

NEVER SAW THE SUWANEE

Writer of Popular Song Used Name Because Rhythmic Sound of It Appealed to Him.

The song, "Old Folks at Home," made the name of "Swanee River" famous, but few people, except those of Florida and Georgia, connect the Swanee of the song with the Suwanee that flows from the southern swamps of Georgia down through the woodlands of Florida to empty into the Gulf of Mexico.

"Way down upon the Swanee river" suggests vaguely the South of the antebellum days with its cotton plantations, its mansions and negro cabins. Some of these things are found along the Suwanee. Yet Floridians claim that the song was written in honor of their forest stream, and boatmen even point out a tree under which Stephen Foster is supposed to have penned the memorable lines. Reports less picturesque, but more generally accepted, say that Foster never saw Suwanee river, but that he used the name because of the rhythmic sound, dropping the "n" to perfect the meter.

While the Suwanee river may not be what its name suggests to most of us, it is a beautiful stream, flowing through a semi-tropical country where live-oaks and cypresses are mirrored in its clear depths. Heavy forests of cedar also grow in its valley, but these have been reduced in recent years, as the wood is in great demand for pencil making.

The Suwanee figured largely in early American history, for it was a favorite haunt of the Indians, and many battles with the red men were fought in its valleys.

The name Suwanee has an Indian sound, but it is said to be a corruption of San Juan—a name given the river by early Spanish explorers.

CHINA NOT LAND OF HUSTLE

Traveler in That Country Must Possess a Generous Amount of Patience and Tact.

Sooner or later, writes E. H. Wilson in "A Naturalist in Western China," the traveler in China must dispense with the comforts and luxuries of modern occidental methods of travel and adapt himself to those more primitive and decidedly less comfortable of the orientals.

In the regions with which we have to deal there is nothing in the nature of wheeled vehicular traffic save only the rude wheelbarrows in use on the Chengtu plain. There are no mule caravans, and scarcely a riding pony to be found. For overland travel there is the native sedan-chair and one's own legs; for river travel the native boat.

Patience, tact and abundance of time are necessary and the would-be traveler lacking any of these essentials should seek lands where less primitive methods obtain. Endowed with the virtues mentioned, and having unlimited time at his disposal, he may travel anywhere and everywhere in China in safety, with considerable pleasure and abundant profit in knowledge. With her industrious toiling millions, her old, old civilization, her enormous natural wealth and wondrous scenery, China alternately charms and fascinates, irritates and plunges into despair, all who sojourn long within her borders.

Elephants' Picnic.

An act not down on the program was given without charge the other day in the old seaport town of Marblehead, Mass., when four elephants of a small circus, named with fine allied patriotism General Foch, General Pershing, General Haig and Princess Pat, jumped a stone wall, escaped the circus and took to the woods. The personnel of the circus, acrobats, riders, clowns and canvasmen, followed, and so did many of the townspeople, and half a dozen policemen, but the elephants made the woods first, and there they spent the day with a large and appreciative audience watching on the outskirts. Peanuts and bananas, usually a temptation to elephants, failed to entice them from their New England jungle; but as twilight fell, and habit suggested feeding time, the big beasts came peacefully out of the woods and allowed the trainer and his assistants to lead them back to the circus grounds. And all March had went home to belated suppers.

Germany Seeks Wool Substitutes.

Search for wool substitutes will doubtless continue in Germany, where sheep rearing is not likely to increase materially. Dogs' hair and even human hair have been tried, as felt material of limited supply, and the long hair of women found military use during the war. A possible new industry is to be based on the white, silken-haired rabbit. The hair may be spun into very fine soft threads, suitable for weaving certain fabrics, and plans are said to have been made for breeding several millions of the animals.

Oil in Mexico.

Recent investigations which have been made on the Pacific coast of Mexico reveal the existence of rich deposits of petroleum. These discoveries are of great importance, because they will ultimately serve to intensify maritime traffic and seem to presage for some of the western ports of Mexico a future as promising as that of Tampico or Tuxpam.

Simple Budget System.

"Every young wife should have a budget system to govern her expenditures." "I know, I have one. I pay what I can and owe the rest."

BIG GUN NOT WORTH WHILE

American Ordnance Experts Could Outdo the Hun in Savagery, but Are Not Likely To.

The Hun 75-millie gun with which Paris was harassed is doubtless still regarded by many as evidence of the much-advertised German mechanical ingenuity.

Ordnance experts have long been aware of the possibility of such a gun. But they have also been aware of its impracticability owing to a lack of means of controlling its fire effectively in such dastardly work as shelling a great city regardless of whom or what was hit.

