

MIND IN CHILDHOOD.

A MYSTERY WHICH IS BEYOND ORDINARY PHILOSOPHY.

Leading Childish Characteristics—Sensitiveness to Impressions—A Period of Great Mental Activity—Father and Mother—Astonishing Questions.

The late Bronson Alcott had many unwholesome ideas that made him offensively eccentric, but his reverence for children did a great deal to redeem his character...

Of all the childish characteristics the most impressive is wonder—wonder at everything; at the trees and flowers, at the clouds, the sun, the moon and the stars...

The mind in childhood is sensitive to all impressions—peculiarly sensitive to lack of application or to ridicule. It demands sympathy as well as knowledge. There is no commonplace for it.

Fathers generally know almost nothing of their children because of lack of sympathy with them. The masculine mind in the full grown man is nearly always commonplace.

To retain the mind of childhood through life is a happiness that falls to few—the few great geniuses. In one way or another the childish reason is lost.

Napoleon at St. Helena. The Listener, years ago, knew a sea captain, one of that fine type of knights of the sea that has become extinct along with the American carrying trade.

But Yankee perseverance is not easily baffled. The captain in his rambles had discovered a point of view commanding Napoleon's favorite promenade.

Mexican Railroad History. The Mexican exhibits at the Paris exposition will be a work of several volumes in English, French, Spanish and German.

AN INDEPENDENT CAREER.

One Secret of Power—Webster on "Inspiration"—Law of Success.

Every one, in beginning his independent career, has to consult two things: (1) his natural ambition; (2) his ability. Now, he may have considerable taste in some direction, but be unable to get the drill and practice necessary to eminence in that line.

It is often said that Roscoe Conkling's power over a crowd of listeners is incomprehensible. I know that he was incomprehensible to me until I watched and found the secret of his power.

Probably men of the Webster type never are inspired in a better way than to make good preparation. To make a good editor must begin at the bottom and climb. Dickens said of novel writing: "I do not believe it possible that any natural or improved ability can claim immunity from the companionship of the steady, plain, hard working qualities."

Old Persian Wine Jars.

I arrived in Persia in the middle of the grape season, and shortly after reaching Teheran became an interested spectator of the process of making wine there.

"No," said N—, "they are wine jars, regular old Persian wine jars, that were in use 2,000 years ago."

The Mohammedan injunction against the making and drinking of intoxicants has had the effect of making sad hypocrites of three-fourths of the upper class of Persians.

Flour Dust Dangerous.

The Milling World reminds millers of the oft-proved fact that flour dust is a dangerously explosive material. Beware, says the editor, of lights thrust or carried into bins or rooms filled with dust laden air.

Superstition of Sporting Men.

A superstition among sporting men—there are still a few of that ilk in Chicago, though the ranks have been greatly decimated under the vigorous anti-gambling crusade of the authorities—is that it brings bad luck to ride in a street car alone.

A Formidable Fish.

There is found in the streams of California what is called the dog or bull salmon. These fish possess formidable weapons in their teeth, which on the lower jaw have a strong and backward curve, capable of inflicting severe wounds by tearing the flesh of an antagonist.

THE WEE SMA' HOURS.

PEOPLE ENCOUNTERED ON A SURFACE CAR AT 2 IN THE MORNING.

A Conductor Chats with an Enterprising Reporter—Some Experiences—Country Cousins and Drunken Outcasts Who Utilize Street Cars as Lodging Houses.

Probably but few of the units that compose the throngs daily overcrowding the surface and elevated cars of New York's local transit system ever pause to reflect upon the persons who occupy their vacant places during the long hours of the night when, with the majority, they invoke the refreshing influence of Morpheus.

They are of all sorts and conditions, ranging from men of culture, intellect and refinement—such as those who dribble one by one out of the huge newspaper offices from midnight until the first glimmerings of dawn—to the homeless little newsboys, who haunt the vicinity of Park row and play pitch and toss in front of the city hall, while the greater world around is buried in sleep.

A reporter recently rode on a Third Avenue car from the city hall to Twenty-third street. One of the occupants of the car, other than the reporter, was a frowny looking object, huddled close to the stove, wearing a slouched hat, riddled with holes, pulled closely over its face; a threadbare coat, tightly buttoned over its shirtless chest, and a pair of trousers well calculated to excite the derision of any respectable scarecrow.

A PASSENGER NOT WANTED.

Here the brake was applied in answer to a hail from a woman leaning against one of the "L" road pillars. As she loosed her hold on the pillar and approached the car the miserable creature betrayed her condition. She staggered blindly against the platform guard and ejaculated a tipsy oath, but the conductor snatched at the bell strap and signalled the driver to proceed, while with the other hand he gently pushed the would-be passenger against her friendly pillar, at which she clutched just in time to save a fall.

"You must see some strange sights and some queer people during your night trips," the reporter suggested, and the conductor smiled slightly as he replied in the affirmative. "You would be surprised if you knew what a number of 'lodgers' we get," he said.

At this point in the conversation the conductor jerked the bell strap and stopped the car to take on three loudly dressed, coarse looking women, who ostentatiously displayed their saucy and the huge diamonds on their fat red hands. They only rode a few blocks, and after they had alighted the conductor volunteered the information that they were connected with a "museum" and the adjoining saloon.

GOING HOME FROM THE BALL.

By this time we had reached some popular assembly rooms, where it was evident that a ball was in progress. Several devotees of Terpsichore climbed on to the platform. The first party consisted of a respectable German, apparently a mechanic; his wife, a heavy looking blonde, and a pert child, 10 years of age. They were followed by two couples of freshly attired youths and young girls, and a stout elderly man accompanied by a fussy looking young fellow and two women, attired in gaudy juvenile costumes, who might be any age between 30 and 50.

Poleons in Bottle Steppers.

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A WASHINGTON CHIROPODIST.

Tells About the Various Presidents Who, He Says, Have Sat in His Chair.

There is an old chiropodist in Washington who has doctored the corns of all the great men in the country for the last third of a century. I asked him the other day how many presidents had sat in his chair.

"I never had much to do with Johnson, and never treated him but once. I was a member of, when he came to the office, and he had very good feet. They were quite small for a man of his build, and he had little trouble with them."

How One Woman Makes Money.

A clever young woman is building up a business of some novel character in New York and Brooklyn. Travelling agents have long made a good thing out of antique furniture picked up on excursions in the wilds of rural New Hampshire or Connecticut, inducing farmers' wives to ransack their attics and bring out mirrors that only wanted regrinding, or brass handled chests of drawers in want of nothing but polish and varnish to fetch round sums from modern worshippers of bric-a-brac goods.

The Persian on Horseback.

It is strange that, although the Persians are all horsemen, they do not know how to ride, using the term in our sense. They will canter or gallop all day long without visible discomfort, but they will sit on their animals like monkeys, with their knees drawn up and with their reins clutched tight, and will fall off on the slightest provocation.

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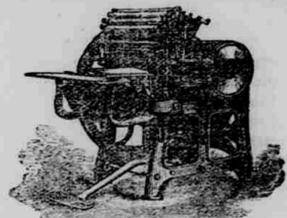
Will be one during which the subjects of national interest and importance will be strongly agitated and the election of a President will take place. The people of Cass County who would like to learn of

Political, Commercial and Social Transactions of this year and would keep pace with the times should

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