Blood of Genius Keep on, Brewing Attainment—Recent Coincidence in Supreme Court—Inquiry as to Descendants

ALEXANDER AGASSIZ.

OWEN WISTER, Grandson of Fanny Kemble.

W. CAMERON FORBES, Grandson of Emerson.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE.

JUSTICE OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.

Edgar Allan Poe argued a case before Oliver Wendell Holmes the other day in Washington. The scene was the historic chamber of the Supreme Court of the United States, within the great Capitol building, and the Poe mentioned was the grand-nephew and namesake of the author of "The Raven," while the Holmes in question was the son and namesake of the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," the one being a member of the Maryland bar and the other an associate justice of the highest legal tribunal of the land.

This interesting coincidence suggests an inquiry as to what attainments are brewed to-day by the blood of our great geniuses of yesterday, and the research may further test those opposing maxims, "Blood will tell" and "Greatness never strikes twice in the same family."

Emerson's Grandson a Governor.

The appointment a few weeks since of Ralph Waldo Emerson's grandson, William Cameron Forbes, as Governor of the Philippines is a case directly in point. In filling this berth the President not only put this young man in his own shoes—and not very old shoes at that—but conferred that office which he is known to guard most jealously, for the Philippines are the special Taft hobby. And the heir of the Emersonian genius now comes to fill the responsible office when still in his thirties. Governor Forbes is the son of the author's daughter, Edith Emerson, who married William Hathaway Forbes. The Governor remembers his illustrious grandfather, for he was twelve when the latter died.

After being graduated at Harvard he entered the firm founded by his paternal grandfather, and was displaying his genius as a financier, when, at the age of thirty-four, Secretary Taft chose him as a member of the Philippine Commission and made him also Secretary of Commerce and Politics for the island. His case and that of Mr. Justice Holmes are similar, in that both went to Harvard and neither of them chose the calling of their noted forebears, yet seemed to inherit from the latter the germ of attainment. The younger Oliver Wendell Holmes had barely received his sheepskin in '61 when he heard his duty calling him to war. He entered the struggle as lieutenant and rose to lieutenant-colonel's rank, although wounded in the breast the first year, in the neck and in the foot the third. After the close of the conflict he returned to Harvard for the law course, practiced in Boston, married, taught constitutional law at Harvard while still in his twenties, became justice of the State Supreme Court while in his thirties, and chief justice three years before President Roosevelt placed him on the Supreme bench at Washington.

Longfellow's Son a Painter.

And what of the Longfellows, Whittiers, Bryants, Hawthornes, etc., of to-day? Ernest Wadsworth Longfellow, son of the great poet, seems to have fallen heir to much of his father's artistic genius, although he chose the career of painter rather than poet. His father sent him to Paris to study art under Hebert, Bonnat and Couture, and after finishing with them he traveled in Italy and the Alps, where he made his well-known painting of the Matterhorn. This winter he celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday at his home in Magnolia, Mass.

The artistic streak in this blood has brewed success also in the case of William Pitt Preble Longfellow, son of the great poet's brother, Stephen. He has been an art writer and architect of note; is a trustee of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and was the original editor of the American Architect. As a young man he was assistant to the chief architect of the government service, and at the World's Fair in Chicago he was chosen chairman of the architectural section. He is also the author of text-books and cyclopedias on art and architecture. His home is in Cambridge, and he was seventy-three last fall.

The Whittier of To-Day.

The Whittier of to-day is Charles Franklin, son of the Quaker poet's brother, Matthew. Although he was educated in the Friends' College, Providence, he left it to serve in the Civil War, but after peace had dawned again he chose the tools of the chief genius of his family with which to carve out his career. He began on the staff of the Portland (Me.) Transcript, later became editor of the Westbrook (Me.) Gazette, and is now editor of the Portland Advertiser. He is a bachelor of sixty-six. William Cullen Bryant's son, of the same name, also pursued journalism. In the case of Washington Irving, also, a nephew contracted the itch for writing. This was Pierre Munroe Irving, who, although educated for the law, acted as his uncle's literary assistant, managed his business affairs, attended him in his last illness and was chosen as his biographer. A younger nephew, John Treat Irving, combined the law with literature. He wrote a number of stories under the nom de plume "John Quod," and died in New York in 1906 at the venerable age of ninety-four.

Three Generations of Hawthornes.