As an object lesson our ordnance department has designed, without actually building, a supergun which dwarfs the German machine into insignificance. The data, recently made public through the Scientific American, fairly bewitches the lay mind.

The barrel of the gun is 225 feet long and weighs 325 tons. The pressure developed is 45,000 pounds to the square inch. The projectile has a muzzle velocity of 3,500 feet-per-second, and develops the terrific energy of 300,000 foot-ton. Its range is 121 miles, approximately the distance between Chicago and Madison, Wis. Its time of flight is four minutes, and it soars heavenward to a height of 40 miles.

This is awesome; but the cold-blooded expert points out that, after all, the gun delivers only a 400-pound shell, containing 60 pounds of high explosive, and that such a gun would cost \$2,500,000. A bombing plane costing \$30,000 would drop a 1,000-pound bomb with greater accuracy of aim.

The German supergun demonstrates the savagery of the Hun—the Berserker madness that strikes regardless of whom it strikes. But it also demonstrates an intellectual weakness—the love of mechanism for mechanism's sake. A complicated or difficult piece of machinery captivates his admiration because it is complicated or difficult, regardless of its practicability.

With American genius, simplicity is the desideratum. The mechanism, for instance, of the Browning automatic, whether pistol, rifle or machine gun, is astonishingly simple and practically demountable by the fingers alone. One looks at it and wonders why it wasn't invented half a century since. And right there one pines for a high tribute.

Kei Hara.

For the first time in the history of Japan a man without a title is at the head of the government. Mr. Kei Hara, the present premier, is a commoner, born in northern Japan, and educated in Tokyo on a scholarship founded by the feudal lord of his clan. He studied law as a profession, but entered journalism, serving on the immediate journalistic ancestor of the now well-known Hochi Shimbun. From journalism he entered diplomacy under Marquess Inouye, then foreign minister, and was sent as consul to France. Returning to Japan he became director of the commercial bureau of the foreign office under Count Mutsu; and then in turn minister in Korea, and vice minister of foreign affairs in Japan, retiring temporarily to private life when Count Mutsu gave up the political work that had earned him the reputation of being the greatest modern Japanese diplomatist. Mr. Hara returned to national politics in 1900 as minister of communications in the new cabinet of Prince Ito, and from that appointment his rise has been steady till he was lately made premier, and so became the first commoner that has ever in Japan occupied so high a position.

How It Began.

Customary figure as the boy scout has become in the United States, General Baden-Powell's visit added much to American knowledge of the movement. A good many newspaper readers were probably surprised to learn that it owes its beginning to the Boer war and the siege of Mafeking, without which it may be questioned whether there would be any boy scouts. In command at Mafeking, General Baden-Powell looked far beyond the siege and saw that a great and useful organization of boys might be developed from the corps of boy messengers organized to serve the forces holding that hard-pressed town. That was the beginning of it, but the same force of character that defended Mafeking carried forward the boy scout idea until it was generally recognized as a project for character building rather than encouraging militarism in the young. Another bit of information that probably surprised many Americans was that Baden-Powell is descended on his mother's side from Capt. John Smith.

Kept Old Funeral Custom.

Following an old family custom, the body of Mrs. G. H. Haigh, daughter of the late Sir Robert Hart, was buried at midnight in the family vault at the little village church at Walth, England. The body of Mrs. Haigh, who was eighty-nine years of age, was brought from Penrhynenddraeth, Wales, and conveyed from the station to the church in a farm wagon, drawn by four black horses and escorted by three dozen men carrying lanterns. Six Welshmen acted as bearers. The only floral tribute was a large cross of evergreens.

The Right Way to Reckon.

Matt—How does Skidley manage to stage so many successful auto accidents?
Patt—He says he always omits the chains from a prewreckquisite.—Cartoons Magazine.

MEN CHANGE? NO!

Mr. Goslington Confident They Preserve Their Ideals.

Of Course, With Advancing Years He Admits Some of the Enthusiasms May Be Lost, but There's Reason for That.

"An older friend of mine once said to me," said Mr. Goslington, "that men preserve their ideals until they are somewhere around fifty, but after that they look out for themselves."

"Not having yet reached that more or less mature age myself, I can't say what I shall be when I get there. Maybe I shall get hardened, too, and take a life-cynical view; but I don't think so now. Anyway, it is my observation as far as I've got that men are generous in spirit and that men carry through life, in the main, the characteristics with which they start. The man endowed with a generous heart stays generous to the end of his days. We certainly do meet some hard old men, but I have known young men who were hard and classed; and I should rather attribute the seeming closeness of some men as they grow older not to tight-wadness but to the development of a habit of discrimination.

