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And after night comes the morning cheer,  
Then bide a wee, and dinna fret.

The clouds have silver lining,  
Don't forget;  
And though he's hidden, still the sun is shining;  
Courage! Instead of tears and vain repining,  
Just bide a wee, and dinna fret.

With toll and cares unending  
Art best?  
Bethink thee, how the storms from Heaven do  
Sweep the stiff oak, but spare the willow bowing.  
And bide a wee, and dinna fret.

Grief sharper stings doth sorrow  
From regret;  
But yesterday is gone, and shall its sorrow  
Usk us for the present and the morrow?  
Nay, bide a wee, and dinna fret.

An over-anxious brooding  
Doth begot  
A host of fears and fancies detaching;  
Then, brother, lest these torments be intruding,  
Just bide a wee, and dinna fret.  
—Carolina Nelson.

MEN WITH QUICK MINDS.

They Find It Pays to Possess a Good Memory

Women Who Are Just as Keen-Minded as Men—Training the Memory—Notable Instances That Are on Record.

"I don't remember!"  
There are few exclamations more often made by ordinary persons than this one.

The business of calculating and of training the memory is now being carried on in New York by a large number of persons, who are positively gaining money from their profession. There are several professors in New York overruled with pupils who wish to improve defective memories and who are willing to pay the person who will supply the method. Each of these professors has a system of his own, and each of them savagely insist that his is the only sure system.

Phil Armour, the great Chicago pork packer, is said to have remarked that a good memory is necessary to one who wishes to succeed. This is, perhaps, a trifle strong and yet there is no lack of evidence to support the statement. Armour, himself, is an example of what a good memory can do. He is as wonderful in his time as Cardinal Mezzofanti was in his. He is said to carry the smallest detail of his immense business in his head. He can remember the date as well as the sum of small business transactions. He knows the names of pretty nearly all of his army of employes. After the building of the addition to his great establishment in Chicago he astonished a circle of friends by rattling off-hand the number of bricks, car-loads of sand, feet of timber, etc., etc., that were used in the construction. Armour's gift is a natural one. He has never cultivated it, but the demands of his business have unquestionably kept his powers of memory in active training.

"Old Hutch," as the imperturbable Chicago wheat manipulator is called, is another man gifted with an extraordinary memory. He needs no books to carry his transactions in, although, of course, he uses them. With him, too, retentiveness is a natural gift. He remembers every thing that he wants to remember, but says frankly he doesn't know how he does it. He also possesses the gift of not remembering things he does not wish to remember. But then that gift is rare.

In another line of business is John Stetson, the famous theatrical manager. Many funny stories are told at the expense of the bluff Bostonian, but that he is one of the most successful men in his line of business can not be disputed. He runs a newspaper, and always has a few theaters or theatrical companies on his hands, and there is no one who can quicker tell a good thing when he sees it, or make better use of it than John Stetson. It is said that if he were to burn his books he could carry on his business without them. This is too much to believe, of course, but certainly it is true that pretty nearly every detail of his business is carried in his memory, and that he is able to carry it in sometimes of vast assistance to him.

The professional memory men say that among public men and speakers for great all-round retentiveness Hon. James G. Blaine leads all the rest, for he can not only remember dates, figures and authorities when debating, but in addition he has a facility for remembering names and faces that is little short of marvellous, and many are the stories told of his exploits in this line.

In the domain of figures Samuel J. Randall, when well, stood almost pre-eminent. His long service on those committees in Congress that controlled the finances of the nation gave him an immense knowledge of such matters, which he retained without an effort. It was no uncommon thing for him to make long speeches without using figures. He would refer to a number of

then into fractions of a cent without tripping, as most men, however able, would have done. It was the same faculty that made Gladstone so successful a Chancellor of the English Exchequer.

Roscoe Conkling was a man of wonderful memory. Whether dealing in figures, in legal argument, or quoting from the early English poets, he called forth seemingly without effort and without previous thought the right thing at the right time.

Congressman Sam Cox has also a remarkable memory, especially for things literary, and this has stood him in good stead in debate in Congress, for his opponents never know to double the genial jester is about to double them up with something from Shakespeare, the Koran, Bobby Burns, the Bible or some old hymn-book. It is his memory and his wise study that enable him to successfully compete in a running impromptu debate. It is charged that his memory trips sometimes. In the fishery debate last winter he ran in this queer verse:

Ye monsters of the briny deep,  
Your Master's name praise;  
Up from the sands ye codlings creep,  
And wag your tail always.

Some one interested in the verse looked it up and found it in an old English hymn-book, but insisted that the following was the correct copy:

Ye monsters of the briny deep,  
Your Master's praises shout,  
Up from the sands ye codlings creep,  
And wag your tail is about!

There was a row over it, and which was the best and most correct version has not been settled. So Cox's memory may have been all right.

Chauncey M. Dopey has a retentive mind. Bourke Cockran surprised even the staid judge of the court of appeals by the gibbness with which he rattled off former decisions and arguments when arguing in the Jacob Sharp case, and almost without notes and at comparatively short notice. Joseph H. Choate, ex-Attorney-General Russell, Elihu Root, John E. Parsons are other lawyers who possess wonderful memories that have been improved by constant training.

Henry George can quote political economy of the past and present by the yard without reference to their books, and his one-time friend, Dr. McGlynn, has an almost equally good memory. Dr. Talmage goes around continually with a few sermons, a lecture or two, and probably a magazine article in his head; but his memory is such that he stores each away in some subdivision, and they come out all right.

These men frankly admit that a good memory is invaluable.

