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The Manner In Which Wordsworth Was Regarded by His Neighbors.

The worthies of Wordsworth's village in the lake country of England had their own ideas of his value as a man and a poet. When questioned after his death as to his personality they readily admitted that he was kind to those who were in sickness or need. They could count on him on a pinch. But he did not hobnob with his neighbors.

"He did not notice them much," said an old man in answer to questions asked by the author of "Lake Country Sketches."

"A Jem Crow and an auld blue cloak was his rig," continued the old man. "And as for his habits, he had noan. Niver knew him with a pot i' his hand or a pipe i' his mouth."

After deep probing the author brought out:

"Yes; Wordsworth was fond of a good dinner at times if you could get him to it. That was the job."

Then the poet's aloofness was again touched upon.

"He was forever pacing the roads and his own garden walks and always composing poetry. He was ter'ble throng in visitors and folks ye mun ken at times, but if he could get awa' fra them a spell he was out upon his walk.

"And then he would set his head a bit forrad and put his hands behint his back. And then he would start a-bumming, and it was bum, bum, bum, and go on bumming for long enough right down and back again. I suppose, ye ken, the bumming helped him out a bit."

Not a Good Looker.

From the mountains of Camden, Me., comes a story of a Philadelphia merchant who has a summer cottage in that village and who wished to exchange a lively horse which he owned with a French Canadian who had a more gentle animal, which women and children could drive. The Frenchman was willing to trade, but for some reason insisted upon repeating to the visitor that the local horse did not "look" as well as the one belonging to the Philadelphia man.

An exchange satisfactory to both parties was eventually made, and the first time the visitor's wife took the new horse out for a drive she discovered that the beast was as blind as a mole. A few days later, when the rusticator met the Frenchman, he said:

"See here, you rascal! That horse you swapped with me for mine was stone blind. Why didn't you tell me of it at the time?"

"Ah'm bin try tell you all Ah'm bin know how fer to tell. Ah'm bin say my horse was no look lak you horse—say so seex, nine tams. Ah'm no bin blam' eef you no hear me."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Trees Shaped by the Wind.

The effect of wind upon trees is powerful. Even the presence or absence of forests may be determined by the character of the prevailing wind or the conditions that modify it. The wind acts as a drying agent, giving a special aspect to many plants. When it is almost always from the same quarter the plants show greater development upon one side. Trees are smaller on the windward edges of forests, and trunks and branches are bent to leeward. The deformations are most marked near the sea or in flat regions. The cherry, plum, walnut, black poplar, ash and certain pines are very sensitive to the wind, but mountain pines and certain firs offer great powers of resistance, and these are recommended for reforesting wind swept lands.

History Made Palatable.

Joseph Salvador, the French historian, and Jules Sandeau, a novelist, made their meeting at a public reception the occasion for a dispute as to the respective places which they occupied in the world of letters.

"The reading of history is like a pill—it needs the sugar coating to make it palatable," argued the novelist.

"Ah, but it is the ingredient which cures, not the coating," remarked the historian.

"Then let us divide honors," said Sandeau, "for if it were not for my sugar coating your historical facts would dry on the shelves."

The Duration of a Dream.

One evening Victor Hugo was dictating letters to his secretary. Overcome by fatigue, the great man dropped into a slumber. A few moments afterward he awoke, haunted by a dream which, as he thought, had extended over several hours, and he blamed his secretary for sitting there waiting for him instead of wakening him or else going away. What was his surprise when the bewildered secretary told him that he had only just finished writing the last sentence dictated to him.

A Striking Simile.

Old Employee—You know as well as I do that I have been as faithful as clockwork in your employ.

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Classifying Him.

"Yes, ma'am," said the peddler, "this here hair tonic will raise hair on a billiard ball."

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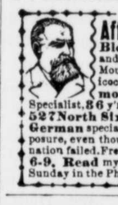

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