

STORIES OF FAMOUS POEMS

No. 5.

"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

MRS. SARAH BUELL HALE.

Mary had a little lamb, Its fleece was white as snow, And everywhere that Mary went, The lamb was sure to go.

Mrs. Hale has published considerable, aside from her book of verses for children, and her writings in the various publications she edited.

It followed her to school one day. That was against the rule; It made the children laugh and play, To see the lamb at school.

In 1877 Mr. Godey and Mrs. Hale both retired from active work, and although nearly ninety years of age at the time, she was in full possession of her mental powers.

"What makes the lamb love Mary so?" The eager children cry; "Oh, Mary loves the lamb, you know."

Now, as to the chief counter claim to "Mary's Lamb"—that of Mrs. Tyler (Mary Sawyer). Some years before the death of Mrs. Hale, when every one was crediting her with having written the poem, Mrs. Tyler disputed the claim, and credited John Roulstone with having written the first twelve lines, to which Mrs. Hale added twelve more, and appropriated the entire poem.

"And so the teacher turned it out, But still it lingered near; And waited patiently about, 'Till Mary did appear; And then it ran to her and laid its head upon her arm."

This is a summary of Mrs. Tyler's statement: "One cold morning, when I was eleven years old, I went with father to the barn and noticed among the lambs one that was sickly, and I prevailed upon him to allow me to take it into the house and nurse it back to health."

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In a discussion of this kind, is the status of the claimant, and in this respect Mrs. Hale leads, for she has not only contributed many other similar poems, but she included the verses, crediting herself with them, in her volume which appeared in 1830 under the title, Songs for Our Children.

In regard to the authenticity of Mrs. Hale's heroines and authorship, we also have the authority of her son, Horatio Hale, who says that the poem was first published by his mother in 1830, and he has in his possession one of the very few books still in existence as published by Marsh, Capen & Lyon.

Mrs. Hale's maiden name was Sarah Josepha Buell. She was born on October 3, 1781, in Guild Village, part of Newport, N. H. The house where Sarah attended school is still standing, as well as the house in which she was born.

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While this story has the marks of sincerity about it, the question arises as to what had become of the poem from 1817 to 1830, when Mrs. Hale incorporated it in her book, Mary Sawyer was born in 1806, and she claims the poem was written when she was eleven years old, consequently the date of the composition was 1817.

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The poem, sometimes with Mrs. Hale's name attached, and sometimes anonymously, has been published in a great many editions of readers not only in the United States, but in Canada and in England. Mrs. Hale did a great amount of literary work, some of it very good, but nothing that she wrote had wider popularity than "Mary's Lamb."

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IN THE MUSIC WORLD

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the direction of Heinrich Hammer, the orchestra will present the following numbers: Schumann's fourth symphony in D minor, which has for its complete title "Symphony No. 4, D Minor, Introduction, Allegro, Romanza, Scherzo, and Finale in one piece." The second number will be a tone poem, "Sunset at Sea," written by Mr. Hammer, the conductor, and for the closing number Bizet's familiar and popular suite, "L'Arlesienne."

John H. Nolan, of the Gridiron Club Quartette, was a guest of honor at the dinner of the Indiana Society, of New York, at the Waldorf-Astoria, Friday night. He sang the beautiful Scotch song, "Loch Lomond," and in response to an enthusiastic encore gave a fine rendition of "Annie Laurie," which was received with equal appreciation.

The concert last evening at the MacReynolds-Koehle School, given by pupils of Miss MacReynolds, principal, and Josef Kaspar, head of the violin department, was thoroughly enjoyed by a throng of friends and relatives of the young musicians. The pupils taking part were: Miss Martha Ross, Miss Ruby Gaver, Miss Elizabeth Quigley, Miss Florence McDonnell, Miss Edna Snyder, Miss Grace Adams, Miss Helen Farrington, Mrs. Mabel Finch Haveling, Miss Elizabeth Wilbur, Miss Virginia Wallis, Mr. Halley, and Master Francis Walter.

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A charming "studio dance" was given on Thanksgiving night by the Misses Small at 129 Connecticut avenue. Miss Rosalie L. Small had charge of the arrangements. The rooms were decorated with palms, ferns, and chrysanthemums.

