Reverie of a Bachelor!

At One Time He Dreamed and Longed for Marriage and a Home, But Now He Manages to Enjoy Christmas in His Club—He Has Not Allowed Years to Dampen His Generous Impulses, Though He is Less Enthusiastic—Finally Breaks Into Verse.

"The times change, and we change with them," remarked a gentleman yesterday, a well-known bachelor. "It is Christmas, and what does it mean to me, a bachelor? As I sit tonight with much around me in the way of books, pictures, friends and even Christmas decorations to make me contented, and reflect upon the decades which lie behind me, memories of other days come trooping through my mind, and for the once at least I live in the past, that past so full of varied experiences, happy and sad reflections After all life is not only complex, but it is much like a kaleidoscope in its frequent and unexpected changes and combinations. Lord Beaconsfield said: 'It is the unexpected that always happens,' and so I have found it. The dreams of my childhood, the ambitions of my early manhood seem to me now like patchwork, and even the later pieces are more or less faded.

Plenty of Company.

"But I am not alone in my experiences. Others could, if they would, tell also of the crosses, losses, trials, sorrows and disappointments which are woven into every human life. Like others, I have had dreams of the ties and joys which center in a happy home and a happy union. I do not complain or repine. It is no doubt best as it is. It may be that the future, which is always gilded by hope, has in store for me a measure of happiness beyond my merits. I will at least delude myself with that sweet hope, as life's irresistible current bears me on towards the other shore.

"This Christmastide admonishes me not only of the flight of time, but that I have changed in my feelings as in other respects. I am no longer enthusiastic, not even at Christmas. My pleasures now are different from those of the past and calmer. But I have not grown selfish for this season makes me feel that I can do so little for others when I would love to do so much. I realize painfully that there are limitations upon a bachelor's generosity. I would like especially to help and cheer the blind, cripples, the aged and little children. And my heart goes out to 'the little people of God,' as Dickens tenderly called the little ones. I send to all of them a cordial greeting and best wishes for a happy New Year.

An Appropriate Poem.

The speaker concluded by saying that many hearts had no doubt been touched as his had been by sweet poem entitled "The Children," which was written by Charles Dickinson, of New York, though often erreously attributed to Charles Dickens, the novelist.

He then recited the poem, with a depth of feeling and pathos which showed, even if an old bachelor, that he has a warm spot in his heart for little children. The following is the poem:

When the lessons and tasks are ended
And the school for the day is dismissed,
And the little ones gather around me
To bid me "good night" and be kissed,
Oh, the little white arms that encircle
My neck in a tender embrace.
Oh, the smiles that are halos of heaven,
Shedding sunshine of love on my face.

And when they are gone I sit dreaming
Of my childhood, too lovely to last,
Of love that my heart will remember
When it wakes to the pulse of the past.
Ere the word and its wickedness made me
A partner of sorrow and sin:
When the glory of God was about me
And the glory of gladness within.

Oh, my heart grows weak as a woman's,
And the fountain of feeling will flow,
When I think of the paths steep and stormy,
Where the feet of the dear ones must go;
Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them,
Of the tempest of fate blowing wild.
Oh, there's nothing on earth half so holy
As the innocent heart of a child.

They are idols of hearts and of households,
They are angles of God in disguise;
His sunshine still sleeps in their tresses,
His glory still gleams in their eyes.
Oh, those truants from home and from heaven,
They have made me more manly and mild,
And I know now how Jesus could liken
The kingdom of God to a child.

I ask not a life for the dear ones
All radiant, as others have done,
But that life may have just enough shadow
To temper the glare of the sun;
I would pray God to guard them from evil,
But my prayer would bound back to myself;
Ah, a seraph may pray for a sinner,
But a sinner must pray for himself.

The twig is so easily bended;
I have banished the rule and the rod;
I have taught them the goodness of knowledge
They have taught me the goodness of God.
My heart is a dungeon of darkness,
Where I shut them for breaking a rule,
My frown is sufficient correction,
My love is the law of the school.

I shall leave the red house in the autumn,
To traverse its threshold no more;
Ah! How I shall sigh for the dear ones
That meet me each morn at the door;
I shall miss the "good night" and the kisses
And the gush of that innocent glee,
The group on the green, and the flowers
That are brought every morning to me.

I shall miss them at noon and at evening,
Their song in the school and the street;
I shall miss the loud hum of their voices
And the tramp of their delicate feet.
When the lessons and tasks are ended,
And death says: "The school is dismissed!"
May the little ones gather around,
To bid me "good night" and be kissed.

CAPT. J. A. CLARK.

The Herald of Monday contained a reproduction of a photograph of Capt. Clark, of the Steamer B. S. Ford, together with an interesting sketch of his life.

"Captain Clark is an old-timer on the bay, and is one of the most popular of the commanding officers in this port. Captain Clark first saw the light of day at Cedar Point, St. Mary's county, Md., on October 26, 1847, and is consequently in his 50th year. The captain's early life was spent in St. Mary's county, where, while learning his A. B. C.'s at district school, he imbibed the love of water. His parents moved to this city, and for the next four years he pursued his studies in Baltimore's public schools. The opening of the war found the future captain a lad 14, old enough to take in the full significance of the terrible struggle. He remembers distinctly the assault on the troops of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment when it passed through Baltimore on April 19, 1861. The captain was in the neighborhood of Pratt street at the time, and saw the whole occurrence.

