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Talent and Genes.

Who struck Billy Patterson? A correspondent of the Carnesville (Ga.) Register, who is writing a series of historical sketches, Reminiscences and Legends, gives the following explanations of the origin of the query: "Who struck Billy Patterson?"

Wing d like an eagle's over mountains and meadows lit by their splendors, or hid by their shadows; borne by power superior resistances; dreaming through trances abstracted and listless; swooning captivated; beset by a virtue unconscious of terrors; linking with ease his result and endeavor; queuing through chaos fresh fetichisms; gliding the world with his thoughts and his fancies; scornful of fashions and heedless of chances; yet in obscurity living and dying.

No B-by. No baby in the house, I know; 'Tis far too nice and clean; No toys, by careless fingers strewn, Upon the floor are seen. No finger marks are upon the panes, No scratches on the chairs, No wooden men set up in rows Or marshaled in the pines, No little stockings to be darned, No ragged at the toes; No little mending to be done, Made up of baby clothes; No little troubles to be soothed, No little hands to fold, No tiny fingers to be washed, No stories to be told, No tender kisses to be given, No nicknames, "Love" and "Mouse," No baby in the house.

OBSERVATIONS. We are returning to our census as a nation. It comes kind of sudden-like, just as the congregation have finished singing "Salvation's free," to have the preacher announce that "the collection will now be taken up."

Miscellaneous. Every man made his little remark about "April showers bring May flowers, you know," last night. One man forgot it until after he had gone to bed, but he promptly awoke his wife and conveyed the cheerful spring information.

The silent lonesome-looking man who now and then strays into the Senate chamber and deposits his fishing pole behind the door, is a gentleman by the name of Wheeler. He was in politics some years ago, but of late has taken no active part, except occasionally in political discussions. He is the Lone Fisherman of the Republican party.

The New English Cabinet.

Philadelphia Times. Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet is organized, so far as the appointments have been made, closely in accordance with the expectations of the Liberal party. Earl Granville naturally occupies the same portfolio that he held during the last four years of Mr. Gladstone's previous administration. Lord Selborne, better known in America as Sir Roundell Palmer, as naturally returns to be Lord High Chancellor, a position which he held under Mr. Gladstone from October, 1872, until the Conservative victory in February, 1874. Lord Northbrook's services as Viceroy of India, 1872-76, are recognized by making him first lord of the admiralty, upon his appointment to the Indian secretaryship, given to Lord Hartington, certainly would have seemed more reasonable. But then Lord Hartington is a person who must be very well provided for in view of his loyalty to his chief during the past few days. Mr. Childers, whose "cheese-paring" did not make a favorable impression upon the nation when he was first Lord of the admiralty in 1868-'69, is made Secretary of War; a position in which he will have opportunity to practice economy in a different direction, and Mr. William E. Forster, that eminent Quaker, who went over to Ireland in the famine time of 1847 to distribute a Quaker relief fund, who was under-secretary for the colonies in Lord Russell's administration, 1865-'66, and who entered Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet in 1870, is made chief secretary for Ireland. It will be observed, also, that Mr. Gladstone has manifested a disposition to reward the Radical wing of his party by offering Sir Charles Dilke an under-secretaryship; an offer that that journalistic nobleman is still reflecting upon. Leaving the cabinet to Sir Charles Dilke, the question—and his position in the Cabinet, even if he enters it, will not materially affect the government's policy—the names of the members of the ministry now certainly known are a sufficient guarantee that Mr. Gladstone's administration will be marked by the temperate but uncompromising Liberalism that England just now demands.

Sarah Bernhardt's Temper and Toggery.

Paris Dispatch in N. Y. Tribune. Sarah Bernhardt's feud with the Theatre Francaise was partly occasioned by M. Perrin and the actors there having discovered a dramatic star in Mlle. Bartet, a young actress who shined with exquisite charm and talent the character of Lea in "Daniel Rochat." Sarah's overweening vanity, airs, and demand in Amsterdam for a coach and four for herself, and vulgar hackney carriages for her fellow historians, set the company of the Comedie Francaise against her. Lately she insisted on high dividends, and to prepare for an English campaign neglected her rehearsals. It is not true that any one insisted on her wearing the gaudy dress in which she acted in "L'Aventuriere," on Sunday; it was her own fancy, and was chosen from an Italian sixteenth century portrait. Her robe, thick with jeweled embroidery, looked as if it were stuffed with straw, and it was M. Perrin, having said so which causes the quarrel and her retirement. M. Augier's criticism, that she has no first-rate quality, but sweet voice, is just, but there is no arguing with fashion; and the Prince of Wales' recent attention to Mlle. Bernhardt more fashionable than ever.

A Florida Romance.

A romantic rescue is reported by the Leesbury, Fla., Advance. An ardent lover boarded his frail bark last week on Lake East to visit his heart's idol. The young lady stood upon the veranda watching his approach. She saw, too, a dark cloud rising in the Southeast. Soon the angry-looking clouds o'er-spread the blue canopy of heaven, the wind rapidly increased to a storm, and seeing her lover's danger she bravely entered a boat to go to his rescue. As she pushed out from the shore she saw his boat make a lunge, as if maddened by the resistance of the waves and wind, and go over. No time was to be lost; the danger ahead seemed to give her the strength the desperate occasion required, and after rowing for a mile against wind and waves, she reached the disastored boat, took her lover on board, whom she found perched upon the up-turned boat, and rowed back to shore.

