

THE CHILD MIND

Results of an investigation into infant mental processes.

Of forty-eight children, says Stanley Hall, twenty believed the sun, moon and stars to live, sixteen thought flowers could feel, and fifteen that dolls would feel pain if burnt. The sky was found the chief field in which the children exercised their philosophic minds. About three-quarters of them thought the world a plain with the sky like a bowl turned over it, sometimes believing that it was of such thin texture that one could easily break through, though so large that much floor sweeping was necessary in heaven. The sun may enter the ground when it sets, but half of the children thought that at night it rolls or flies away, or is blown, or walks, or God pulls it higher up out of sight, taking it up into heaven, according to some, putting it to bed, and even taking off its clothes and putting them on again in the morning, or again, it is believed to lie under the trees at night and the angels must it. God, of whom children always hear so much, plays a very large part in these conceptions, and is made directly responsible for a cosmic phenomena. Thus thunder to these American children was God growling or kicking or rolling barrels about, or turning a big handle, or grinding snow or breaking something, or rattling a big hammer, while the lightning was due to God putting his finger out or turning the gas on quick, or striking matches, or setting paper on fire. According to Boston children, God is a big, perhaps a blue man, to be seen in the sky, on the clouds, in church, or even in the streets. They declare that God comes to see them sometimes, and they have seen him enter the gate. He makes lumps, babies, dogs, trees, money, etc., and the angels work for him. He looks like a priest or a teacher or papa, and the children like to look at him; a few would themselves like to be God. His house in the sky may be made of stone or brick; birds, children and Santa Claus live with God.

Birds and beasts, their food and their furniture as Burnham points out, all talk to children when the dew is on the grass "the grass is crying," the stars are candles or lamps, perhaps cinders from God's stove, butterflies are flying panicles, icicles are Christmas candy. Children have imaginary play—brothers and sisters and friends, with whom they talk. Sometimes God talks with them. Even the proleat things are vivid; the track of dirty feet on the floor are flowers; a creaking chair talks; the shoemaker nails are children whom he is driving to school.

SELF-SATISFIED YANKEES

Briton Declares We Think We Have A Monopoly of Freedom.

A carping Briton by the name of Whibley seems to be quite stirred up over the quality of the American brand of liberty and of patriotism. "Liberty" says he in the course of a few somewhat heated and overcapitalized remarks in Blackwood's magazine, "is a thing which no one in America can escape. The old inhabitant smiles with satisfaction as he murmurs the familiar word. At every turn it is clucked into the unsuspecting visitor.

"If an aspirant to the citizenship of the republic declined to be free he would doubtless be thrown into a dungeon, fettered and manacled, until he consented to accept the precious boon.

"You cannot pick up a newspaper without being reminded that liberty is the exclusive possession of the United States. The word, if not the quality, is the commonplace of American history. It looks out upon you—the word again, not the quality—every hoarding. It is uttered in every discourse, but the truth is that American liberty is the mere creature of rhetoric.

"America's view of patriotism is distinguished by the same ingenious exaggeration as her view of liberty. She has as little doubt of her grandeur as of her freedom. She is in brief, God's own country and in her esteem Columbus was no mere earthly explorer; he was the authentic discoverer of the promised land.

"Neither argument nor experience will ever shake the American's confidence in his noble destiny. On all other questions uncertainty is possible. It is not possible to discuss America's supremacy. In arms as in arts the United States is unrivalled. It alone has been permitted to combine material with moral progress. It alone has solved the intricate problems of life and politics.

"It has the biggest houses, the best Government, and the purest law that the world has ever known. Perfect freedom is its exclusive privilege, as skyscrapers and elevated railways are its exclusive possessions. Its universities surpass Oxford, Cambridge, Paris and Leipzig in learning as its churches surpass the churches of the Old World in the proper understanding of theology. In brief, to use its own phrase America is 'It,' the sole home of the good and great."

A lot of men who have abounding faith in themselves never get energy enough to muster up the work that ought to go with it.

The man who watches the clock sees it usually the man who complains loudest about the size of his own shadow.

Customs Of A Great City.

If you live in a large city you are lost. You are swallowed up by the ocean of people around you. You go down into the deep and that's the last of you, except perhaps an occasional bubble that may come to the surface near where you were last seen. There are so many people you can't escape drowning. You can't make friendships as you do in a smaller place, where the individual isn't entirely effaced by the mass. Society is not what it is in the smaller place, where the human element enters in altogether. In the larger place your comings and goings are not noted by your friends, even, and never by the newspapers unless you are one of the high financiers or packing-house bunch. The births and weddings in your family are of no more interest outside your own flat than are the wreaths of smoke curling up into the sky; no merry crowd of interested neighbors with their warm congratulations. The deaths bring little sympathy from the rumbling, rattling world outside; no sorrowing acquaintances who have stood by you through the long sickness; there is little or none of that evidence of loving kindness that comes from neighbors and real friends in a small city or town; where the dollar-mark is not written so large and so indelibly on everything. It is a paradoxical law that where there are so many people there are fewer friends, and when you diminish the number to a frontier community where neighbors are miles apart your friends are ready to take their lives in their hands for you.