We are better acquainted with the Hawthorne of our generation than with any of these descendants, direct and collateral, of the country's masters of literature. Nathaniel Hawthorne married a woman of genius, Sophia Peabody, whom he met while she was illustrating "The Gentle Boy" and who after their marriage developed literary as well as artistic talents. After his death she not only edited his "Note Book," but published a volume of her own. Thus Julian Hawthorne inherited his aptness for writing from both parents. This hereditary genius cropped out after an engineering career had been chosen for him. It was while he was working under Gen. George B. McClellan in the New York department of docks that he began to write for the magazines, an industry which soon lost him his position. Then it was that he pulled out for Europe to write the first of the novels which were to give him no mean rank in our coterie of authors. He is now sixty-three and lives at Yonkers, N. Y., where the literary genius in the Hawthorne blood has cropped out in the third generation, his daughter, Hildegarde, having already achieved success as a contributor of poems, sketches and short stories to our most exclusive magazines. Nathaniel Hawthorne's youngest child, Rose, the aunt of Miss Hildegarde, has also had published many poems and short stories. She married George Parsons Lathrop, the author, son of Francis Lathrop, the artist.

James Fenimore Cooper's daughter, Susan, also achieved some success in her father's calling after serving an apprenticeship under him as his secretary and amanuensis. In her later life, however, she devoted herself to the care and education of orphan girls.

The Curtis of to-day is Miss Constance, the niece of George William Curtis and the daughter of his brother, Edward. She is a painter, and has exhibited at the Paris and St. Louis expositions.

The Prolific Furness Family.

Edward Everett's son, William, followed his father's calling of Unitarian preacher and author. In addition to essays he has written verse and fiction, including boys' stories. And William Henry Furness's genius has been divided among three children and two grandchildren. William Henry, second, the artist, who at the time of his death held high rank as a portrait painter, is survived by William Henry, third, physician, traveler and author, who has made us acquainted with Borneo. Howard Horace Furness, surviving son of the first William Henry, who has been engaged for the past forty years in editing a special edition of Shakespeare's plays, has a son, Horace Howard, who also has established a successful career as an editor of historical plays. Another child of the first William Henry Furness, Mrs. Annie Lee Wister, for a quarter of a century following the Civil War was industriously engaged in translating the works of the leading German novelists.

Another of these American families prolific in literary genius has been the Tuckermans. Among the descendants of the head of the American clan of that name have been Henry Theodore Tuckerman, essayist and poet; his brother, Charles Keating Tuckerman, poet and author of books on Greece, to which he was our minister under Grant; Frederick Goddard Tuckerman, author; Arthur Lyman Tuckerman, author, architect and superintendent of the Boston Museum Art Schools; Stephen Salisbury Tuckerman, marine painter; Alfred Tuckerman, bibliographer, and his brother, Bayard Tuckerman, historian and biographer.

The Hales and Sargents.

The Hale family was just such another, for from John, who was born in Massachusetts back in 1636, have sprung, besides Nathan Hale, the soldier-martyr, the three noted journalists—Nathan, Nathan, Jr., and David—all born in the eighteenth century; Lucretia Peabody Hale, writer of stories; her sister, Susan, painter and author; her brother, Edward Everett Hale, clergyman and novelist, who died only last year, and his daughter, Ellen Day Hale, the painter, who now lives in Roxbury, Mass.

The Sargent family was another of this class, for, besides producing John Singer Sargent, perhaps our greatest living portrait painter, it has given us Henry Sargent, the popular Massachusetts artist, born before the Revolution; Lucius Manlius and Winthrop Sargent, active authors of the early half of the last century; Epes Sargent, early editor of the Boston Transcript, poet, novelist and playwright.

And there are the cases of S. Weir Mitchell and Richard Harding Davis, the former having followed in the footsteps of a physician-author father, and the latter having inherited genius for writing from both parents. L. Clark Davis, his father, was managing editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and, later, the Public Ledger, and was also a short-story writer, while Rebecca Harding Davis, his mother, has gained fame as a writer of both sketches and stories. Similarly, Nathaniel Parker Willis was the son and grandson of writers, while his son, Bailey Willis, of the United States Geological Survey, has become well known as author, editor, geologist and explorer.

Great Actor Families.

