Kent News.

SATURDAY.....MARCH 21, 1891

SMALL BOY WITH A GREAT HEAD.

Only Eight Years Old and yet a Cyclopedia of Things.

Aurora is the home of a small boy not quite 8 years old who can perform feats of memory that would have staggered Mnemosyne herself. With unconscious ease he goes through complicated tasks of memory that a perfect master of the most elaborate system of mnemonics might well shrink from. The particular line in which his peculiar faculty is developed is in the memory of figures. Apparently any combination of figures to almost any length he is able to fasten in his mind without special effort, and to repeat weeks afterward without having given them any attention in the mean time. A favorite amusement of the lad is to watch a train of cars pass by, and after the single look at the number of each he will repeat the list of car numbers backward or forward in perfect order.

Howard Zimmers is this lad's name. He is the son of a coal merchant. The boy's greeting to the Tribune's man gave a characteristic illustration of his faculty.

"Know this gentleman?" the father asked the boy.

The boy left a pile of blocks from which he was building a twenty-storied Masonic temple and answered the question with a negative shake of the head.

"You know where Mr. Blank used to live?" the father asked. The boy remembered the house, which is a long distance from his own. He had never been there except to pass by in a buggy, nor had his attention been specially called to it.

"What is the number of that house?"

After a moment's thought the answer came, "No. 122."

"Now the gentleman lives in the house next south of that," said the father. "What is the number of his house?"

"No. 126."

The boy was right with both numbers. The numbers on the adjoining houses skipped one between those two houses. He knew those numbers just as he knew the numbers of the whole street. He had never made any effort to remember them, but remembered them simply because he had seen them. The boy was asked the number of buildings all about the town, and in no case did he fail to give the correct number.

While the child went back to the building of his twenty-storied Masonic temple his father told some interesting things about him.

"We noticed that Howard had an unusual memory when he was not over two years old," he said. "I think the first occurrence that attracted our attention was when we got some of the small story books that are made for young children for him.

"After he had heard the stories two or three times he would pretend to read from the books himself, and not only would repeat long stories without the mistake of a word, but would turn the page at exactly the right word, though he did not know a letter of the alphabet.

"We never thought there was anything especially remarkable in that. As the boy grew older I used to take him occasionally with me to my office, and he took great delight in seeing the trains of cars go by the window. He soon began to repeat the numbers of the cars, and the faculty of remembering the numbers that he sees that way has developed to what some think an astonishing point. He will not only remember the numbers of each car in a long train, but he will keep them in perfect order and remember the initial letters in the names of the railroad company that each car belonged to."

The boy was called to give an illustration of his remarkable faculty in that direction and he reeled off long lists of car numbers from memory as a car accountant would read from his record. The numbers did not come glibly in any parrot-like fashion. There seemed to be some rather complicated mental process by which the proper numbers were arrived at, but the boy could offer no explanation of it. He "just remembered, that is all." He would repeat the lists of numbers forward or backward, and if any number was given him he would tell the number of the car in front and behind it.

A few days ago he extended his visit from his father's office to the telegraph operator in the switchman's tower house. After an hour spent there he had perfectly mastered the telegraph alphabet. With a button hook fished out of a pocket that contained the usual varied assortment that a boy's pocket is apt to be filled with, he improvised on the windowsill a telegraph key, and would tap off the dots and dashes for any letter called for with the accuracy of an old operator.

The boy's faculty for remembering figures has been turned to more useful account than the memorizing of long lists of car numbers, however. While his parents have made no effort at all to induce him to memorize anything—in fact, rather discouraged it—he has of his own accord in his reading picked up and fixed in his mind a vast number of such facts as everyone goes to the cyclopedia for. In geography he will tell the area in square miles and the population of about all the countries of the world, a collection of figures alone which it is doubtful if another person has at his tongue's end. Astronomy has furnished this 8-year old lad a field in which his power of memory is run riot. Astronomical statistics he can talk off as an ordinary child would prattle about his playthings.

"On Neptune a year is 60,127 days long. Wouldn't that seem funny?" he said. "I don't want to go there. When I move away from here I'm going to Mercury. They have a year there every 87.9693 days. Just think of that, a Christmas every 88 days," and the 8-year-old looked at the small pile of blocks he had left with which to complete that twenty-storied Masonic temple, and seemed to think that another Christmas, with a further supply of building material in the shape of more blocks, was absolutely necessary.

Another peculiarity of this boy's mind is the way in which he will arrive at arithmetical conclusions without apparently going through any process of calculating to get there. If one tells the day and year of his birth to the lad, for instance he will immediately tell you how old you are. What is more he will remember it. He has as much information of that kind stored away as there is in the family record pages of the neighborhood Bibles.

No effort has been made to develop this faculty of arithmetical calculation the boy's parents preferring rather to restrain him from anything that would seem like a mental tax. His memorizing of figures purely a pastime. While at play he rattles off long lists of figures and statistics the child would prattle fairy tales. His power of arithmetical calculation develops quite probable, it is not unlikely that this lad, with the aid of his memory, will become a mental

Rheumatism in Horses.