"What my friend meant to say to me was that while men start in life with the natural enthusiasms of youth, while they then espouse all good causes and give generously of their time and money, yet as they grow older they discover that most of the human mercurials or enthusiasms started for the betterment of mankind are never carried to completion, and that there's a lot of sham in the world and that really most people are out for what they can make; and so as a man grows older, when he comes to be fifty or theabouts, he says to himself, 'What's the use; why should I waste my time and money? And looking at things in that light from that on he leaves reform and that sort of thing to the younger set, while for himself he looks out for No. 1.

"Now what I find is that as men become more experienced in life they do discover that not all causes are worthy of support; that some, fine as they may seem to be, are visionary and can never come to fruition; that some are managed wastefully and so do not appeal to a man who likes to see money used to the greatest advantage. And I find that men come to consider more and more the sponsors of projects put forth with an appeal for money; but men do not lack generosity—far from it. It is true that some men as they grow older do grow harder and look out for themselves alone; but this is not true of mankind in general.

"Having encountered frauds, and having met with notoriety seekers who sought to promote their own fame rather than the enterprise in which they were engaged, whatever measure of merit that might contain, men do, as they grow older, grow more enny; but the man with a generous streak in him in his youth, which the vast majority of men have, holds it as long as he lives, and it can be reached by the right appeal.

"So I don't quite agree with my older friend's views; and it makes me smile to recall that once when I stood in need of wise counsel and had called on him he took time to talk to me and tell me what I needed to know, and he lent me money besides. He thought he was a tough, wise old bird, but he didn't know himself as well as he thought he did. He was born with a sound heart, and despite the fact that he was now well past fifty, he was still running true to form."

Enver Pasha.

The statement that Enver Pasha, late of Turkey, has been traced to Transcaucasia, where he is reported to be living among the Tartars, will hardly lead anybody to congratulate the Tartars on their new neighbor. Enver Pasha is not a desirable citizen, and just at present the new government of Turkey has an account to settle with him as well as the British, for in addition to crimes committed in the name of his country, Enver Pasha's career in Turkey was completed by the discovery, after his flight, that he had plundered the county of a huge sum of money which had been deposited in the banks by the Committee of Union and Progress. But then, Enver Pasha, in sympathy, education and upbringing is more than half German.—Christian Science Monitor.

Works With Hands and Mouth.

They were having an argument on the question of which was the more intelligent, man or woman. Seventy-year-old Dorothy was emphatic in her belief that woman was the superior of man, and nine-year-old Joe was quite as convinced that man was the wiser creature. To prove her point she told of mother's accomplishments, ending with her mending ability.

Jubilantly Joe rejoiced at the channels into which she led the argument. "Yes, she can darn," he admitted, "but just look how long it takes her. Then look at dad. When he tears anything all he needs is a couple of safety pins and you women to get out of the way so he can talk while he pins."

Honor Before Ease.

"It's terrible the way we used to hate work," said Meandering Mike. "I hate it as much as ever," replied Plodder Pete; "but I'd do anything rather than run a chance of being mistook for one o' them I. W. W.'s."

BUILT ON HISTORIC GROUND

New York City's Big Structures Stand on Land That Is of Sacred Memory.

The land on which the Equitable building stands, and the territory around and about it, is of sacred memory so far as early American history is concerned. Just across the way on Broadway was Burns' coffee house, where the Revolution really started. Here was erected at a later date the City hotel, the scene of many memorable functions during the early days of the republic.

On the northeast corner of Nassau and Cedar streets is a bronze tablet which reads as follows:

Here Stood The Middle Dutch Church In 1614. Made a British Military Prison in 1776. Occupied as U. S. Post Office 1824-1875. Taken down 1882.

At which time the post office moved to the present federal building in City Hall park.

On the site of the present sub-treasury, at Pine, Nassau and Wall streets, a new city hall was erected in 1899. In front of the building was a cage for criminals, with whipping post and stocks—but not the kind of stocks they sell there now. When independence was declared the building became the capitol and was called Federal hall. Here the Declaration of Independence was read from the steps in 1776, and here also Washington was inaugurated first president of the United States, in 1779.

The wide strip of pavement on the west side of Nassau street in front of the Bankers Trust building bears evidence of the former existence of Federal hall. The latter extended across Nassau street to the building line of the street and so closed the thoroughfare that a passageway was established around the building in order that pedestrians might more readily get to Nassau street. When the sub-treasury was built in 1836 on the site of Federal hall, Nassau street was opened to Wall street, and the little passageway was left, and forms the wide sidewalk of today.—Equitable City.

