

BABIES UNDER THE SPOUT.

In Simla They Water the Youngsters to Keep Them Quiet.

The native mothers in the neighborhood of Simla, in India, have a curious practice of putting their babies' heads under a spout of water in order to send the youngsters to sleep and to keep them quiet. When a new car road was made some years ago in the locality mentioned there was a bathing place, where rows of such children might be seen in a grove close to the road.

The water of a hill spring was so adjusted as to furnish a series of little spouts, each about the thickness of one's little finger. Opposite each spout was a kind of earth pillow and a little trough to carry away the water. Each child was so laid that one of the water spouts played on the top of its head, and the water then ran off into the trough.

An English official testifies that the process was most successful. There never were such quiet and untroubled babies as those under the spouts. The people were unanimous in asserting that the water did the children no harm, but that on the contrary, it benefited and invigorated them. In fact, they seemed to think that a child not subjected to this process must grow up soft-brained and of little account.—Harper's Weekly.

ORIGIN OF CINDERELLA.

The Dainty Footed Damsel Who Became a King's Wife.

It has been said, "Not one girl in a thousand knows the origin of the friend of her childhood, Cinderella."

Her real name was Rhodope, and she was a beautiful Egyptian maiden who lived 670 years before the common era and during the reign of one of the twelve kings of Egypt. One day Rhodope ventured to bathe in a clear stream near her home, leaving her shoes, which were very small, lying on a bank. An eagle, passing above, caught sight of the little sandals and, mistaking them for a toothsome tidbit, pounced down and carried off one in its beak.

The bird unwittingly played the part of fairy godmother, for, flying over Memphis, where the king was dispensing justice, it let the shoe fall directly at the king's feet. Its shoe beauty and daintiness immediately attracted the royal eye, and the king determined to know the wearer of so cunning a shoe.

Messengers were sent through all the kingdom in search of the foot that it would fit. Rhodope was finally discovered, the shoe placed on her foot, and she was carried in triumph to Memphis, where she became the queen of King Psammetichus.

Chesterfield's Love Letter.

A famous love letter, cautious and clever, is that written in 1693 by Philip, earl of Chesterfield, to Lady Russell.

"Madam—The dulness of this hot cold season doth afford nothing that is new to divert you; only here is a report that I shall know the truth of, which is that I am extremely in love with you. Pray let me know if it be true or no, since I am certain that no one but yourself can rightly inform me, for if you intend to use me favorably and do think I am in love with you I must certainly am so, but if you intend to receive me coldly and do not believe that I am in love I also am sure that I am not. Therefore let me entreat you to put me out of a doubt which makes the greatest concern of me. Dear madam, your most obedient faithful servant."

"CHESTERFIELD"

Art Is Long Distance.

An American artist walked out of his house, closed the door with unusual care and descended the steps.

In his hand was a satchel containing his paints and brushes and a change of socks.

At the gate he met a bright-eyed, ragged little boy carrying a basket filled with scarlet strawberries, purple dewberries, crimson radishes, and young onions, verdant spinach and glistening lettuce from a huckster's wagon.

"Vegetables?" the boy asked. "Berries?"

"No," replied the artist, brushing past. "I am on my way to sunny Italy to paint water color studies of picturesque peasant children."

And he ran for the boat—Newark News.

New York's First Sidewalk.

The first sidewalk in New York was laid by a woman, Mrs. Samuel Provoost, about 1716. She was an importer and merchant and laid the sidewalk for the convenience of her customers. She had importuned the authorities to do it, but they refused, saying it was impossible. After her object lesson paving and curbing gradually came in, but for some time her sidewalk was so famous that people journeyed even from Philadelphia to see it.

Tombstone Inscriptions.

Three of the commonest tombstone inscriptions are "In the midst of life we are in death," "His end was peace," "He tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." The sentiment of each is comforting and consolatory, but none comes from the Bible.

Good Nature May Be Costly.

"Don't look so glum, Pilkerton. Use cheery words. They cost nothing." "Cost nothing! If I speak ten cheery words to my wife she asks me for some money."

He trespasses against his duty who sleeps upon his watch as well as he that goes over to the enemy.—Burke.

Who Has YOUR Insurance?

The usual answer is: "Darn if I know. I gave a part of it to Jones & Smith, but I understand Jones has sold out," or "I gave a portion of it to Jim Brown and I hear he has about gone out of the business," etc., etc.

Following is a partial list of agencies (fire insurance) started in Mt. Sterling, since the first in 1847 by Wm. Hoffman (Hoffman's Insurance Agency) gone out of business, or changed in some way or other, only one "holding the fort" and under the same styled firm:

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Hoffman's Insurance Agency has been in business since 1847; the chances are it will be in 1947.

Masons Elect Officers.

Mt. Sterling Lodge No. 23, F. & A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: T. P. Sutton, Worshipful Master; C. W. Kirkpatrick, Senior Warden; R. M. French, Junior Warden; W. P. Oldham, Secretary; S. S. Pinney, Treasurer; Thos. J. Tonkin, Senior Deacon; S. M. Newmeyer, Junior Deacon; J. H. Brunner, Tyler.

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MONTGOMERY CIRCUIT COURT

Kate H. Gatewood and others, - Piffs. vs. Notice of Commissioner's Sittings. Jennol Gatewood, &c., - Dfts.

Notice is hereby given that I will begin my sittings in the above styled case at my office, in Mt. Sterling, Ky., on Tuesday, January 14, 1913, and will close the same on January 15, 1913.

All persons having claims against the estate of J. R. Gatewood, deceased, are hereby notified to present same to me, within said time, properly proven.