Editor of the Times:

I am informed of the prevalence to some extent among the horses in Charles county of a disease which, from the symptoms as I have learned them, appears to be rheumatism. Thinking it may be of some benefit to the poeple, I enclose the following points in regard to the causes, symptoms and treatment of that disease, which I hope you will find room for in THE TIMES:

RHEUMATISM.

This is a far more common disease than has generally been supposed. It is quite common in old horses and in young ones that have been exposed or over-worked. Cold and damp, and exposure to draughts of cold air when heated, or during and after service effort of work, are among the most common causes.

SYMPTOMS.

It usually begins with a shivering chill, hot skin and mouth; the horse becomes lame and stiff all over, and several joints seem affected at once, so that he cannot move from the first, or else it soon becomes confined to one joint or leg; the joint or limb becomes very hot and exceedingly painful; the pulse is quicker at one time than another or stops now and then for a moment or two; the breathing is quick and sweats break out and the animal becomes weak. When the disease attacks the fore leg farries call it "chest founder" and when it attacks the loin the back is raised and belly tucked up, and it is known as "loin bound." Rheumation not unfrequently shifts from one place to another, especially if the animal is exposed to wet and cold.

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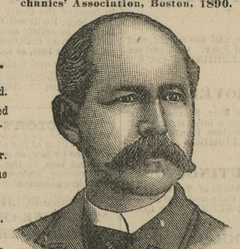

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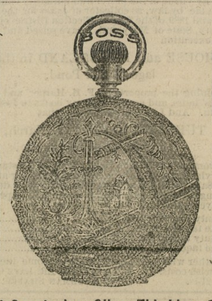

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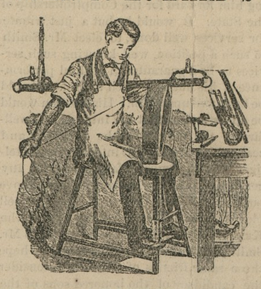
Very respectfully,

M. A. TOULSON.

JOHN F. HOWARD'S



NEW HARNESS STORE

YOU will always find on hand a full line of Fine, Hand-Made Double and Single Harness. All kinds of Farm Harness made to order. We keep all kinds of

HORSE COLLARS, BRIDLES, WHIPS HORSE BOOTS, FLY NETS AND BRUSHES.

Also, all kinds of strap work on hand, and every thing kept in season. That is usually kept in a first class harness shop. Repairing neatly and promptly done. Thankful for past patronage we remain yours respectfully, JOHN F. HOWARD.

fe19. Court St., Chestertown

Presents! Presents!

LARGE COLLECTION OF VERY DESIRABLE GOODS FOR PRESENTS, IN FINE

JEWELRY--WATCHES--DIAMONDS,

AND FANCY GOODS.

LOWEST PRICES!

J. S. MacDONALD,

d14. Nos. 6 and 8 N. Charles St., Balto., Md.

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"Hello, Where's Bill Thompson?"

WHY, I'VE MOVED

INTO my NEW STORE, directly opposite to where I have been for the last eleven years, and would be pleased to have you all come and see me. I shall try to keep as usual a full stock of

Groceries, Provisions, Boots and Shoes,

Hats and Caps, Domestic Dry Goods,

Tinware, Queensware, Hardware, &c.

all of which will be sold at close bargains. We make a specialty of

BOOTS and SHOES

and would mention a few of our leaders: 1st, That Lady's Kid Front, Glove Kid Top, Worked Buttonhole Shoe, at $1.75, have sold 1,400 pair of them in a little over three years, and every lady that buys one pair of them wants them again. 2d, A Man's Solid (guaranteed) Plow Shoe at $1.00, same as is sold elsewhere for $1.25. 3d, A Lady's Good Lace or Buttoned Shoe for $1.00. 4th, Our Double Upper, 22-Inch Leg Oyster Boot at $2.75 a pair.

Lime, Hair and Whitewash Brushes.

We are selling the W. J. Lime, which is said by both masons and carpenters to slake at least one-fourth more than other limes.

FLOUR! FLOUR! FLOUR!

We have also Lea's and Gambrill's brands of Flour by the pound, bag and barrel, but please bear in mind that we sell Flour by the Barrel for cash only.

Our aim is to keep a little of everything and while we do not expect or wish to sell all the goods that is sold in Chestertown we would like to sell a small share of them. Thanking you all for past favors and patronage we only ask a continuance of the same.

s8. Resp'y, &c., WM. C. A. THOMPSON.

PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL

ABSOLUTELY SAFE!

PERFECTLY ODERLESS!

Burns in any Lamp without danger of Exploding or taking fire. See that you get the genuine. For sale by

Baltimore United Oil Company, Balto., Md.

ARE YOUR GRAPES PERI[illegible]CT?

WE T[illegible] K NOT.

Probably Black Rot or other grape dise[illegible] affect them. If so, you can prevent this troub[illegible]sing

POWELL'S COPP[illegible]DINE

(*Ammoniated Sol. Carbon[illegible]er.*)

as recommended by the U. S. Dep[illegible]nt of Agriculture. Put up in quart cans. P[illegible] cts, a can. Mixed with plain water, makes 22[illegible]s of wash. *Write for circular.* Druggists and gen[illegible]ers sell it.

