

A SON'S DEVOTION.

Slaved and Saved and Finally Died for His Parents.

During the fall of '95 we had quite a rush of business and Manager Gunn engaged several additional clerks. Among them was a young fellow of 24 named Johnson, for short. Johnson was the brightest of the lot and a hard worker. He was well educated, though the exact amount of learning he possessed none of us could ever tell. One day there was a letter received by the house which was a jumble of French and English. No one could make it out completely, though we all had a look at it. Finally some one suggested showing it to Johnson. In a few minutes a translation in English was returned with the original, and Johnson was back at his regular work just as though he had done nothing out of the ordinary. The same thing happened with a letter written in German. He was quick at figures, and never tired of work. When the rush was over, Johnson was the only new clerk retained. When work was to be done at night, Johnson was on duty occasionally by assignment, but more frequently he was working for some other clerk, and thus made several dollars a month extra. There was a mystery about the young fellow, however, that we could not fathom. No one knew where he lived or dined. While always presenting a clean and neat appearance, he wore the same clothes for over a year. They looked old, but were always well brushed. He let his beard grow, and his hair was quite long. Once I saw his face get very red when one of the boys whistled "Johnny, get your hair cut." One day I was passing by a ten-cent restaurant and, happening to look in, I thought I saw Johnson sitting in the rear. His back was to the street, however, and not being certain, I waited on the next corner till he came out. Sure enough, it was Johnson. For moonday lunch he always had bread and butter, and drank nothing but water. No one ever saw him spend a cent, and we concluded he was miserly. Still he acted and talked like a gentleman. Things went along in the usual way till about a month ago, when, like a thunderclap, we heard Johnson was going to quit. He had quite a long talk with the manager and it was then announced that Johnson would bid us good-by next day at noon. Of course we all made arrangements to be present when the time came to look for Johnson, and were gathered in a group discussing him, when a smooth-faced young man joined us. He was dressed in well-fitting clothes, patent leather shoes, wore gloves and carried a cane. When he spoke we recognized Johnson. "Gentlemen," he said, "I wish to bid you all farewell, and at the same time thank you for the past kindnesses. I know many of you have wondered at my peculiarities, and before leaving I wish to explain my conduct while among you. I am the only child of parents who devoted their lives and means to my education and advancement. Nothing was spared to give me the advantages of a gentleman of means. At first I attended various schools of learning in this country, and then went abroad. I lived and studied in Germany and France, and visited nearly all of Europe. I would doubtless be still abroad were it not for a friend who wrote me that my parents had met with some serious financial losses and would doubtless need assistance before long. Acting on this suggestion, I returned to my home and found the statement to be true. After patient investigation, I aided in the settlement of our affairs so that at least a home for my parents could be saved from the wreck, but on this home there would be a mortgage. Now to clear off this mortgage I must go to work, and the first position I had was as assistant clerk on a steamboat. Arriving in St. Louis, I began looking for work, and finally secured a place here. Now, you all know I did not receive much salary at first, and to make any headway to meet the mortgage must be very saving. I was working for the old folks, who had stinted themselves for my sake. I sought extra work, and when I did not get it here I looked for it elsewhere at night. As an expert accountant I spent many nights going over books for concerns that had poor book-keepers, or wished annual statements. In this way I accumulated considerable extra money, and from the bank received interest that helped to pay my small expenses. On next Monday the mortgage on the home of my parents falls due, and" (drawing from an inside pocket a large roll of greenbacks) "here is the money to pay it. With this explanation I trust that I will carry with me your good opinions and leave behind good friends." Well, sir, we nearly shook Johnson's arm off, and there were tears in his eyes as he left the house. I picked up a southern paper a few days ago and read this item: "The old homestead of the Johnsons, up at the Bend, was completely destroyed when the levee broke. Cattle, farming implements, as well as house and outbuildings, were swept away by the mad rush of the waters. But this was not all. In making an attempt to save the life of a neighbor, young Johnson was drowned." From letters received since then I learned that this was my friend Johnson—St. Louis Republic.

TO STUDY THE BRAIN.

Science Turns Its Attention to This Wonderful Organ.

Dr. Burt G. Wilder, the professor of the science of the human body at Cornell university, is a remarkable man. His methods are original and interesting to such a degree that he fascinates his students with his ideas. He believes that in order to suggest means to improve the quality of human brains men of science must have an opportunity to study the brains of distinguished persons, not merely in the work that they have accomplished, but in the structure and peculiarities of the cerebral organs themselves.

