

PICKING AND CHOOSING.

A Favorite Occupation of the Street Children.

An appointment contributor to the Atlantic Monthly has been amusing herself by observing the amusements of poor children in city streets. One raw, gray March Sunday she saw half a dozen little girls—very small, but not babies, the oldest perhaps eight—sitting on the inhospitable steps of a gloomy closed business building down town.

It was a cross street; there were very few people going by. It must have been a dreary tenement house indeed from which, on such a day, this bare place offered a refuge. I suppose a few people, going to and from a ferry, were their entertainers for, as you will see, it was to feast on the passers-by that they were there.

As I approached, they were gabbling, but softly, with their heads all together, and turned from me toward some retreating feminine figure; but when one looked my way she set up a mysterious little wild cackle, whereupon all attention was centered upon my modest person, and—my vanity expands delightfully now with the recollection—from the first observer I caught, in the loudest and most gleeful of undertones, the words: "That's me! That's me!"

Then lowering her voice, with a note of awe, she added: "Oh, see, see! Silk! silk!" and the small, blue, grimy hands smoothed automatically her own ragged frock, while in a trance of rapture she gazed at mine, where, after all, I remember with still poignant regret, only a very humble portion of silk was visible.

They were "choosing," you see, as I used to do from fashion plates, and were utterly oblivious of my existence other than as a lovely vision sent for their delight. And what a thing it is for me to know that I once presented such an aspect to fellow-beings!

GOOD MEMORY.

It is Not an Independent Faculty of the Mind.

Whatever may be said in regard to training the memory, it must be remembered that memory is not, as used to be supposed, an independent faculty of the mind that in some mysterious way may be directly strengthened by exercise, as the blacksmith strengthens his arm; but that memory is retentive is due to the plasticity of nerve substance, and to the property of nerve centers by which they retain, in growth, their functional modifications; and that recollection depends upon physiological conditions, such as the cerebral circulation and the proper functioning of nerve cells; moreover, that a complete act of recollection is a complex process involving comparison, inference and the like.

Hence, says Scribner, whatever in general is conducive to vigorous health, and whatever tends to habits of clear and orderly thinking—such conditions will aid recollection. And whatever is detrimental to the normal functioning of the nerve cells—fatigue, intense emotion, or the like—and whatever blinds the judgment, will hinder recollection. In short, all psychological conditions are on the head of him who has good health, sane emotions, and trained power of attention. But no amount of study, nor all the prescriptions of mnemonic doctors, from Simonides to Loiset, (except so far as they train attention,) can atone for anemia of body or lack of the power of attention.

GREAT HEROISM.

The Courageous Conduct of a Young Japanese Nobleman.

I recall to mind a story of an officer in the emperor's army who were besieging a fortress, says Sir Edwin Arnold. Their number was small, and a relieving army was coming up. It was of immense moment that they should know how long the fortress could hold out. If it must capitulate for want of supplies within a week they could stay and win the campaign for the emperor. A young Japanese nobleman volunteered to go into the fortress and ascertain how long they could hold out. He disguised himself, and in passing learned that they had food and water for only two days more.

As he was going out with this precious information he was detected and the enemy said to him: "We are going to crucify you, but we will let you off on one condition—that you go to the wall and tell your people that we have supplies for a week." He said: "Very well," and he went to the wall. His wife and children in the besiegers' camp saw him, his friends were there also, and he held up both hands and said to them: "There are supplies for but two days. Continue the siege and you will take the place." He died by a hundred spear points, but he had done his duty to his general.

Ants Know Their Friends.

It is seldom, if ever, that ants belonging to the same form quarrel with one another. Ants of different families are always hostile to one another. Sir John Lubbock once made some ants very drunk. One-half was from one nest and the other half from another nest. He marked them with spots of different colors, to distinguish them. They were all put on a table near to the nest from which half of them had been taken. This table was surrounded with water. Some of the sober ants were feeding on honey near by, and after a time discovered the intoxicated ones. They seemed a little puzzled at first, then took the strangers and threw them into the water, but carried their own into their nest.

A Strange Funeral Custom.

In Italy, France and Spain it is common to ring a handbell a short distance in advance of a funeral procession. The object of this custom is said to be to clear the way for the procession, to remind passengers and loiterers to take off their hats, and to call the pious to their doors and windows to gaze upon the emblems of mortality and to say a prayer for the repose of the soul of the departed one.