Owen Wister, our popular novelist of to-day, probably inherits his artistic genius from his grandmother, the great Fanny Kemble, and his great-grandfather, Charles Kemble. Indeed, his veins hold some of the precious blood which throbbed in those of his great-grand-aunt, Sarah Siddons, the greatest actress of her time in England. She, as is generally known, was the sister of Charles Kemble, and his better known brother, John Philip. Charles married an actress, Maria Theresa De Camp, and in 1832 they came to the United States, bringing with them their fascinating daughter, "Fanny," who played with her father in our principal cities, the engagement lasting for two years, after which, at the age of twenty-five, she married, in Philadelphia, Pierce Butler, a Southern planter and son of United States Senator Butler, of Georgia. The young man had been so deeply in love with the ravishing young actress that he had hired himself as a member of her orchestra, in order to follow her from place to place. After living for awhile near Philadelphia, he took her to his Georgia plantation, where they fell out over the slavery question, and after they had been married fourteen years were divorced, on the ground of incompatibility and her abandonment of him, the case standing entirely "non criminis." She resumed her maiden name and spent the remainder of her life in Lenox, Mass., and Philadelphia, whence she toured the country to give a course of Shakespearean readings. She also gained distinction as a poet, dramatist, critic and prose writer.

The Davenports, Drews and Booths.

Another of these great actor families was that of the Davenports. First there was Edward, who played with Junius Brutus Booth, who was popular for years in Boston, who delighted also the English during a tour of their isle, and who gained the reputation of being one of the most finished actors of his time. His wife, Fanny, daughter of the manager of the Haymarket Theatre, London, was also a player of talent, and of their union was born Fanny, whom we knew better than the rest; Blanche, a singer, who cultivated her voice in Milan, became a favorite there and in Naples, and sang in grand opera here and played later with Booth; Lily, May, Edgar and Henry, all of whom have been players of more of less note.

The Drew family has been just such another, producing first John, the Irish comedian, who married Louisa Lane—the "Mrs. John Drew" who lived until lately. Then there is their son John, our John of to-day, and his sister Georgiana, who married the late Maurice Barrymore and became the mother of Ethel and John Barrymore. We have had also the Hacketts—James Henry, native of Long Island, a popular actor, polished gentleman and intimate companion of Irving, Cooper and John Quincy Adams. He married an English actress, and they are the great-grandparents of James K. Hackett, among others. Then there are the Jeffersons, Joseph and Thomas, sons of the great Joseph. And our Booth of to-day is Creston Clarke, nephew of Edwin, and grandson of Junius Brutus Booth. Also we have the eminent Leopold Damrosch living again in the flesh of his son Walter, and Jean Louis Rudolphe Agassiz, alive again in the body of his son, Alexander Emmanuel Rudolphe.

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HOW HE CURED HIS RHEUMATISM

"Six years ago I had a severe attack of Rheumatism. I was confined to my bed for six months, and the doctors seemed unable to help me. I tried many liniments, plasters, home remedies, etc., but none of them gave me any permanent relief; the symptoms always returned when such treatment was left off. My knees and elbows were terrribly swollen, so bad in fact, that for a while I could not move hand or foot. I certainly had one of the severest cases of Rheumatism I ever heard of. I was getting discouraged when I heard of S. S. S., but as it was recommended to me as a fine treatment for Rheumatism I began its use. This medicine soon helped me, and I continued taking it until I was cured sound and well. S. S. S. relieved the swelling, purified my blood, stopped all pain, and cured me entirely. This was six years ago and I have not had Rheumatism since."

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Rheumatism is an acrid blood fermentation; a souring of the circulation from an excess of uric acid in the blood stream. This uratic impurity is transmitted to the blood through the process of absorption, and comes as a result of constipation, indigestion, weak kidneys, etc.

When the blood becomes infected with this uratic impurity the complications of Rheumatism are set up. The circulation is no longer able to furnish the different muscles, nerves, joints and bones with nourishment and strength, but instead deposits into these members the gritty, pain-producing acid with which it is contaminated.

Rheumatism is usually manifested in the joints and muscles. It is here its sharpest twinges of pain are felt, and stiffening of ligaments and tendons first commence. The pain of Rheumatism is caused by the contact of the censory nerves with the gritty, acrid formation which uric acid causes to accumulate in the corpuscles of the blood. The severer symptoms of the disease come on gradually. Constantly the circulation deposits the uric acid particles into the muscles and joints, and slowly the natural fluids are dried up or hardened. Then Rheumatism becomes chronic and serious, and if allowed to run on, may permanently cripple, or break down the health of the sufferer. Like all blood diseases, Rheumatism can be transmitted from generation to generation. This explains why young persons, and others, are afflicted with it, who have always been healthy otherwise.