W. S. POWELL & CO., Ches[illegible] Baltimore, Md.

FULL line of UNDERWEAR for M[illegible] and Children, just received and as lo[illegible]st. Give me a call and I will convince y[illegible]

n8. WM. R. [illegible]

Chester River Steamboat Company.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

MONDAY, Nov. 17, 1890,

Steamer EMMA A. FORD

Will leave Chestertown on and after, Monday October 13, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays a 8 A. M., for Baltimore, stopping at Rolph's, Booker's Quaker Neck, Eastern Neck, Queenstown, Ken Island and intermediate landings on Chester river arriving in Baltimore at 1 P. M.

RETURNING will leave Pier 7 Light Street What at 11 A. M., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, fo, Chestertown and intermediate landings.

Steamer GRATITUDE

of the Centreville and Corsica River Company will leave Centreville at 8 A. M. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Will leave Jackson Creek at 9.15 A. M., and Rock Hall at 10.30 A. M. Returning, will leave Pier 7 Light street wharf at 11 A. M. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The United States Express Company Service on board both steamers, affording patrons an opportunity of making through shipments to all points in the United States without delay.

For the convenience of our patrons we have at Rock Hall landing ample accommodations for the care of teams.

GEORGE WARFIELD, PRESIDENT.

Oct. 11, 1890.

Sassafras River Line!

The Steamer Tockwogh

will resume her trips on Saturday, Feb. 21, 1891.

Leave pier 6, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10.30 A. M.

Leave Georgetown on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30 A. M., stopping at the usual wharves.

fe21. WILLIAM CUNDIFF, CAPTAIN.

SPRING ARRANGEMENTS!

TOLCHESTER LINE

Beginning on Saturday, March, 7th, 1891, weather permitting, the steamer

EMMA GILES

EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY,

Will leave Tolchester Beach - 9 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.
Will leave Baltimore - 7 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.

For further information apply to

W. C. ELIASON, PRES'T,

Feb. 21, 1891. Pier 16 Light St., Balto.

Phila., Wilmington & Baltimore R. R.

DELAWARE DIVISION.

On and after Feb. 24, 1891, trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.					NORTHWARD.			
PASS P M	PASS P M	EXP. A M	PASS A M		PASS A M	EXP. A M	PASS P M	PASS P M
‖6.07	‖4.01	‖10.23	‖7.27	...Phila....	‖9.32	‖10.32	‖1.17	‖7.11
5.27	12.45	9.08	6.30	...Balto....	10.37	11.10	2.00	8.35
7.00	4.50	11.08	8.15	Wilmin'n	8.43	9.42	12.25	6.25
	5.00		8.24	Farnhurst	8.33			
7.11	5.10		8.30	N. Castle.	8.28	9.31	12.12	6.12
	5.16		8.36	State Road	8.22		12.06	6.06
*7.19	5.21		8.41	....Bear....	8.17		12.00	6.01
7.26			8.50	..Porter's..	8.12	9.19	11.55	5.55
7.31	5.28	11.30	8.55	Kirkwood	8.06		11.50	5.50
*7.39	5.36		9.03	Mt. Pleas't	7.57		11.41	5.40
	5.39		9.07	Armstro'g	7.53			5.35
7.48	5.47	11.46	9.13	Middle't'n	7.49	9.00	11.31	5.31
*7.56	5.54		9.22	Townsend	7.40	8.50	11.23	5.22
	5.58		9.27	Blackbird	7.35		11.16	5.17
	6.05		9.33	Greensp'g	7.28			5.10
8.09	6.10	12.03	9.39	Clayton..	7.24	8.37	11.05	5.05
7.59	5.50	11.53	9.30	Smyrna	7.15	8.28	10.55	4.50
	6.15		9.44	Brenford	7.19		10.57	5.58
*8.16	6.20		9.49	Cheswold	7.15		10.52	4.53
	6.23			...Dupont..	7.09			4.45
8.26	6.30	12.20	9.59	...Dover...	7.00	8.20	10.42	4.38
8.32	6.37	12.26	10.06	Wyomi'g	7.00	8.14	10.32	4.31
	6.44		10.13	Woodside.		8.07	10.25	4.27
	6.48		10.17	...Viola....		8.03	10.20	4.23
	6.53	12.37	10.25	...Felton...		7.58	10.15	4.14
	7.03	12.49	10.37	Hart'g't'n		7.50	10.05	4.15
	7.10	12.55	10.44	Farm'g't'n		7.41	9.53	4.03
	7.19	1.03	10.53	Green'w'd		7.35	9.44	3.54
	7.28	1.11	11.02	Bridgev'e		7.25	9.34	3.45
	7.33	•	11.07	..Cannons.			9.28	3.40
	7.42	1.22	11.16	..Seaford.		7.15	9.20	3.33
	7.53	1.32	11.28	...Laurel...		7.05	9.07	3.21
	8.05	1.43	11.40	..Delm'nr..		6.55	8.55	3.10

*Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north.

New Castle Accommodation Trains leave Wilmington 12.