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THEY LOVED CHILDREN.

Great Writers Who Won the Hearts of the Youngsters.

It is one of the most lovable traits in many of our greatest men that they are as skillful in winning the hearts of little children as in captivating the minds of their parents.

Was there ever a great man who did not love children? If there was, and we have never heard or read of him, his greatness was by so much the less. Even Sam Johnson relaxed his grimness into smiles of pleasure when Boswell's baby daughter held out her arms to him and pulled his hair when he was not sufficiently attentive to her.

Byron, whose own child life had been so saddened and imbittered by a loveless mother, worshiped his little daughter Ada with all his passionate soul, and history has no sweeter picture than that of Southey singing his child to sleep as he paced the floor with his "little burden of love" in his arms.

Lamb's great heart had many a warm corner for his child friends—all the heart, in fact, that his sister Mary did not fill—and when he took his daily walk through Edmonton it was the signal for all the little children to flock to him for a kiss, a kind word, or, better than all, to take his hands or coat tails and accompany him on his rambles.

It is little wonder that Charles Dickens, "the great hearted one," was idolized by the little ones; for there never was a more entertaining companion or one who could better "make himself a child again" for their delight. There are many staid men and women of today who recall with pleasure and regret the romps they used to have with "Boz" in the famous nursery at Gadshill.

Amonk great men of later days Mr. Lewis Carroll must be counted "king of the children's hearts." That solitary, lovable "mixture of a man," who was wedded to mathematics and to children, had few pleasures apart from one or the other. His study at Christchurch was a perpetual nursery, its corners and cupboards stuffed with toys and sweets and all that appeals to a child's heart, and here or on a river picnic, surrounded by swarms of his young friends, the mathematical professor was always a boy, as full of fun and as ripe for mischief as the youngest of his guests. May his rest be sweet, this chief of children's lovers!

Oliver Wendell Holmes, most amiable of "autocrats," was a lifelong lover of children and could "skip back seventy years" at a moment's notice at a child's bidding. Could anything be sweeter than the letter he wrote acknowledging the photograph of one of his little girl friends? "May those lips," he wrote, "speak what is pure and true; may those ears hear but what is good, and may those eyes always mirror a soul as beautiful as themselves."

The Restaurant Free List.

A Bostonian was in Washington the other day and in asking how he found it as compared with other cities he replied: "Washington is the one town I have visited where bread and butter are on the free list in the cafes. I don't know whether they charge for water or not, as I never drink water away from home, but they come pretty near charging a man for breathing in the national capital. Talking about things on the free list, New York is the only big city I know of where a potato is furnished at a cafe without price. In San Francisco they throw in a plate of shrimps for good measure. I am not acquainted in Philadelphia, but I suppose a man ought to get several things free there. In my own dear town you can get all the brown bread you can eat if you will buy the beans."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Dodging a Lion Hunter.

The fondness that some people have for contact with notables is not always shared by the notables themselves. It is told by the late Baron Huddleston that he once tried to obtain a seat next to a duke at the table d'hote in a hotel where both were guests. That this proximity to the great man might be brought about the baron gave the waiter a sovereign. The servant proved a traitor, and, an explanation being demanded, he confessed that the duke had given him two sovereigns not to give the baron the coveted seat.

Mexican Ruins.

Mexico has many ancient ruins, particularly in the states of Oaxaca, Chiapas, Yucatan and Morelia. Those of Mitla, in Oaxaca; Palenqua, in Chiapas; Uxmal, in Yucatan, and Xochimilco, in Morelia, are among the most famous and interesting. Some of them represent whole cities and are supposed to be from two to three thousand years old. They all show the most elaborate carvings, which closely resemble the Egyptian hieroglyphics.

It All Depends.

He—There is nothing that interests a woman so much as a man's love. She—Oh, I don't know. Sometimes there is nothing so disinteresting. He—For instance? She—When he happens to be in love with some other woman.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Daily Guide.