"Two days after this occurrence the captain's people removed to Fredericksburg, Va., taking the boy with them. During the two years they remained there the son shipped on coasting steamers and made numerous trips. He remained in the South until the cessation of hostilities, when he again returned to Baltimore. Early in 1865 he secured a position as deck hand on the William Woodward, the pioneer vessel of the New York and Baltimore Transportation Company. His strict attention to business and his general strength of character impressed the officers of the line, who took an interest in the young man, and began gradually to advance him until finally, at the age of 22 years, he was appointed to the command of the Steamer Elizabeth. Captain Clark remained in the service of the New York and Baltimore Transportation Company 14 years, and it is his proud boast that not once in that time did any accident or injury befall the steamers of which he was in charge. During his connection with the company he carried hundreds of passengers and thousands of tons of freight between this port and New York without the slightest mishap.

"Captain Clark left the New York and Baltimore Transportation Company in 1883, and in March of the same year he accepted a position as commanding officer of the Steamer Corsica, of the Chester River Steamboat Company. He remained in command of the Corsica until 1888, when he was transferred to the B. S. Ford, with which he has been connected ever since.

"Captain Clark has quite a little reputation as a life-saver, he having no less than 20 lives to his credit. In 1885 he rescued the late Otho Williams, Jr., from a watery grave. Mr. Williams was out in a canoe on the Chester River when the boat capsized, dumping its occupants into the river, from which he was rescued by Captain Clark. One week later the captain was again called upon to save life. While coming up the bay one night he discovered off Fort Carroll five sailors adrift on an overturned bugeye, which proved to be the Leonora. The men were half drowned, and had about given up hope when the B. S. Ford hove in sight, and by prompt action on the part of the captain they were rescued.

"In speaking of his many experiences Captain Clark said: 'Probably the most thrilling trip I have ever made on the bay was during the blizzard of March, 1888. I was in charge of the B. S. Ford, and was feeling my way out of Chester River, when the terrific storm struck us. The snow was blinding and the wind blew a gale, but we moved along under an easy head of steam, and the Ford answered her helm steadily, and we reached Baltimore without the least damage having been done to the vessel. Beyond a doubt this was the worst storm I ever experienced, and it was a proud moment when I piloted the Ford into her slip at Light street wharf. During my career as a mariner I have never lost a man from my vessel, nor have I ever had any serious mishap.'

"Captain Clark is of a jovial disposition, but, like all mariners, is modest, and shirks from any notoriety. He is highly respected by the officers of the company, and has a host of friends along the line of the Chester River route. In 1871 he married Miss Annie Jordon, of Philadelphia, a daughter of a seafaring man, who lost his life in the harbor of the Quaker City many years ago.

A Fearful Contest with a Mad-dog!

A dispatch from Ellicott City, Md., to the Baltimore Sun says: "The presence of a dog supposed to be mad in the village of Woodstock, Howard county, last Monday night caused a great deal of excitement, the dog having attacked two persons and other dogs that came in his way. The dog belonged to Peter Miller, who had kept him chained. Sunday night the dog was so restless that Mr. Miller approached him in the yard, when, without warning, the beast snapped his hand, at the same time breaking the chain. He then left the premises. He was next heard from at an early hour the next morning at the home of Mr. Moody, at Davis' milk station, when Mr. Moody was awakened by the bleating of a young calf. Going to the barn to ascertain the cause he found the dog there snapping at the calf. In attempting to drive the dog away Mr. Moody was attacked and bitten. The brute's teeth tore away his front shirt and lacerated his breast. At a renewal of the attack Mr. Moody grabbed the dog in the throat and called for assistance from the house. An axe was brought to him and he killed the dog with one hand as he held him with the other.

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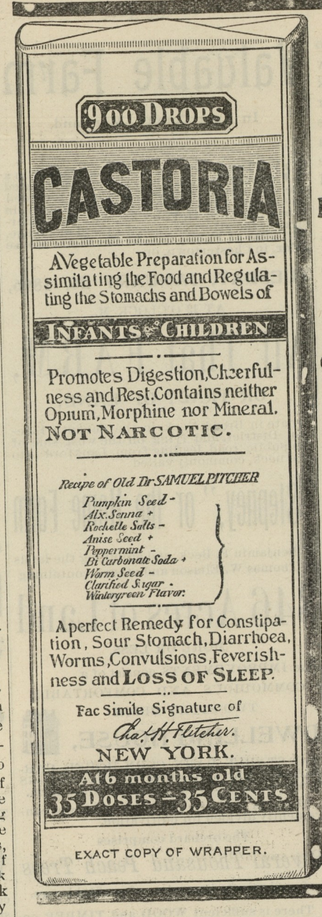

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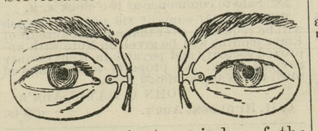

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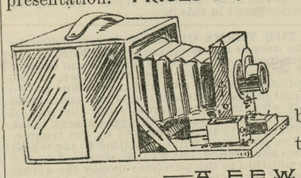

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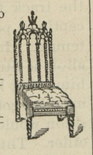

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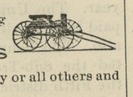

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