Pardon Recalls Famous Crime.

A famous crime is recalled by the granting of a decree of pardon to a large number of convicts in Italy. Among those thus pardoned are Doctor Naldi and Tullio Murri, who were sentenced in connection with the murder of Count Bonmartini, Murri's brother-in-law. Count Bonmartini, a Bologna spendthrift, who frequently quarreled with his wife, was found in his flat with his throat cut, in August, 1902. The trial, lasting six months, of the countless and four accomplices in the murder, in 1905, aroused enormous interest throughout Italy. All the prisoners were confined in a steel cage in front of the Judge's tribune. Tullio Murri, the countess' brother, declared that he remonstrated with the court for ill-treating his wife, and killed him in a quarrel that followed. He was sentenced to 30 years' solitary confinement. Doctor Naldi, a friend of Murri's, received the same sentence. He declared that his part in the crime was to cut the corpse in pieces, but that this was not done owing to the date arranged for the murder being altered. The countess, who was sentenced to ten years' solitary confinement, was released in 1909.

England to Honor Pilgrims.

Behind the efforts of those who are seeking to link Great Britain and America in a lasting union of friendship two historic episodes stand out in bold relief.

It is almost precisely 300 years since the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth in the Mayflower to make, on an undeveloped continent, a brave experiment of self government. The actual tercentenary falls next year, and already preparations are in progress to celebrate the occasion in this country in a fitting manner.

By way of contrast to that great adventure one thinks of that other pilgrimage last year, when 2,000,000 heroic soldiers left their homes in America to speed across the Atlantic to the rescue of the old country. They came actuated by that love of liberty which had been handed down to them from the ancient Pilgrims, and with their British brothers they testified on the battle field to the essential unity of the Anglo-Saxon stock. It is now for Great Britain and America to determine that the friendship which their gallant soldiers cemented with their blood shall be a permanent inspiration in their international relations.—London Daily Telegraph.

Beavers Copy Tepees of Indians.

In the pond were a number of beaver houses which looked like small Indian tepees, writes Samuel Scoville, Jr., in Boys' Life. Most of them were built in water several feet deep and were from three to four feet above the surface and about five feet in diameter. One, however, was a huge one, built in deep water, and fully twice as large as any other. It was made mostly of peeled cottonwood poles and stood on a firm foundation of mud and sticks built up from the bottom. The poles leaned together from the top and had been woven in and out with thick brush and plastered with mud and turf until the walls were three feet thick.

Proving an Alibi.

"Whit Lawya Attacks say 'bout lem chickens you stole?" "Re say Ahm 'ble to go to jail see'n Ah 't somebody to prove a lie by."—Cartoons Magazine.



Money Back If It Doesn't Help You. Ask Your Druggist

HOW STELLA-VITAE HELPED HER

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BRITISH ADVANCE IN AFRICA

Plan to Open Country Which the Huns Had Picked as Worthy of Exploitation.

Railway development in Africa is evidently to be prosecuted with vigor. At any rate, preliminaries are under discussion for a branch railway line from Ruanda for the trunk line that German engineers had but just completed from the Indian ocean to Lake Tanganyika. The new line will advance into a country where the war in Europe probably saved the natives from German attack. Ruanda had remained an undeveloped part of the German possession, but had been examined and written down as particularly worth while to develop for the variety of its products. The new railway had brought German military force within striking distance, and the history of German management in Africa gives every reason to believe that the opening up of the Ruanda country would have been a disaster for the Watussi who inhabit it. From the British viewpoint, these natives are to be conciliated rather than antagonized. They are, in fact, one of the superior races of Africa, held to be related to the Egyptians, Assyrians, or some other ancient African people, and should be benefited rather than injured by the coming of the iron horse and the opening up of their country under British auspices.—Christian Science Monitor.

Appreciated American Spirit.

Here is an anecdote from Maj. Ian Hay Beth's "The Last Million," that shows the feeling of one British officer toward the American doughboy. "I like the young American's passionate affection for his country," said the officer, "and his fixed determination to hoist everything connected with her. One day I was waiting in a village for an American staff car which was being sent for me from Chaumont. I found one standing at the corner of the street, so I asked the chauffeur, thinking he might be from headquarters, 'Where are you from?' And he sat up and replied all in one breath, as if I had pressed a button, 'Sir, I am from Marlon, Ohio, the greatest steam-shovel producing center in the world.' Just like that. That is what I call the right spirit."

New Kind of Construction.

Several exhibition halls and assembly rooms have been built in Norway by attaching to the uprights a "notching" fashioned from wooden rods about a third of an inch square in cross-section, which are bound together with tin-plated iron wire, and subsequently covered with a durable plaster. Structures of this sort, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, are easily and quickly constructed and are said to be useful in winter time.

