use asking me. You can get somebody else, as Ah can't dance."—London Telegraph.

By order of Lord Roberts dismounted infantry officers are required to carry a carbine instead of a sword. What is a sword good for anyway in battle? They might be disposed with altogether, to the benefit of the service.

Children's Suits.

Range from 68c to \$3.50. A full line vestee suits as low as 79c. Pants from 25c up \$3.50.

Shoe Department.

Our shoes are all guaranteed. Here is a heavy shoe we always did sell at \$1.50 guaranteed to be solid leather or no sale, 89c. That means heavy plow shoe or fine Dress Shoes.

Our \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 to \$3.98, will surely surprise you to see them. Do not miss this opportunity—too much of a loss to yourself and family.

Don't stop for 50 miles of a distance.

Muslins and Calicoes.

3/4c and up. Gingham and Lawns from 3/4c and up.

Our hats have been top for quality and bottom for prices.

Groceries.

We are in position now to sell you as much as you desire. We arranged for a car load of sugar and coffee, and will try and satisfy your wants.

Light Brown Sugar, 5c. Soft A, 5 1/2. Granulated, 5 1/2. Arbuckle's and Lion coffee, 10c. Prunes from, 3 1/2 up. Raisins from, 6c up.

China, Willow, and tinware will go in this sacrifice sale.

Our Men's Negligee shirts, working shirts, overall—one-half price will move the garments.

Shirtwaists and Skirts.

Will not quote any prices, you will see them when you come over.

ALL THESE GOOD MUST GO in order to make room for that immense purchase we have made. Your father nor grandfather never had such an opportunity as you are offered at CONN BROS. to-day. These goods were not manufactured for such prices, but for double the money.

TERMS OF COURT.

The first term of the Courts of Fulton county in the year shall commence on the Tuesday following the second Monday of January, at 10 o'clock A. M. The second term commences on the third Monday of March, at 2 o'clock P. M. The third term on the Tuesday next following the second Monday of June, at 10 o'clock A. M. The fourth term on the first Monday of October, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Church Directory.

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. W. A. West D. D., Pastor. Sabbath school, 9:15. Preaching service—each alternate Sunday morning counting from Aug. 12th, at 10:30, and every Sunday evening at 7:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:00. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. A. D. McCloskey, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every other Sunday morning, counting from June 16th, at 10:30 and every Sunday evening at 7:30. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. J. L. Grove, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every other Sunday evening counting from August 19, at 7:30. The alternate Sabbath evenings are used by the Young People's Christian Union at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN—Rev. A. G. Wolf, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Preaching morning and evening every other Sunday, dating from December 9, 1900. REFORMED—Rev. C. M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. THE MARYLAND JUDGES are in favor of wearing gowns on the bench. The gowns would be the only thing about some judges worthy to be respected.

Friends! Have you seen our Spring Stock of Dress Stuffs?

From the way they are moving out, they must be all right.

Among the Special Attractions are the Mercerised Gingham New and Handsome Dimities, Lawns, Piques, &c.

We also have a nice stock of Woollens for Dresses and Skirts.

Our notion stock is complete with all the novelties of the season.

For men and Boys we have a lot of Straw Hats to close out at half-price and less.

25 cent hats going at 12; 50 cent ones at 25 cents, and dollar hats at 50 cents. Don't wait 'till many of them.

Look at this ad next week. Respectfully,

G. W. REISNER & CO.

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