When a man asks you how old you think he is, guess at least fifteen years younger than you are absolutely positive he can't help being, and you have gained a friend for life.—Baltimore American.

What Bothered Him.

Physician—Don't be downcast. You're not dead yet. Patient—That's what bothers me. If I were dead, I shouldn't have to trouble myself about your bill.—Boston Transcript.

The truest wisdom in general is a resolute determination.—Napoleon.

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A DISRAELI EPISODE.

How the Statesman Took His Brandy Neat In the Commons.

I was stationed in London nearly two years during the seventies, when Disraeli was prime minister, and often heard him speak, frequently saw him upon Whitehall, walking home with Lord Russell by his side, once "interviewed" him and witnessed the solemnities of his elevation to an earldom. But the most characteristic and thoroughly Disraelian incident I recall has never been told.

About 1 o'clock in the morning, shortly after the return of the earl from Berlin bearing "peace with honor," I left the press gallery of the house to go to the cable office. Passing a stand in the lobby where a stoop shouldered woman was wont to sell spirits and "soft" drinks, I dropped into line with half a dozen men and waited my turn to be served. I paid no attention to the man directly in front of me except to notice that he was hatless and to comment mentally upon the dangers of such conduct in that cold and drafty place.

"Sixpenny 'orth o' brandy, neat," said the broad shouldered little man directly ahead. The dame courtesied, an unusual attention to a customer, served the spirits, and the purchaser drained the glass at a gulp.

"Put it on the book," said the customer as he replaced the glass upon the counter. Then he turned, facing me, and made his way through the crowd toward the house of lords. The man was unnoticed in the badly lighted corridor, although his name was ringing throughout the civilized world, the Earl of Beaconsfield!

The interesting feature of this episode was not that his lordship took a drink of brandy during a long night's session, but that he had an account with the woman tapkeeper and from sheer force of habit had walked over to the commons end of Westminster palace to get his "brandy neat" at the familiar place.—Julius Chambers in Harper's Weekly.

WORKED BOTH WAYS.

Clever Manner In Which a Paris Concierge Was Outwitted.

Honore Palmer once outwitted a concierge in Paris very neatly.

A lad of sixteen or thereabout at the time, Mr. Palmer was spending the winter in Paris with his mother. One cold night in February he stayed out unusually late, and desiring to get in without awaking any one he rang up the concierge softly. The concierge, with equal softness, came downstairs. He whispered through the keyhole, "Is that you, Mr. Palmer?" and then he said positively:

"I can't let you in, sir."

"Why not?" asked the young man.

"Because the rules are very strict," said the concierge. "No one ever is let in after midnight."

The boy desired ardently to enter. He thought a moment and then he slipped a gold louis under the door.

"I have just slipped a gold louis under the door for you, concierge," he whispered. "Now, let me in; that's a good fellow."

The concierge instantly drew back the bolt. "Come in softly. Make no noise, monsieur," he said shamelessly.

But young Palmer was already regretting the gold louis, his last one. A thought struck him, and he had no sooner entered than he said:

"Oh, by the way, I left a book on the stone balustrade outside. Do you mind getting it for me?"

With great politeness the concierge, in his bare feet, tiptoed out upon the cold stones. While he fumbled the boy pushed to the door and locked it.

"Let me in, monsieur," whispered the concierge, who had nothing on but a nightdress of white linen.

"I can't let you in. We let no one in after midnight, unless"—

But young Palmer had to go no further. The concierge, freezing in the cold, perceived he had been outwitted, and, in his turn, slipped the gold louis under the door. Pocketing it, the boy admitted the man and then went quietly to bed.

The Art of Growing Young.

To retain the spirit of youth while age weakens the body is a splendid thing. There are those of whom we say "He never grows old." Their hair may be whitened, their faces wrinkled and their shoulders bent, but in heart they are young. "If "their strength is labor and sorrow," their lively interest in the things that concern those of younger generations gives no indication of it. Their tenderest and inmost thoughts may be of the past, but they live in the present.—Springfield Union.

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