

THIS USELESS TO REGRET.
There's many a plan that comes to naught,
There's many a light that goes out,
And disappointments, griefs and cares
Have hedged us round about,
And many a sad mistake we made
Throughout our lives, and yet
We've done the very best we could,
'Tis useless to regret.

CHEWED REDHOT CHARCOAL
An Arab Accomplished This Feat
Without Burning His Mouth.
A small brazier, full of red-hot charcoal, was brought, and the Arab picked up the floor in front of him with a big lump, which he broke into small fragments, one of which he put into his mouth. Swaying his body to and fro, uttering a series of semisuppressed groans, he munched the hot charcoal between his teeth. When he had retained it nearly a minute, he spat it out and took up another piece. The operation appeared to cause him great pain. He rolled his eyes wildly, and at times the saliva dripped from the corners of his mouth.

LAUGHTER AS A CURE FOR WEARINESS.
"Nearly every woman is a miser of solitude. Men are willing to catch pleasure as it flies, but women must have everything just so before they can abandon themselves to enjoyment, and then they are usually too tired to take it," said a lecturer to an audience of women. "It is a disease, but fortunately not incurable. Women say it is easy to talk this way, but that one can't be laughing when one is hurried and worried. All I can say is that you might be as hurried, but you wouldn't be as worried if you did laugh. I happened once to speak of my husband to a little girl, and she said:
"Why, I didn't think you were married."
"Oh, cause—"
"Cause why?"
"Cause you laugh so much."
"Wasn't that a commentary on matrimony?"—Chicago Times-Herald.

ON THE VERGE.
He considered it a parental duty to see that his daughter kept only the very best marriageable company.
"Mary," said her father, "you have been going with that Mitchell fellow for more than a year now. This courtship must come to a termination."
"Oh, pa, how can you talk so?" He is, oh, so sweet and nice."
"Ah!" And the fond father arched his eyebrows. "Sweet and nice, eh? Has he proposed?"
"Well, pa, not exactly." And the girl hung her head and fingered the drapery of her dress. "He hasn't exactly proposed; but, then, last evening, when we were out walking, we passed by a nice little house, and he said, 'That's the kind of cottage I am going to live in some day,' and I said 'Yes,' and then he glanced at me and squeezed my hand. Then, just as we got by, I glanced back at the cottage, and—"
"Oh, ah, I see! Well, we'll try him another week or two."—London Tit-Bits.

When a builder wants to put up a permanent structure, he looks well to the foundation. He digs deep and lays the stones with exactness and precision. He "crosses" and "plumbs" and "levels" a defect or weakness in the foundation will affect everything above it. A solid foundation is an absolute necessity for the physical structure of the stomach. It is the foundation upon which the support of every other organ of the body. It is the weak and diseased stomach that causes indigestion, general debility, nervousness, sleeplessness, and all the woes of dyspepsia. It is the disordered stomach that makes this impoverished blood, where microbes of consumption flourish and multiply. It is the weak and disordered stomach which brings about conditions that cause a hacking cough, sore throat, bronchitis, weak and bleeding lungs. To make the foundation of your physical structure solid; so that the rest of the organs may successfully resist the attacks of disease, nothing equals Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This medicine is a tonic, an appetizer, a blood purifier, a nerve builder, a flesh maker, a foe to weakness and a blessing to the weak and down-trodden humanity. It is a non-alcoholic specific for every disease that comes in advance of consumption, and it is a distinct remedy and stands alone. Nothing is like it, and there is no substitute for it. It has a record of thirty years of cures.

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A MYSTICAL NUMBER.
OMNIPRESENT SEEMS TO BE THE FATEFUL SEVEN.
From the Biblical Story of the Creation Down to It Plays a Mighty Part in Folklore, Tradition, Superstition and History.

Clean birds by sevens,
Unclean by twos,
The dove in the heavens
I can't choose.

But not only do the bird auguries go by sevens; the number plays a mighty part in folklore, tradition and history. Six days made the world, and God rested on the seventh day and hallowed it. In the seventh month Noah's ark touched the ground; in seven days a dove was sent out on the face of the waters. Abraham pleaded with God seven times for Sodom's sake before God smote the city of wickedness with his undoing.

Seven days Jacob mourned for Joseph and would not be comforted; seven years and seven Jacob served for Rachel, and in Joseph's governorship of Egypt he dreamed wherein seven fat oxen and seven lean oxen, seven ears of full corn and seven ears of withered corn played a prominent part and foreboded the 14 years of plenty and the seven years of famine that were in store for the Land of the Two Rivers, even the land of the house of bondage, the land of Egypt. Every seventh day the law was read to the wandering children of Israel, and the strong city, fell, wall and tower, when seven men had paced around it for seven days.