JOHN A. JUDY, 26-3 Master Commissioner M. C. C.

Commissioner's Sittings

MONTGOMERY CIRCUIT COURT

A. S. Hart, Committee of - Piffs. W. T. Fitzpatrick, &c., - vs. Notice of Commissioner's Sittings. W. T. Fitzpatrick, &c., - Dfts.

Notice is hereby given that I will begin my sittings in the above styled case at my office, in Mt. Sterling, Ky., on the 8th day of January, 1913, and will close the same on the 19th day January, 1913.

All persons having claims against the estate of W. T. Fitzpatrick are hereby notified to present the same to me, properly proven, within said time.

JOHN A. JUDY, 25-3 Master Commissioner M. C. C.

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BOYS WHO DID BIG THINGS.

Many of the World's Great Men Won Fame in Their Youth.

Some of the greatest achievements in the world have been made by youth, and it will always be so in human history. David, the sweet singer of Israel, was a shepherd, a poet and a general before he was twenty and a king at the age of eighteen. Raphael had practically completed his life work at the age of thirty-seven. He did no great artistic work after that age. James Watt, even as a boy, as he watched the steam coming out of the teakettle, saw in it the new world of mechanical power made possible by the old element turned and driven by a simple appliance.

Cortez was master of Mexico before he was thirty-six. Schubert died at the age of thirty-one after having composed what may perhaps be called in some ways the most entrancing melody ever written. Charlemagne was master of France and the greatest emperor of the world at the age of thirty. Shelley wrote "Queen Mab" when he was only twenty-one and was a master of poetry before he was twenty-five.

Patrick Henry was able to shape the revolutionary history of a new country before he was thirty and astonished the world by his oratory before he was twenty-six years old. At the age of twenty-four Ruskin had written "Modern Painters," and Bryant, while still a boy of high school age, had written "Thanatopsis." Robert Burns wrote some of his greatest songs while he was a plowboy.—London Answers.

MADE THE CLERKS WORK.

A Senator Wanted Information and Found a Way to Get It.

"Congress makes lots of unnecessary trouble for the government clerks," said a veteran employee, "but the worst case I know of occurred some years ago. A certain senator asked the comptroller of the currency to tell him how much stock a certain man had in a national bank. He was informed that such information was regarded as confidential and could not be given out.

"We'll see about that," said the senator, who was plainly disappointed and displeased.

"Several days later he secured the passage of a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury to furnish the senate with the names and holdings of the stockholders in all the national banks in the country. He really wanted to know only the interest of one man in a bank, but he knew that he couldn't get a resolution of that kind through the senate, so he included the stockholders in all national banks.

"It took the entire force of the comptroller's office several weeks to prepare the information, and when it reached the senate nobody paid any attention to it except the author of the resolution, and he merely looked at the mass of papers only long enough to see about the man he was after and then tossed the papers aside. It was an immense lot of work for nothing."—Washington Star.

A Wonderful Toy.

Perhaps the most wonderful toy in the world is owned by a Russian prince, who lavished a fortune of \$50,000 on a mechanical theater. The stage is fitted up with every accessory in the shape of scenery and machinery that modern skill has devised, and the actors are figures as large as life, all dressed as sumptuously and appropriately as their living prototypes. The prince's repertoire covers almost all the most popular operas, and it is only necessary to press a button to set the whole marvelous machinery in motion. The actors make their entry on the stage and play their varied parts with appropriate gesture, while a number of phonographs supply the vocal parts in the voices of the leading operatic singers.

An Island City.

Greater New York consists of forty-five islands. It might be called the Island City. Read the names of some of the larger: Manhattan Island, Long Island, Staten Island, Hart's Island, City Island, Riker's Island, North Brother Island, South Island, Blackwell's Island, Randall's Island, Ward's Island, Berrian's Island, Governors Island, Flarren Island and Coney Island. Many small ones in Jamaica bay have large names. One inland Island, Marble Hill, near Kingsbridge, has been made by the government channel cut through on the Harlem river improvements.

Human Nature.

"Why is it," asked the curious guest, "that poor men usually give larger tips than rich men?"

"Well, sub," said the waiter, who was something of a philosopher as well, "looks to me like de po' man don't want nobody to find out he's po' and de rich man don't want nobody to find out he's rich."—Exchange.

More Substantial.

"You didn't waste your time building castles in the air?" "No," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "I constructed corporations out of water."—Washington Star.

Pretty Poor Singers.

"Why doesn't your wife sing to the baby when it cries?" "We've found out that the neighbors would rather listen to the baby."—Mother's Journal.

A Great Plant.

"What do you think will finally be selected as our national plant?" "Well, it is dollars to dimes it will be the mint."—Baltimore American.

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ROOT COTTON FOUND IN ORIENT.

An interesting new tropical product is the "root cotton," described by S. Kusano, a Japanese botanist. It is a fibrous covering of the roots of Fagara integrifolia, an abundant plant of the Philippines, and especially of Botel Tobago, an island near Formosa. The substance seems to be a kind of cork tissue, resembling the ordinary cork developed on the bark of trees. The fibers, of light straw color and silky luster, are very fine, soft, and weak, and are easily pulverized to a waxy powder. They are less hygroscopic than ordinary cotton, having remarkable resistance to wetting by water. In Botel Tobago the natives use the root cotton for caulking boats, and in the Philippines it is employed for such purposes as stuffing pillows. Not least of the advantages of this material is the fact that it can be removed without injury to the roots, thus making cultivation simple.

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THE IDEA.

"Why do they put so many plank in a political platform, dear?" "I guess it's just to lumber things up."

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