Qualified.

He was applying for a position as attendant in an insane asylum. "Have you had any experience handling irrational persons?" he was asked.

"Some," was his response. "I was a motion-picture director for several years."

Proof.

"My dear, I was one of the very first to leave," said a man, who, on returning from an evening party, was greeted reproachfully by his wife.

"Oh, you always say that," she retorted. "Well, I can prove it this time, anyhow," insisted the husband. "Look in the hall and see the gold-mounted umbrella I've brought home."

A Hearty Laugh.

He who has a hearty laugh in a company, a laugh which leaves a sweet remembrance afterward, has conferred no small boon.—Lyman Abbott.

Come to Think of It, It Is.

"It's better," said Uncle Eben, "to go up like a skyrocket an' come down like a stick dan to jes' plain stick an' stay."

With a Proviso.

James was fond of one of his mother's friends, a girl in her twenties. One day, when he had been particularly well entertained by her, he remarked: "Aunt Margie, when I grow up I'm going to marry you." Then he looked at her thoughtfully and added: "That is, if you last long enough."

"I was troubled with female complaint for several years. My husband procured for me a bottle of STELLA VITAE, from Mr. L. Hamrick, our merchant, which helped me so much that I used two more bottles, and the three bottles completely cured me. I am certainly thankful for this great female tonic."—Mrs. J. F. Lee, Ga.

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WASNT ASKING FOR MUCH

All Buffalo Wife Wanted of the Husband was Just "One of Those Regional Banks."

Stevenson, we believe it was—our memory isn't as good as it was before the income tax passed—tried to locate the greatest happiness in married life, remarks a writer in Buffalo News. He said the greatest meed of joy comes from recounting tales of courtship, didn't he? Or is the pinnacle of happiness found in social contact with others, whereby husband and wife are spurred by the law of contrast to love one another more dearly? We forget which was his conclusion.

"Tennyrate, both are wrong and unworthy of so great a master of literature. Our notion, you may say, is unimportant, and very probably you speak within the law when you say so. But to us the greatest joy comes in that mystic hour beside the evening lamp, when the gray moss hangs low from the nuptial tree, casting shadowy fancies about the heart of the home. To sing to her, to write odes to her, to recount the day's work to her—all are pleasant occupations. To read to her, though, is the very height of evening enjoyment; she is so attentive, hangs so interestedly upon every word, and then her refreshing woman's views on what has been read! For example, last night, when he read two columns of comprehensive matter on the currency innovation, after which she yawned, wound up the clock and said: "I wish you would stop tomorrow and get one of those regional banks and bring it home. I have one of the A. M. & A. banks and a dime bank, too. But I think one of those regional banks would be so much more desirable for larger money."

Two Famous Brogues.

Broken English, Professor Beers says, is merely the imperfect English of an individual foreigner. Pidgeon English, the English of Hans Brietmann's ballads and of the comely Frenchman, are of that class. Crude English and Pennsylvania Dutch are brogues.

S'lp Tonnage.

Tonnage is the internal cubic capacity of a vessel expressed in tons, now reckoned at 100 cubic feet each; of the freight-carrying capacity of a vessel, as estimated in tons of 40 cubic feet each.

Scotland's Oldest Church.

A church at Elrinc, not far from Elgin, Scotland, is believed to be the oldest house of public worship still in use in that land. Tradition says that it was built in 1150, and it still possesses an ancient Celtic bell of hammered brass.

Go Easy on Criticism.

When you begin to criticize a man you must not forget that he is growing. By tomorrow he may have quite outgrown the quality which you dislike.

Satisfied His Curiosity.

An inquisitive young gentleman read this advertisement in a local paper: "Young man, some woman dearly loves you. Would you know who she is? Send postal order for ten shillings to Occult Diviner, address as below, and learn who she is." He sent the money and received this answer: "Your mother."

Must Rein Ourselves.

"He died in harness, poor chap." "Yes, and, by the way, did you ever notice how much like a harness life is? There are traces of care, lines of trouble, bits of good fortune and branches of faith. Also tongues to be bridled, passions curbed and everybody has to tug to pull through."

Only Real Monument.

"Those only deserve a monument," wrote Hazlitt, "who do not need one; that is, who have raised themselves a monument in the minds and memories of men."

Eye of the Starfish.

At the end of each arm in the starfish there is a little red eye. It does not form an image, but has considerable sensitiveness in distinguishing different degrees of light, enabling the fish to become aware of distant illumination that differs from the surrounding area.

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