Solomon was seven years building the splendid temple, with all its glories of gold and cedar wood, turquoise and terebinth. There were seven lamps in the tabernacle, and the golden candlestick had seven branches. Naaman washed himself seven times in the river Jordan before the healing water cleansed him of his leprosy. The Apocalypse is full of the mystic number, and on the cross our Saviour hung for seven hours, and from the cross our Saviour spoke seven times.

The seventh son of a seventh son is a born doctor, according to Irish belief, but he must never take money for the cure he achieves, and to insure recovery he should be sought before sunrise or after sunset on Friday. "It is manifest by experience that the seventh male child, by just order (never a wean being born between), doth heal only with touching, through a natural gift, the king's evil; which is a special gift of God, given to kings and queens, as daily experience doth witness." There were seven wise men and seven wonders of the world; while the ancients not only noted the importance of seven as an astronomical period, but also connected the seven metals then known with the seven planets and the seven colors.

Thus copper belonged to Venus, and the color green; lead to Saturn, and the color blue; gold and yellow to the sun, and so on.

Two Students and a Thief.
Some months ago two hungry university students in the south of Russia, coming home to their bare room after a hard day's work for their living, caught a thief running off with their books. "Are you the fellow that stole other books of ours yesterday?" they asked.
"I am a little father, but hunger and want drove me to it. I am starving."
"So are we, brother, or next door to it, and you ought not to have hit upon us as your victims."
"Well, your door is more easily opened; that's how it is," was the answer.
"We want those books for our examinations, brother; so you must get them back for us. But as you are cold and hungry now, come in and join us in our supper. It is not much, but such as it is you are welcome. Here are 20 coppers for the beer. Run and fetch it."
And the three ate and drank together, for hospitality is a religion and charity its foundation.—London Telegraph.

DR. JOHNSON'S CONVERSION.
[It was very amusing in recording his conversion.—Boswell.]
What Johnson said! How talk would wane,
How mute would every man remain
When he, with utterance loud and slow,
Some truth would teach, some moral show!
His weighty words—a ponderous train—
Exploring freely thought's domain
With vigorous words and wisdom plain,
And none would dare to question low
What Johnson said.

FINED FOR WINNING A CASE.
It Was Not Considered Proper to Defend a Horse Thief.
"When I graduated from the law school," said the old lawyer, with a reminiscent smile, "I took Horace Ripley's advice and went west. I located in a little town that then was on the frontier and waited with the confidence of youth for clients.
"Before I had fairly opened my office I was retained to defend a man for stealing a horse. This elated me very much, for I was not aware at the time that the case had been refused by all the other lawyers in town, as defending a horse thief was not a thing to be desired if a man valued his life.
"The case came to trial before an old judge and a jury composed of bewhiskered ranchers. There was no doubt that the man was guilty, but he had a number of friends who were willing to swear to his innocence, and the best possible was my duty to do. They were all willing to swear that the defendant was 40 miles away from the spot when the horse was stolen, and the prosecution was unable to break down their testimony. I saw that I was going to free my client, so it was with a satisfied air that I saw the jury leaving the room to prepare their verdict.
"They were back in five minutes, and the old judge asked them if they had succeeded in arriving at a verdict.
"We've," answered the foreman, as he shifted the gun he carried on his hip. "We find the defendant not guilty, and we recommend the defendant's lawyer, owing to his youth an innocence, to the mercy of the court."
"While I was gasping for breath the judge fined me \$500 and suspended sentence long enough for me to get out of town. It wasn't law, but I didn't stop to argue the matter."—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A GREAT WRESTLER.
His Encounter With the Czar and His Ignoble Reward.
One of the stories of Peter the Great which are current at the court of St. Petersburg is of the great czar's wrestling match with a young dragon. Once in the imperial palace—the story goes—Peter was at table with a great many princes and noblemen, and soldiers were posted within the hall. The czar was in a joyous mood, and rising, called out to the company: "Listen, princes and boyars! Is there among you one who will wrestle with the czar?" There was no reply, and the czar repeated the challenge.
No prince or nobleman dared to wrestle with his sovereign. But all at once a young dragon stepped out from the ranks of the soldiers on guard. "Listen, Orthodox czar," he said. "I will wrestle with thee!"
"Well, young dragon," said Peter, "I will wrestle with thee, but on these conditions: if thou throwest me, I will paralyze thee; but, if thou art thrown, thou shalt be beheaded. Will thou wrestle on those conditions?"
"I will, great czar," said the soldier. They closed, and presently the soldier with his left arm threw the czar and with his right he prevented him from falling to the ground. The sovereign was clearly better.