An interesting feature of the evening was the freilicht dances. Among those present were Mrs. I. Sprigg Bell, Mrs. Gustavus Warner, Mrs. William Small, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. C. Harr, Mrs. William Curtis, Mrs. R. Manning, Miss Rosalie Small, Miss Angela Small, Miss Genevieve Small, Miss Harriet H. Thompson, Miss Frances H. Thompson, Miss Edith Tourner, Miss Etta Taggart, Miss Bel Tinsley, Miss Lawton, Miss Thompson, Miss Edith Bower, Miss Hare, Miss Tomkins, Miss McNaull, James B. Hoge, C. Hoge, O. B. Linsen, Gustav Bullock, Mr. Baker, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Price, Dr. Walker, Dr. Werber, William Phillips, Mr. Alticer, Mr. Canby, and Mr. Horton.

Mrs. Bradley McDuffie will present Edward Zoe Mangum, tenor, in a song recital to-morrow evening, in her studio. He will be assisted by Miss Helen Dodge and Mrs. Duff Lewis. Mr. Mangum has been studying singing for about two years, and has a voice of great promise. He is secretary of the United States Bar, official reporter of the United States Supreme Court.

Invitations have been issued for the piano recital next Friday by Harry Patterson Hopkins, of Washington College. In addition to the entire school of young women, about 100 guests will be present at the reception and tea which will follow. Mr. Hopkins will present a program of Chopin and Liszt, and conclude with a grand solo, "The Art of the Piano," including his Fantasia Pathétique, with Miss Alice Meehan at a second piano.

An interesting programme was given by the pupils of Miss Alma Ebery, at her studio, 88 Nineteenth street northwest, on Saturday afternoon. Those who played were the Misses Olga Hutchesin, Vera White, Nellie Lawler, Martha Greenberg, Isabelle Meany, Frances Meany, Katherine Wells, Louise Bell, Dorothy King, and Robert E. Maedel, Carlotta Quirrollo, and Masters Ebert Quirrollo and Leonard Clark.

CATHOLIC WOMEN MEET.

Work of Spanish Artists Discussed at Session of Circle. The Catholic Women's Circle held its regular meeting at 706 Eleventh street northwest on Monday evening. The topic for the evening, directed by Mrs. Margaret L. Coorpe, was "The Art of Spanish Catholic Artists." The speakers were Mrs. Murillo, Cano, and Zarbaran, compared with the paintings and stained glass windows of the American Catholic artist, Mr. John La Farge.

Examples from the works of the artists were distributed, from which the members each in turn gave the Catholic interpretation of the subjects, legends, and symbols portrayed. The next subject will be "The German school of art."

SALE AND TEA ARRANGED.

Will Be Given at Rauscher's by Girls' Friendly Society. The regular sale and tea of the Girls' Friendly Society will be held at Rauscher's Thursday from 3 to 10 o'clock. A musical programme has been arranged. Vocal numbers will be rendered by Miss Marion Oliver, Mrs. Francesca Kaspar, Rev. George P. Dudley, and Henry Purcell. A class of children will give a Holland folk dance, and Miss Elsa Flamer will render a violin selection. The tea table will be in charge of Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Tuttle.

ANSWER GOOD ROADS CALL.

Letters from Governors Assure Attendance of Noted Men. It is probable that the American Good Roads Congress to be held in Indianapolis from December 6 to 9, at the invitation of Gov. Marshall, will be one of the largest and most important ever conducted in this country. Replies to the governor from governors of other States indicate that many of the most prominent men in civic life are being named and have promised to attend. This meeting will be held in connection with the national convention of the American Road Builders' Association, and experts in road building will lend their knowledge to the discussion of this great public question.

The movement to have the State executives meet in this manner was started by Gov. Marshall when A. L. Westgard, of the Touring Club of America, passed through Indianapolis in his touring-car, in marking a route from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and studying highway conditions for the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture. Gov. Walter E. Clark, of Alaska, is one of the many who have responded, and he states that he has appointed Maj. W. P. Richardson, U. S. A., president of the Alaska road commission, to attend the congress. Among others who have formally answered Gov. Marshall's letter are the following governors: Joseph M. Brown, Georgia; C. S. Deneen, Illinois; A. E. Wood, Kentucky; A. L. Crothers, Maryland; Fred M. Warner, Michigan; E. F. Noel, Mississippi; William J. Mills, New Mexico; Horace White, New York; Malcolm P. Patterson, Tennessee; William Hodges Mann, Virginia; J. O. Davidson, Wisconsin; W. E. Glasscock, West Virginia, and William Spry, Utah.



BUICK AND GOSSIP

The Buick company has sold a touring car to Capt. G. W. Laws, U. S. N. George Plitt & Co. purchased two Buick trucks and a touring car this week.