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This is not possible. The only true method is to turn as quickly as can be from poor food to good. A young lady over in Ohio says:

"I was variously treated for my nerves, muscles, lungs, etc., but none of the treatments gave me relief.

"About a year ago my appetite failed completely and I began to have sinking spells similar to fainting, then I took all manner of tonics and stimulants, but they were of no effect. I had been brought to quit drinking coffee and taking Postum in its place, and gradually began to get a little better.

"Some one suggested that if I found Postum so beneficial I had better use Grape-Nuts food, as they were both the children of one brain. I commenced on Grape-Nuts food for breakfast, having Postum with it. I found the food so dainty, delicious and appetizing that I always looked forward to breakfast with pleasure.

"Shortly after commencing this diet the wretched pain in my side was greatly relieved, and now, a year later, it has gone entirely, also the sinking spells; in fact, my pale cheeks have changed to pink, I have gained back more than the twenty pounds I lost, and am thoroughly well in every way."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

Remington Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Remington, Va., March 5.—Mrs. P. B. Lewis visited her mother at Inlet last week.

Buck Humphrey, of Washington, visited her father on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Coons, of Warrenton, and Miss Mandy Cown, of Midland, visited Miss Jennie Strother, on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jennie Willingham, of Washington, is now visiting her parents here.

There will be a masquerade party at the rink here on Tuesday, March 8.

Miss Willie Campbell visited friends at Midland last week.

Mrs. Richard Taylor and Mrs. Kyle Butler visited friends at Calverton, last week.

Mrs. Norman Rensberg, of Charlottesville, visited Miss Ethel Foster, on Saturday and Sunday.

McGill Bower, of Amherst, is visiting his parents here.

Charles Mitchell left on Saturday for a stay of some time in Richmond, Fredericksburg and Washington.

Miss Mamie Wilson, of Warrenton, visited Miss Willie Campbell, on Sunday.

Miss Flossie Willis, of Warrenton, visited Miss Edith Willis last week.

Miss Edith Willis returned on Saturday from Warrenton, where she has been visiting friends.

Alvin Gilleum, of Charlottesville, visited his parents here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Spicer and little daughter, of Amherst, are now visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Ludwick, of Pittsburg, is now visiting friends and relatives here.

We understand that Mr. Boteler, of Bristersburg, has bought the farm of W. F. Hemp, of near here, and will move in shortly.

Bowling Green Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bowling Green, Va., March 5.—Mrs. Richerson, of Washington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Bullard.

Miss Bessie Jones has returned from a trip to Baltimore.

S. W. Broaddus spent a portion of this week in Richmond.

Mrs. Joel Haines has returned from a visit to Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Virginia Baker, after a visit to her friend, Miss Estelle Collins, has returned to her home in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Annie Coghill has returned to her home from a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. E. Peatross, in Norfolk.

Mrs. William M. Cobb, after spending several days with her parents here, has returned to her home in Washington.

Concord Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Concord, Va., March 5.—R. H. Cross, a student of the R. M. A., Bedford, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Eddie Carson, of Stonewall, near this place, left for Lynchburg, where she will be a week-end guest of friends.

Mrs. Buck Wood returned home Tuesday, after a week's visit in Lynchburg.

Miss Jean Howerton has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Bettie Howerton, near here, for the last two weeks. Mrs. Howerton is slowly improving.

Miss Helen Hildrup had to suspend her school all of this week, on account of being ill. It is expected she will start Monday.

E. C. Cross, who went to the Lynchburg Sanatorium two weeks ago for treatment, is now improving, and will probably be out in a few days. His mother, Mrs. D. H. Cross, is spending the latter part of the week with him.

Richard Keesee, who resides at Crewe, was taken to his home near this place, Tuesday. He has had the grip for some weeks.

Miss Mary Miller, of Illinois, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. S. E. Evans, has been very ill for the past few weeks, but is improving.

Miss Devona Staples, who is now making her home in Roanoke, arrived last week, and will spend a month's vacation with friends and relatives.

T. W. Atterbury, of Arizona, has recently moved into town, renting the Caton place. Mr. Atterbury contemplates starting up a truck and poultry farm.