Who struck Billy Patterson?

A correspondent of the Carnesville (Ga.) Register, who is writing a series of historical sketches, Reminiscences and Legends, gives the following explanations of the origin of the query: "Who struck Billy Patterson?" Many persons have heard the question, "Who struck Billy Patterson?" without knowing the origin of it. I propose to enlighten them a little on the subject. William Patterson was a very wealthy tradesman or merchant of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland. In the early days of Franklin county he bought up a great many tracts of land in the county, and spent a good portion of his time in Franklin looking after his interests there. He was said to be as strong as a bear and brave as a lion; but, like all brave men, he was a lover of peace, and indeed a good, pious and upright man. He was said to be excited to fighting pitch. On one occasion he attended a public gathering in the lower part of Franklin county, at some district court ground. During the day the two opposing bullies and their friends raised a row, and a general fight was the consequence. At the beginning of the affray, and before the fighting began, Billy Patterson ran into the crowd to persuade them not to fight, but to make peace and be friends. But his efforts for peace were unavailing, and while making them, some of the crowd in the general melee struck Billy Patterson a severe blow from behind. Billy at once became fighting mad, and cried out at the top of his voice, "Who struck Billy Patterson?" No one could or would tell him who was the guilty party. He then proposed to give any man \$100 who would tell him "Who struck Billy Patterson?" From \$100 he rose to \$1,000. But no \$1,000 would induce any man to tell him "Who struck Billy Patterson?" And years afterward, in his will, he related the above facts, and bequeathed \$1,000 to be paid by his executors to the man that told him "Who struck Billy Patterson?" His will is recorded in the Ordinary's office at Carnesville, Franklin county, Ga., and any one curious about the matter can there find and verify the preceding statements.

Chickens.

Chickens should be on high, dry land, which should be well drained. The house should be cleaned out every few weeks. Mix the manure with dry dirt, store it away in some dry place, and in the spring put it on the garden. Every few months the walls, roosting poles and nest boxes of the chickens should be cleaned with lime, washed, and vermin will not then be troublesome. Where fowls are troubled with vermin they are more subject to disease. Frequently we hear of croup, cholera, diptheria and rheumatism among chickens. Roosting and staying in damp chicken houses, where there is fermenting manure, will produce all these diseases. Chickens should be fed regularly two or three times a day. Fowls that have not a grassy range should be supplied with plenty of good, green vegetable food, such as cabbage, turnip tops, apples and the like, if expected to be thrifty and do well. During hot, dry weather in summer, when the ground is scarce and fowls are moulting, and young fowls are feathering up and growing fast, if they were fed plenty of meat scraps, broken bone or such food, not many of them would die of cholera. They need this material to produce the sinews, feathers, etc., and if they cannot get a sufficiency of such material, their constitutions must suffer. If hens lay thin or soft shelled eggs, they need broken bone, lime mortar, or some such material to produce egg-shells. Fresh water should be supplied chickens just as often as they desire it. During hot weather the water should be protected from the sun and the troughs scalded thoroughly with boiling water every day, in order to keep them clean and pure.

Stamped by Nature.

While incidentally relating some war reminiscences recently General Steedman said that while he was in command at Chattanooga he was visited by the notorious Parson Brownlow, who came in the shape of a snake. One day while changing their underclothing the parson exhibited to him a most singular birth-mark on his body. It was a perfectly formed snake, not coiled nor yet extended, but curved as serpents are wont to be. It was of a red color, and with every feature so distinct that the indentations for the eyes were plainly visible. Said the General: "Physiologists, I presume, can readily explain the cause of the singular mark, but I am at a loss to understand how his whole nature became so serpentine as it was. Venomous, vindictive and cunning, he had as much snake as human nature in his composition." The mark of the snake in question was just under the parson's left breast. The body of the reptile extended down over his ribs, and was about six or eight inches long.

Bringing the Factories to the Cotton.

The town of Rock Hill is to have a cotton factory, and it is the intention to erect the same by next November. The Rock Hill Herald says that Capt. A. E. Hutchison, president of the company, returned last Sunday from Providence, Rhode Island, where he has been in his interests, and where he consumed about 800 bales of cotton per annum, and the directors intend to add 3,000 spindles more during the next year. The Herald says that the directors are energetic, enterprising gentlemen, and are backed by the Government. Capt. Hutchison speaks highly of the kind treatment he received at Providence, but he does not have a very high opinion of the fertility of the Rhode Island land.

Howgate and the North Pole.

Capt. Howgate, who feels so certain that the North pole can be reached by slow steps in successive seasons, has another expedition, which will be ready to start by the middle of May. The Gunwale, a steamer of about 200 tons, is being fitted up for the voyage at Alexandria, under Capt. Chesley's direction, and will take out a party of twenty-five, returning in the fall, after landing the men, a portable house and supplies on the West coast of Smith's Sound. The Captain is said to have funds enough to back him, but wants Congress to endorse the scheme, and has already got the House to pass a bill authorizing the President to establish a temporary station north of 81 deg., north latitude, on or near the shore of Lady Franklin Bay, for the purpose of scientific observation and exploration, and to detail such officers as may be necessary.

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