THE IMPOSSIBLE IN SOCIETY.
"They are impossible persons!"
"Yes!"
"Yes, they have no ancestry whatever!"—Detroit Journal.
Well Framed.
"You're the very picture of health."
"Yes, and I'm in a contented frame of mind."—Chicago Tribune.

OLD NAMES OF MARYLAND FARMS.
The curious names given to tracts of land by the owners in olden times are illustrated in a conveyance encountered by a clerk in the record office recently while engaged in reorganizing the indexes. The deed in question is recorded in Liber W. G., No. 60, folio 67. It was executed in 1790 and conveyed to Richard Stevenson to Richard Gettings five tracts of land in Baltimore county, the consideration being £200. The name of each tract and its dimensions are as follows: My Sweet Girl, My Friend and Pitcher, 62 acres; Here is Life Without Care and Love Without Fear, 4 1/2 acres; The Unexpected Discovery, 202 acres; Hug Me Snug, 15 acres, and Stevenson's Cow Pasture, with Little I Am Content, 22 acres.—Baltimore Sun.

HE "PEEKED" TOO.
Mrs. Blank found herself in a rather embarrassing situation one day when she was dining for the first time at the home of a minister. Opposite her sat the minister's little boy, a sharp eyed little fellow of 4 years. While his father was asking a somewhat lengthy blessing, the lady elevated her eyelids slightly and caught the eye of the little fellow opposite her.
The instant his father said "Amen" the boy pointed an accusing finger toward Mrs. Blank and cried out shrilly: "She peeked, papa! she peeked!"—Harper's Bazar.

CLEAR EVIDENCE.
"Charlie Youngpop's baby is beginning to talk now."
"Has Charlie been boring you with stories about it?"
"No, but I sat near him at the lunch counter today, and I heard him say absentmindedly to the waiter girl, 'Dim me a jinky water, please.'"—Catholic Standard and Times.

SECTOLOGICAL.
The Seeker—Really, is there such a thing as honor among thieves?
The Sage—Er—well—instances have occurred where a member of the profession has been entitled to "Hon." before his name.—Indianapolis Journal.
DISINTERESTED.
"I told her the fortune teller said I would marry soon."
"How did she take that?"
"She said she would say a good word for me to any girl I might pick out."—Chicago Record.

A Case of Confused Telegraphy.
A very remarkable occurrence has been brought to my notice. Early last week a well known lady, who shall be called Jones, dreamed a ridiculous dream, as inconsequential as most dreams are.

Mrs. Jones dreamed that a dog of hers had died and that she received an official communication ordering her either to cremate the remains or to her self skin the animal and throw the body into the river. Mrs. Jones chose the latter alternative, but having half skinned the body and becoming tired threw it as it was into the water. The dog disappeared for an instant and then reappeared on the surface alive, and swimming across to the opposite bank trotted off, evidently in great suffering. There ends the dream.

The next morning the postman brought several letters. The first one was addressed to Lewis Jones, Esq.,—there being no such person—and ran as follows: "Sir, your dog crossed the river last night on to my property, but being very severely injured it was found necessary to kill it. Should you wish to have the collar, which bears your name and address, I shall be happy to send it to you."
No dog belonging to Mrs. Jones had died nor had she lost one.—London Truth.

FAMOUS OLD GAMBLERS.
In the latest history of gambling in England, just published, there are some astonishing revelations as to the amount of money won and lost by men and women whose names are as familiar as household words early in the present century. There are records of £200,000 having been lost at a sitting, and the loss of £50,000 appears to have been a very common occurrence.
A gambling story is told of Charles James Fox that rather reflects on his honor. He was one of the ardent admirers of Mrs. Crewe, a noted beauty of her day, and it is related that a gentleman lost a considerable sum to this lady at play, and, being obliged to leave town suddenly, gave Mr. Fox the money to pay her, begging him to apologize to her for his not having paid the debt of honor in person. Fox lost every shilling of it before morning. Mrs. Crewe often met the supposed debtor afterwards, and was surprised that he never noticed the circumstances, at length delicately hinted the matter to him.
"Bless me!" said he. "I paid the money to Mr. Fox three months ago."
"Oh, did you, sir?" said Mrs. Crewe good naturedly. "Then, probably, he paid me, and I forgot it."—Boston Herald.

Local Prejudice.
"Benjamin Franklin sleeps in Philadelphia," remarked the reverent tourist.
"Well," answered the New York salesman with the plaid clothes, "what else is there for a man to do in Philadelphia?"—Washington Star.
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