Harry Grant, the winner of the Vanderbilt prize, has become an author, his story of how he won the race being told at length in one of the monthly magazines. "There is no reason," he says, "why a man cannot drive a fast race and a safe one. There was not a moment in the Vanderbilt race when I ever took a chance. The way I drove I never do take a chance of accident. No matter what others may say, I found the course more free of spectators than I did last year. They got out of my way better, whatever they may have done for others."

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The Meyers garage yesterday sold a Hudson roadster to Wilton J. Lambourne. The taxicab or motor car delivery driver of the East who thinks he has made quite a run if he drives fifty or sixty miles one trip has made a very short journey in comparison with those made by chauffeurs in an automobile delivery maintained at Billings, Mont., by R. S. Baker. He has a complete equipment of cars, and very frequently is called upon to carry parties of from three to five people anywhere from 200 to 400 miles.

Over 25 per cent of the 1911 model Washington cars, manufactured by the Carter Motor Corporation, have already been contracted for by agents. In addition, the company has received hundreds of requests for information from all parts of the country concerning the Washington car. During the past year a number of cars were shipped west of the Mississippi and a great bit, with the result that, judging from present indications, the Washington car during the coming season will be represented in practically all of the Western States, as well as the Eastern, Northern, and Southern.

The annual meeting of the A. A. A. was opened in New York on Friday, New Hampshire and Idaho being added to the roll. This membership now is 24,826, distributed among thirty-five States. This is an increase of over 3,000 members over last year.

J. M. Garbin has recently purchased a model 15 Buick.

At the annual meeting of the E-M-F Company a number of changes were made in the personnel of the officers. The revised list is as follows: President and general manager, Walter E. Flinders; vice president, F. Gordon Brown; treasurer, Clement Studebaker; secretary and assistant treasurer, Frank E. Fisher; directors, Messrs. Flinders, Studebaker, Brown, F. E. Stevens, Frederick P. Dehnfeld, F. H. McKnight, and Frederick S. Fish.

President Briscoe, of the United States Motor Company, who has just returned from abroad, says that one of the most characteristic things which came under his observation was the strong evidence of caste in England, which we know so little about in America. "For instance," he says, "a considerable controversy is now being waged in the trade papers and other papers which run departments devoted to the motor car industry as to whether or not the public at large should be admitted to the show. It being contended by many that admission should be restricted to the class only who are intending to buy a car, presumably the wealthy people."

United States Senator George C. Perkins, of California, is probably the most enthusiastic motorist in the legislative branch of the government. He has driven his touring car more than 15,000 miles since its purchase, about a year ago.

From Harper's Weekly. Socially speaking, it is interesting to note how summer levels all distinctions. Everybody is in the swim, and nobody in particular cuts any low worth mentioning. The woman who would be wholly free should take special care to avoid double harness, and, in so far as she is able, to keep away from the bridal path.

It is said that a man out in Oklahoma who was recently tarred and feathered by a vigilance committee is going into vaudeville in selections from "The Chanteuse."

The Imperial Motor Car Company has just delivered two white gas trucks to the water department of the District.

F. C. Sibbald, of the Zell Motor Company, has returned from a business trip to Detroit and Toledo.

Camp life on an automobile tour is a form of enjoyment recommended by George H. Huddy, jr., of Providence, R. I., attorney, who, with his wife, has just returned from such a trip through New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, and wherever night overtook the tourists camp was pitched. The camping outfit consisted of a table, dishes and cooking utensils, a fly tent, and a wall tent. The fly tent was merely a protection from the sun, while the wall tent was for sleeping.

From Harper's Weekly. The origin of the Adam's apple, Billard, lies probably in a desire on the part of nature to intimate delicately that upon the occasion of the original trouble Adam got in the neck.

TO-DAY IN HISTORY.

Washington's Adieu to the Army—December 4.

On the second day of July, 1775, Gen. Washington arrived in Cambridge, Mass., accompanied by Maj. Gen. Lee, his next in command, and other officers, and established headquarters in the mansion subsequently occupied by Longfellow. About 9 o'clock on the morning of the following day, attended by a suitable escort, he proceeded from his headquarters to a great elm tree near Harvard College. Here the Continental forces were drawn up in military order. Under the shadow of the tree Washington drew his sword as commander-in-chief of the American army, declaring that it should never be sheathed until the liberties of his country were established.

How completely he kept his word is known to every one. When the war was brought to a close in 1783, he was taken on the field and set out to accomplish what was done. But two years more were to elapse before the treaty of peace was signed, and during that period Washington gave still further illustration of his disinterested patriotism and of his political wisdom and foresight.