This I believe to have been the origin of Dr. Wilder's celebrated request that men and women, "educated and moral persons," should bequeath their brains to his collection in order that they might be studied for the benefit of humanity. That request has not been without fruit. Everybody has not greeted it with an incredulous smile, and several persons, known publicly for the possession of more than ordinary powers of mind, but whose names, for obvious reasons, are withheld, have, I am informed, already bequeathed their brains in the manner suggested.

It appears, however, that others desirous to advance the interests of science by placing their brains at its disposal after they are through with them, have hesitated, in consequence of the belief that a mutilation of the head is necessary in order to remove the brain, and such mutilation would be a source of distress to their surviving friends. Recently Dr. Wilder has demonstrated that no such mutilation is needed, but that the brain may be removed in perfect condition by making a single incision, and without disfigurement of the skull.

Among the bequests of brains recently received is said to be that of a well-known literary woman of Boston. It is obvious that Dr. Wilder's idea is correct, and that the proper way to study the organ of the human intellect is not to confine the investigation to the brains of criminals, and persons of a low order of intelligence, but to apply the same methods to those highly organized brains which have rendered marked service to mankind. In that way we may learn wherein resides the secret of intellectual power and eventually, perhaps, become able to influence the development of such powers at their very root. Think what the world might have learned if a scientific examination could have been made of the brain of Socrates, or that of Aristotle, or that of Newton, or that of Shakespeare, or that of Franklin, or that of Napoleon.

That great man will become doubly great who first confers benefits upon his fellowmen by the application of the extraordinary mental powers with which nature has endowed him, and then adds to those benefits by allowing to be revealed, when his career is ended, the peculiarities of functions and structure which made his brain an instrument superior to those of his fellows.—Garrett P. Serviss, in N. Y. World.

A Cats' Hotel.

An American lady and her daughter recently opened a hotel for cats, and it seems to have turned out a very paying concern, for they receive a large number of both winter and summer boarders. The cats' hotel is situated close to the Hudson river, and rejoices in the name of Naurashan Farm. For 12 shillings a cat is boarded for one month, and there are no extras. Each cat has its own little home, and even its own yard, which is tufted. Pussy is an exclusive creature, and often dislikes to be made to eat, or, indeed, to mix much, with her fellows. Curiously enough, the only other boarders taken are parrots and canaries.

What He Desired.

"You know," she said, with a little asperity, "that women have the reputation of being able to make money go further than men." "That's true," replied the man of small economies, "and it's just what I object to. What I want them to do is, to let it keep still where it is and rest a little now and then."—Washington Star.

Is He?

Freddie—Papa, what is a furrier? Papa—A man who deals in furs. Freddie—Then is a man who deals in dogs a currier?—Philadelphia North American.

Writer's Cramp.

Scribbler—I've been suffering a good deal lately with writer's cramp. Atticus—In your fingers, or in your stomach?—Somerville Journal.

Tennessee Centennial Exposition, Nashville, Tenn.

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Germans Use Pongee Silk and Make Them by Hand.

The famous Delcourt balloon made in 1832 was composed of 20,000 pieces of very thin kid pasted together, and specimens of these are still retained by the Germans for exhibition; but the German nation has experimented more with pongee silk in the manufacture of their war balloons, and several of their best ones in use to-day are made of this material. Every inch of the silk is tested by experts, and then it is cut into sections for girls to sew. No machines are used in finishing the seams, but everything is done by hand. After the sewing is completed the varnishes are applied to the seams to render them absolutely air-tight.

When the balloon proper is finished, the work of rigging it to the car, so that it will be strong and light, begins, and this is no light task. At Aldershot the rigging is made of the best Italian hemp, and weighs one pound to the hank. So strong is this hemp that a yard of it stretched round two pulleys will support 500 pounds without breaking. The English weave into this hemp rigging a fine thread of brass, which is designed to protect the bag in case of a thunder-storm while floating in the clouds. The car itself is made of the best wicker-work, strung around a ring of American hickory.—George Ethelbert Walsh, in Chautauquan.

Heart on the Right Side.

In a hospital at Florence a patient was submitted to the X-rays, when, to the astonishment of the operators, it was discovered that his heart was on the right side instead of the left. This did not appear to trouble the patient in any way. It may be remembered that Picchianti, the noted scientist, also had his heart on the right side, and that he died at 64 years of age without ever having been seriously ill. Cities in Midair.