Quicker Than The Eye.

The quickness of animal motion is sometimes greater than can be detected by the human eye. It is a favorite amusement of the country boys, when they can find an owl sitting on a stump in a field, to walk around the bird at a distance, and see him "twist his head off." As the boy circles around, the owl seems to follow him by turning his head giving the impression that his head is moving continuously in a circle. As a matter of fact, however, as soon as the owl's neck is twisted sufficiently for comfort, he turns his head suddenly in another direction but so suddenly that the eye cannot detect the movement. The toad is not always sluggish. You may see one sitting a few inches from a fly when suddenly the fly disappears, and you cannot tell where it has gone. It has really gone into the toad's mouth, but the motion of its tongue in taking the fly in is so quick that your eye cannot detect it. It is a familiar saying among naturalists that the stroke of the rattlesnake is one of the quickest things in nature.

No More Congress Gaiter.

"The button shoe is coming into favor at a rapid pace," said Charles W. Snow of Grafton, Mass. "More button shoes have been sold this year than in the last five years. The revived fad thus far has not reached the women, but is confined exclusively to men.

"The congress, or gaiter shoe, has been regulated to the almost forgotten rear. Even in country towns the gaiter is being passed by for the more modern string shoe, and when country people have become tired of a style you may rest assured it will speedily pass out of existence. There are men who were young thirty or forty years ago, when the gaiter was popular, who still cling to the quick on and off shoe, and it would be impossible to convince these men they are not in style.

A Thing of Many Names.

The Thames has been the cause of much controversy. Its name has been variously stated as Tameses, Tamesa, Tamisa (at the juncture of the Isis and Tame, near Dorchester), Tamisa, Tamesa, Thamisa, Thamesta and finally Isis (where it flows between the Oxfordshire and the Buckinghamshire shores).

Thus, at Oxford it is still often called the Isis until it receives the shallow river Tame just below Dorchester, from which point it is called Thames.

Historians trace this error to an early attempted division of the Latin word Tamesis into two words, Tamestis or Tamestis, suggested perhaps by the existence of the Tame in Buckinghamshire. The Saxons called it the Thames, ancient maps and documents designating it Thamesis Fluvius.

Capacity of Toad's Stomach.

By actual inspection of a big fat toad's stomach it was found to contain not fewer than 50 large grape-vine worms, 55 potato bugs, 60 sow-bugs, 40 angleworms and 30 cabbage worms, with, by the way of season, numerous flies and mosquitoes. Now multiply this, and I think you will appreciate the value of an army of toads on your premises, or any number required, according to the services that may reasonably be expected from one toad.

Beehives in Mourning.

A striking illustration of the superstitious beliefs of Cornish country folk may be seen in one of the villages of the Duchy. A death recently occurred in the family of a bee keeper, who thereupon—believing that if he failed to do so the whole of his bees would also die—dressed each of his five hives with a piece of black steps.

A Good Result.

Under the operation of the new Pure Food Laws, baking powders now generally bear on the labels a statement of the ingredients. This is of utmost importance because of the harmful ingredients used in many cases.

Royal Baking Powder is known to be the only baking powder made of Royal Grape Cream of Tartar, and this no doubt explains its greatly increased sale here.

Careful housekeepers are taking advantage of the protection which the laws afford, and are examining all the reading matter on the back of the label before adopting any brand for use in the home.

When in place of the words "Cream of Tartar" the words "alum," "aluminum" or "phosphate of lime" appear among the ingredients, they heed the warning and avoid baking powders containing these substitutes.

ANCIENT COUNTERFEITS

Phoney Money Popular in the Golden Days of Charles I.

It is difficult to think of counterfeiters in connection with the golden days of Charles I, but a recent discovery of old coins in the well which is being excavated in the ruins of Scarborough Castle, England, seems to prove that they not only existed at that time but were frequently in danger from the officers of the law.

The find in question consisted of a large mass of copper or brass strips, together with a number of imperfectly struck coins. The discovery took place at a distance of 130 feet from the surface of the ground.

H. A. Gruber, the keeper of the coins at the British Museum to whom a portion of the find was sent, pronounced them to be imitated farthings of the reign of Charles I. issued between 1626 and 1630. It appears that the right to issue these coins was granted by King Charles to the Dowager Duchess of Richmond and Sir Francis Crane, who no doubt made a considerable profit on the monopoly. The result of this monopoly seems to have been that extensive forgeries took place, and the British Museum's expert is of opinion that the coins found during the excavations at Scarborough Castle are forgeries struck at the time, and that in all probability they were thrown down the well to escape detection.

DISEASE IN SPRAY

Air Drift From Ocean Can Carry Noxious Germs.