Among actors a retentive memory is necessary or a "good study," as the veteran assistant secretary of the Actors' Fund, Ben Baker, has it. But it is not so necessary now in the time of combination, when the same company plays the same piece for a season. In the old days of stock companies when it was common to present a farce, a comedy and a tragedy all in one night, and to change the bill nightly, a good memory was an absolute necessity. No actor can succeed without it, for it is no uncommon thing for a play to be put on at a few hours' notice.

Lester Wallack, in his recollections of the stage, attributes much of his success to the fact that he possessed a remarkable memory.

E. L. Davenport had a marvelous degree of retentiveness and Fanny Davenport has inherited the gift. John E. Swift, who, after Forrest, was the greatest actor who ever trod the boards, possessed the same faculty; so did John Henderson, one of the favorite tragedians of the Old Bowery; so did William E. Burton, the great comedian; and so did John McCullough before his memory gave way, and so did Frank Barry, who is still above, but who has fallen out of sight of theater goers. Of the actors still on the boards, nearly all those who were trained in the old school have carefully trained memories capable of obeying any reasonable call upon them. Edwin Booth was known as a "great study," but as he now plays the same parts continuously he has no need to exercise his ability in this direction. His partner, Lawrence Barrett, enjoys the same reputation. So does that old-time tragedienne, Mrs. D. F. Bowers; so does that veteran, J. E. Studley, who has played every thing from *Bella to melodrama*; so has Mary Anderson. So have John Gilbert, Miles Lovell, Mrs. John Ross, J. E. Wheeler, Mrs. John Drew, whose Mrs. Malaprop is even now delighting our people. Joe Jefferson was in his day called a "great study" by his fellow actors, and Mrs. Boucicault had a similar reputation. There are any number of younger actors who possess the same faculty that was so useful to the older members of their profession, but they are not called upon to exercise it owing to the long runs of plays, which give them ample opportunities to prepare for a new play before they are through with the old.

memory is valuable. There is a head waiter in an up-town hotel who can carry a score of complicated orders in his head at one time, and he has never been known to make a mistake in carrying them into execution. There is a laundryman in Brooklyn, a Scotchman, who does a large business, and who has never adopted the check system in vogue with Chinese laundrymen. He relies entirely upon his memory, and yet makes no mistakes. He claims to have no private mark, and never gives his customers any mark. How he does it no one knows. He says he doesn't know himself.

Instances of the possession of this gift might be multiplied. Those cited, however, are enough to show that a good memory is a good thing to possess.—N. Y. Mail and Express.

—Marie Henriette, Queen of the Belgians, has started a magazine called *La Jeune Fille*. The Queen and her daughter Clementine are the editors, while the Queen of Roumania will write a poem for each number, and it is expected that the Crown Princess Stephanie, of Austria, will do the pictures.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—A Mormon church has been discovered in Brooklyn, but there is no polygamous doctrine taught in it.

—It is reported from Yale College that there has been a notable decrease in smoking there during the last six years. A year ago nineteen per cent. of the freshmen used tobacco; this year the ratio is down to sixteen per cent.

—The worst kind of a church member is that one who is always out of sorts with his pastor. A small hornet can spoil a good-sized camp-meeting, and a disgruntled member can overthrow the work of a church.—Hartford Religious Herald.

—A medical missionary society has been in successful operation in New York for seven years. The society is unsectarian, as is evidenced by the fact that the forty-three students in training during 1887 belonged to nine different denominations.

—When Mr. Moody was in London a number of young men were commissioned to follow up the converts and see that they remained true to their profession. Two of the committee were at the Bible school, and said that they got the names of 45,000 converts made in London.

—In the interest of both parents and children, we protest against the cramming system in our public schools. If matters were rightly managed, all the study might be confined to school-hours, and our boys and girls might have the balance of the day for rest or play, or other employment, which would change if it did not entirely relieve the strain.—Christian Standard.

—The Methodist Book Concern will be a century old next year, and will celebrate the event by the opening of an imposing structure of brick and granite now going up at Twentieth street and Fifth avenue, New York. The building and grounds will cost \$1,000,000, and the intention is to make it the finest publishing house in the country. The institution, backed by the Methodist Episcopal church, has during the hundred years of its existence expended some \$2,000,000 in charities.

—Yale College in 1795 had but four or five students who were church members; to-day nearly one-half hold such membership. Princeton in 1813 had but two or three openly professing the Christian faith; to-day about one-half, and among them the best scholars. In Williams College 147 out of 248, and in Amherst 225 out of 352 are members of churches. In many other colleges, as proved by Dr. Hodga, from whose carefully-prepared tables these figures are taken, the proportions are still more favorable to the prospects of religion.—Archdeacon Mackay-Smith, in *Harger's Magazine*.

THE EXTENT OF ILLITERACY.

A census of the illiterate in the various countries of the world, recently published in the *Statistische Monatschrift*, places the three Slav States of Rumania, Servia and Bosnia at the head of the list, with about 80 per cent. of the population unable to read and write. Of the Latin-speaking races, Spain heads the list with 65 per cent., followed by Italy with 48 per cent., France and Belgium having about 15 per cent. The illiterate in Hungary number 46 per cent., in Austria 25, and in Ireland 25. In England they are 15 per cent., in Scotland 10 per cent., in the United States (white population) 8 per cent., and in Scotland 7 per cent. Among the purely Teutonic States there is a marked reduction in the percentage of illiterates. The highest is in Switzerland, 2.5; in the whole German Empire it is but 1 per cent.; while in Sweden, Denmark, Bavaria, Baden and Wurttemberg there is practically no one who can not read and write.

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