Finally the day came for Washington to take leave of his army—October 18, 1783. For the last time he assembled them at Newburgh, N. Y., when he rode out on the field and gave them one of those paternal addresses which so eminently characterized his relationship with his army. To the tune of "Roslin Castle"—"the soldiers' dirge"—his brave comrades passed slowly by their great leader and away to their respective homes. It was a thrilling scene.

As he was passing through the light infantry, drawn up on either side to receive him, an old soldier, who was by his side on the terrible night of his march to Trenton, stepped out of the ranks and reached out his arms, exclaiming, "Farewell, my dear general, farewell!" Washington seized his hand most heartily, while the soldiers forgot all discipline, rushed toward their chief, and bathed him with their tears. The scene was like that of a good patriarch taking leave of his children and going on a long journey from whence he might return no more.

There were gray-headed soldiers, who had grown old by hardships and exposure, and too old to begin life anew, and waving his hat made them a silent adieu. They stood with heads uncovered, and the barge was hidden from their view, when, in silent and solemn procession, they returned to the place where they had assembled.

On December 4, 1775, the siege of Quebec began; Lydia Darrah warned Washington and saved his army in 1777; the National Anti-Slavery Society was organized in 1825, and the Grangers were organized in 1847. Today is the birthday of John Cotton, "the patriarch of New England" (1565); Thomas Godfrey, American poet (1721); Mme. Recamier, famous French woman (1777); Thomas Carlyle, author and miscellaneous writer (1795); and Charles F. Deering, the founder of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy (1820). To-day is the date of the death of Cardinal Richelieu, in 1642; William Drummond, poet (1649); Thomas Hobbes, philosopher (1633); John Gay, poet (1702); and Samuel Butler, the noted scholar (1532).

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Advertisement for Windshields of Character. TROY. University of Chicago professors have discovered that the vacation system of the public schools is all wrong. They think the poor pupil ought to be paroled whenever he can prove that he needs a rest, summer or winter. The discovery is announced in "The Elementary School Teacher," issued by the University of Chicago press. "We should recognize," says the writer, "that periods of delay in individual development do not obey any law of the calendar. One child is interrupted in his development at one date, another child at another. If, in addition to these individual interruptions, we impose a general interruption, the sum for a given child may be great."

MORNING CHIT-CHAT.

I HEARD another chapter of a life story, which I have been reading serially for several years, yesterday, and it gave me so much food for thought that I want to tell it to you.

I'm going to call the heroine—no, I won't call her the heroine, the subject—of the tale, Griselda, because, by rights, that ought to be her name.

Griselda has an utterly worthless husband. She also has three small children. The two usually go together, as you may have noticed.

I will relate to you a few of the things which Griselda's husband has done to earn his title.

In the first place he has a trade at which he can get plenty of work and can earn \$4 a day, but he hasn't worked more than three or four months any year of their marriage.

They had not been married a month before he got hold of Griselda's savings and spent them. The bank described these savings as \$200. A more accurate description would have been—so many thousand hours spent over an ironing machine, so many thousand shirt waists and shirts, so many tens of thousands of collars and cuffs ironed—for Griselda was a hardworking laundry girl before he persuaded her to be the presiding genius of his home.

When this money was gone, pretending to be about to go into business and settle down, he borrowed \$400 of Griselda's sister and mother. That has never been paid back.

Twice he has left Griselda for several months at a time. On one of these occasions, he was absent when her first baby was born. I have seen her arms black and blue.

Once he threw a plate at his little boy and cut his cheek so that several stitches had to be taken.

Through all this, Griselda has been absolutely faithful, devoted, and forgiving. Once only did she falter and that was when he threw the plate at the boy. Then she allowed the society with the long name to enter a complaint against him, but when the case came up, she refused to appear.

Maybe you don't see a great deal of food for thought in this story. Granted, but the food for thought came from a comment which I heard made on the story.

After a six months' absence, during which, freed from the drain of his presence, Griselda had successfully supported the children and was on her feet again, he reappeared.

One of the charity workers who had helped her from time to time, tried to persuade her not to take the man back. But Griselda was obstinate. He is back again. The home is again a home of disorder and turmoil—no home at all. The children again creep around in fear. Her earnings are again spent in drink while she and the children are half starved.

And this is what the commentator said when he heard that Griselda had taken her husband back.

"What a beautiful and wonderful thing is woman's love."

To you call the feeling that made Griselda sacrifice four lives to one, wonderful and beautiful?

I don't. I call it ugly and disgraceful—a mania and an obsession rather than an affection.

Is it because I'm hard and unfeeling that I can't understand? That's what I'm wondering about. That's my food for thought. RUTH CAMERON.