The widow of Dr. Sep Evans, who was a very prominent physician in this community, and who died several years ago, celebrated at her home, about four miles south of this place, her seventy-seventh birthday during the past week. The party consisted of her children residing now in Virginia—Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Evans, of this community; Mrs. Sue Henson, of Crewe, and Miss Bessie Evans, of Bluefield.

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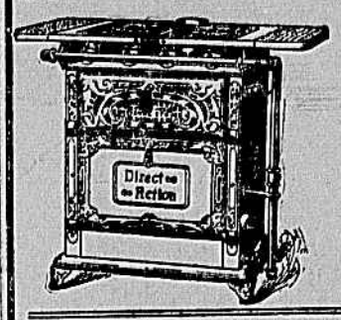

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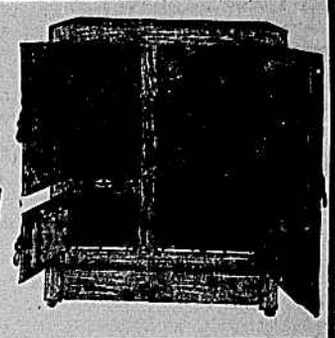

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Williamsburg Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Williamsburg, Va., March 5.—Mrs. John L. Mercer entertained at bridge Monday afternoon. Those playing were Mrs. R. M. Smith, Mrs. Herbert Lightfoot and Misses Annie Condit and Cora Smith.

Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard gave a dinner party Monday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lightfoot, who left Thursday for Leesburg, after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. E. G. Booth and Miss Clara Booth will leave to-morrow for their home in Blackstone, after spending a month at the Colonial Inn.

Miss Mab Stubbs has been the guest of Miss Carrie Green, in Norfolk this week.

Mrs. Margaret Bisland, of Carter's Grove, is visiting relatives in New York City.

Miss Ella Pitman will leave soon for Lynchburg, where she will be the guest of Miss Elizabeth Howard.

Mrs. George Hankins has returned from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Richmond.

Miss Geneviève Hall, of Richmond, is visiting her brother, Professor J. L. Hall, of William and Mary.

Mrs. H. D. Cole returned this afternoon from Norfolk, where she visited her sister, Mrs. E. T. Lamb.

Mrs. Peyton Randolph Nelson has returned to her home, near Richmond, after a visit to her sisters, Misses Mary and Charlotte Garrett.

Hugh S. Bird left to-day for Nashville, to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the new George Peabody College, Mr. Bird being a member of the board. A president of the institution is to be elected, and there are several candidates.

Buena Vista Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Buena Vista, Va., March 5.—The members of the annual staff of the Southern Seminary, gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the seminary on Saturday evening. A good audience was present, and the enterment was very much enjoyed.

Walter Bradley Trippe is booked to appear at the seminary on next Tuesday evening. Mr. Trippe is a member of the faculty of Emmerson College, of Boston, and his humorous lectures are always enjoyed by all who hear them.

A teachers' institute for the teachers of Buena Vista and Rockbridge county will be held at Glasgow on March 11 and 12. A number of speakers will be present, and the entire corps of teachers from the Buena Vista school will attend.

Miss Roszella Johnson, of Upperville, who has been the guest of Miss Beaty, at the seminary, returned to her home Friday.

H. S. Brown, of Roanoke, spent several days in the city this week, having been called here by the death of a nephew.

Miss Maggie Brown, who has been spending several months in New Jersey, has returned home.

Miss Alice Barger, who has been a student at the seminary for the past session, left for her home in Baltimore, Tuesday, and next week she will sail from New York for Europe.

Mrs. H. D. Ford, of Philadelphia, and Miss Ella Read, spent Monday in Lynchburg.

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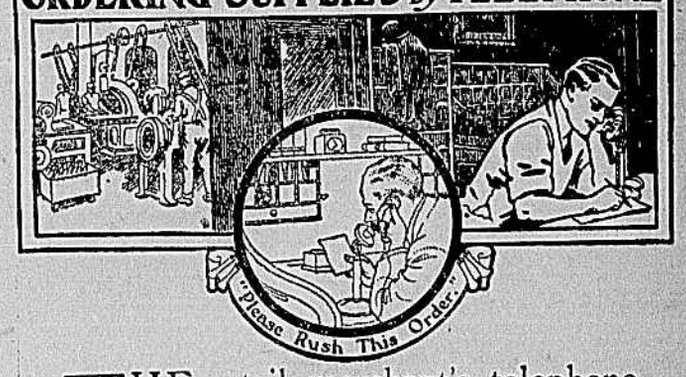

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