The highest villages in Europe having a permanent population are situated in Switzerland, Italy and France. In the order of their altitude they are: Rery, an Italian village, south of the Monte Rosa, at an altitude of 6,990 feet above the sea level; its 120 inhabitants live there summer and winter. Their only connection with the outside world leads through the Beta-Gorca mountain pass, which is sometimes closed up by snow for several weeks at a time; Inf, in the valley of Avers, in Switzerland, at an elevation of 6,930 feet above the sea level; the second; the third highest village in Europe is Trepalle, in the Livigno valley, also in Italy, 6,720 feet above sea level; next comes Averoil, in the French department of Savoy, 6,615 feet above sea level, and Veran, not far from the former, at an altitude of 6,580 feet.

Guessing Her Age.

"You see, it was this way. They were all three so dead in love with her and all so eligible that to settle the matter she agreed to marry the one who should guess the nearest to her age."

"And did she?" "I don't know. I know that she married the one who guessed the lowest."—Pearson's Weekly.

—Antwerp has a six-year-old prodigy named Bruno Steidel, who plays Chopin, Beethoven, Bach and Schubert in public concerts. He has a 4 1/2-year-old brother who plays the violin, and will appear in concerts next winter.

—Advice to the trolley—Lis Ibw. —Chicago Tribune.

THE POPULAR CLERK.

Was Hypnotized into Opening Bottle of Peach Brandy.

A bank clerk in this city, whose last name begins with G, is very popular with his friends, and receives many tokens of their esteem. One such comes in the shape of a substantial bottle of peach brandy, which taken appears at irregular intervals, and hitherto has been always divided among a thirsty crew of brother clerks.

But the last time Mr. G. decided to take the token home and make it a present to his wife for domestic use. He passed the bottle around, it being securely sealed, and allowed the famishing crowd in the bank to feast their eyes on the label. Every man present offered to furnish a corkscrew, but G. remained firm.

"I am going to take this bottle home," he said, "but you know I have always divided with you fellows until now."

Then they simultaneously fell upon a scheme to make him wretched. The wits of the average bank clerk are by no means slow.

"Peach brandy, did you say?" remarked one. "I tasted some once. Ugh! I thought I was poisoned."

"It's the stuff they use to limber up cart wheels," said another.

"They used to call it sudden death in my state," observed a "boy" with gray whiskers.

"The last bottle you had did the business for me, old fellow."

"I wouldn't have the heart to poison a rat with it," chimed in a serious-looking clerk, regarding the bottle with an assumption of horror.

"You really don't mean to take that stuff home to your wife, do you now?" asked the oldest man present.

"Peach b-r-andy!" "Why, amateurs won't drink peach brandy."

"I—I suppose it isn't like the real thing, boys," said G., on whom this concentration of ideas was beginning to have effect. "I know it looks mean for me to—"

"Mean? Oh, no. Not at all. But you see it's only such mild wishy-washy stuff as peach brandy we would dare to drink during business hours. The distress would keep us hustling to get our work done. O-h-h, peach brandy! Throw it out."

"Let me have a corkscrew," said the unfortunate G., and the air bristled with steel, as if a Greek army had invaded the bank.

There followed a spell of soft gurgling, with many ohs and ahs, and subspirations of "Peach brandy O-h-h," and then every man was working away for dear life. G. had been successfully hypnotized.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE GEORGIA GOPHER.

Different Species of Animals Which Bear the Same Name.

From my recent investigation of various species of gopher I have gathered some new and interesting facts. In various states of the union some certain peculiar little animal has been designated and called a gopher, says a writer in the Atlanta Constitution. In Georgia and Florida a small land tortoise bears the name; though Webster defines the Georgia gopher as a snake (coluber coupon), and the Florida gopher is designated as a species of turtle with a shovel nose that burrows in the ground and exists only in high and dry land. How easy it was for Mr. Webster to make the mistake can be better understood when one learns that in Georgia there is a snake (coluber coupon) that dwells in the home of the gopher, and there is gopher grass, too, the favorite food of the gopher of Canada and the states bordering on the great lakes, which is a gray burrowing squirrel that lives in the ground.

In Wisconsin, Missouri and other states a pouched rat of a reddish or chestnut brown color is called a gopher. An animal of the hare species bears the name in some of the Middle Atlantic states. The word gopher is from the French (goufre), meaning waffle or honeycomb. As the various species of gopher burrow holes in the ground, leaving the surface perforated, all animals of that peculiar habit seem to belong to the gopher species. The Georgia and Florida gopher is the only one of the species that exists in a shell and does not bear fur. There is, however, in nearly all the states the peculiar species of tortoise known in Georgia and Florida as the gopher. The Indian word mungofa was applied to this peculiar species of the North American tortoise, and probably the only animal that is truly entitled to the name is the gopher of Georgia and Florida.

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