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DATED APRIL 19TH, 1892.	No. 14 Daily	No. 23 Daily	No. 27 Daily
Leave Weldon	12:01	5:43	6:09
Ar Rocky Mount	1:40	6:35	7:47
Ar Tarboro	3:14	8:09	8:35
Leave Tarboro	3:58	8:53	9:19
Arrive Wilson	4:18	9:00	9:17
Leave Wilson	4:30	9:12	9:29
Arrive Seima	4:39	9:21	9:38
Arrive Fayetteville	4:50	9:32	9:49
Leave Goldsboro	4:55	9:37	9:54
Leave Warsaw	4:58	9:40	9:57
Leave Magnolia	4:57	9:39	9:56
Arrive Wilmington	5:10	9:52	10:14

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 14 Daily	No. 23 Daily	No. 27 Daily	
Leave Wilmington	6:10	9:55	10:14
Leave Magnolia	6:15	10:00	10:19
Leave Warsaw	6:20	10:05	10:24
Arrive Goldsboro	6:25	10:10	10:29
Leave Fayetteville	6:30	10:15	10:34
Arrive Seima	6:35	10:20	10:39
Arrive Wilson	6:40	10:25	10:44
Leave Wilson	6:45	10:30	10:49
Arrive Rocky Mt.	6:50	10:35	10:54
Arrive Tarboro	6:55	10:40	11:04
Leave Tarboro	7:00	10:45	11:09
Arrive Weldon	7:05	10:50	11:14

*Daily except Sunday.

Train on Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon at 4:00 p. m., Halifax 4:22, arrive Scotland Neck at 5:15 p. m., Greenville 6:52 p. m., Kinston 8:00 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 7:10 a. m., Greenville 8:54 a. m., arriving at Halifax 10:00 a. m., Weldon 11:25 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Local freight train leaves Weldon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a. m., arriving at Scotland Neck 1:05 a. m., Greenville 5:50 p. m., Kinston 7:40 p. m., returning leaves Kinston Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:20 a. m., arriving at Greenville 9:55 a. m., Scotland Neck 3:20 p. m., Weldon 5:15 p. m.

Train leaves Tarboro N. C. via Albemarle and Raleigh R. R. Daily except Sunday 4:40 p. m., Sunday 5:00 p. m., arrive Wilmington N. C. 7:15 a. m., 8:20 p. m., Plymouth 8:50 p. m., 5:30 p. m., returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday 6:30 a. m., Sunday 9:00 a. m., Wilmington, N. C. 7:40 a. m., 9:55 a. m., arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m., 11:50 a. m.

Trains on Southern division, Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Fayetteville 7:00 a. m., arrive at Weldon 12:15 p. m., arrive at Fayetteville 3:15 p. m., Daily except Sunday.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro N. C. daily except Sunday 8:00 a. m., arrive Smithfield, N. C. 7:30 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield, N. C. 8:00 a. m., arrive Goldsboro, N. C. 9:20 p. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 5:15 p. m., arrives at Nashville 6:35 p. m., Spring Hope 8:30 p. m., returning leaves Spring Hope 8:00 a. m., Nashville 8:35 a. m., at Rocky Mount 9:15 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday at 6:00 p. m., and 11:15 a. m., returning leave Clinton at 8:20 a. m. and 3:10 p. m., connecting at Warsaw with Nos. 40, 41, and 78.

Southbound train on Wilson and Fayetteville Branch is No. 51. Northbound is No. 50. Daily except Sunday.

Trains No. 17 South, and 14 North will only stop at Rocky Mount, Wilson, Goldsboro and Magnolia.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Dated Jan. 4th, 1892.	No. 23 Daily	No. 27 Daily
Leave Petersburg	10:10 am	3:45 p m
Leave Stony Creek	10:53 am	4:18 p m
Leave Jarratts	11:31 am	4:56 p m
Leave Belfield	11:30 am	4:49 p m
Arrive Weldon	12:10 pm	5:23 p m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 14 Daily	No. 78 Daily	
Leave Weldon	6:40 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Le Belfield	7:13 a.m.	3:52 p.m.
Le Jarratts	7:29 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Le Stony Creek	7:43 a.m.	4:33 p.m.
Arrive Petersburg	8:15 a.m.	5:12 p.m.

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