A French military surgeon in Algiers has recently found that spray driven ashore from a stormy sea can effectively transmit disease germs. Carrying on his investigation at Bab-el-mendeb, near Algiers, at a point where a number of sewers discharged into the sea, he found that the spray which was driven some 150 feet ashore and high into the air contained three times the number of germs ordinarily present in the air.

This spray forms a mist, which permeates the houses near to the water's edge and in it a number of virulent bacilli were found.

When a gale is blowing off shore the effect is still more pronounced, and the proportion of germs increased, and the investigator is convinced that steps should be taken to protect shores from sewage pollution.

There are sufficient people in England and Scotland paying the annual tax imposed by the inland revenue upon the use of armorial bearings to produce a sum of \$350,000 each year. The great bulk of this sum is paid by people who care not an atom either about their family or their arms, but pay the tax regularly simply because they have carriages or plate heraldically decorated. The really old families of the realm, however, use armorial emblems for decorative purposes to an extent almost incredible in the eyes of those familiar with them only on note paper, table silver and carriage panels.

South America's "Oil Bird."

One of the animal curiosities of South America is the "oil-bird" or guacharo. It breeds in rock caves on the mainland and one of its favorite haunts is the island of Trinidad. It lays its eggs in a nest made of mud, and the young birds are prodigiously fat. The natives melt the fat down in clay pots, and produce from it a kind of butter. The caves inhabited by the birds are usually accessible only from the sea, and the hunting of them is sometimes an exciting sport.

German Military Training.

Germany, through the thrift, intelligence and prosperity of her people, illustrates to mankind the advantage of training in youth her manhood to the use of arms; the habits of discipline and the order and cleanliness of person are carried into after-life by all classes of modern Germans; this permeates the whole nation, and is today recognized as a national characteristic. The womanhood of the Nation looks with reproach upon the man ignorant of military training—African Monthly.

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ATBURN, N. Y.

The family of the late Willis Watkins wish to extend thanks to all those who sent floral tributes.

The different parochial schools of the city are being repaired and put in condition for the opening of the school year in September. The outside appearances of the schools are to be improved and when these are made the schools will present a fine appearance.

The members of the several choirs of the city churches will be given their yearly outings during the month. These outings are given each year by the pastors in lieu of the good work that the choirs do during the year.

The funeral of the late Simon Chapman was held from his home in Owasso Street on Wednesday with services at the Holy Family Church. The church was well filled by friends of the deceased and family. The burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Rev. Wm. Cowan, D. D., who has lately returned from Rome where he secured his doctor of divinity degree, has been a visitor in this city, being the guest of his mother in State Street. Dr. Cowan will take up his duties at St. Bernard's Seminary at the opening of the next session of that institution.

CANANDAIGUA.

High Mass of Requiem Tuesday morning for Mrs. Jane McCarthy.

School collection, \$45.13.

Work on the new rectory was resumed Monday morning, when masons began the laying of brick and stone above the water table.

It is hoped to proceed now without further delay till the roof shall have been reached.

The lawn social given last Friday evening by the Misses Touley nets \$35.55. The attendance was large considering the coolness of the evening.

The Rosary ladies will receive Holy Communion next Sunday.

First Friday devotions this week.

Confessions at usual hours on Thursday, Masses, 5:30 and 8:00 Friday.

The August quarter pew rent begins next Sunday.

Several complaints have been made by lot owners at the cemetery that flowers and plants have been stolen. It seems to be the work of children who have been frequenting the cemetery and we should be sorry if obliged to make an example of some of them.

Little Christine Helen Smith of Mason Street was baptized Sunday.

Several persons, including the pastor, attended the dedicatory services at St. Augustine's, Rochester, last Sunday. The church combines school rooms on the lower floor. The building is of brick and the chapel portion seats 600 people.

Honeoye, N. Y.

Mrs. Thomas O'Neil, Catherine O'Neil and Chas. O'Neil, of Cornish, are spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Neil.

Mrs. Wm. Menihan, Mrs. Mary Lahey and Fannie Lahey, of Buffalo, are visiting relatives in town. Nettie Erdle, of Rochester, is visiting her cousins, Mrs. Gilbert Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Edw. Foy.

Catherine and Lizzie Rawlens and their brother, of West Bloomfield, and the Misses Moran, of Honeoye Falls, were guests of Mrs. D. Menihan on Sunday.

Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menihan, was baptized on Sunday at St. Mary's Church.

Father Garney announced that confirmation for Honeoye and Livonia will take place August 15th. All the children preparing for confirmation are requested to be present at the 9 o'clock Mass next Sunday.

Mary Lahey has returned from a three weeks' visit at New York, where she was the guest of her sister, Julia.

Georgie Daniels has returned from her visit at Holley.

Rachel Stillwell, of Rochester, is a guest of Mrs. Mary Abel.

Miss Moore, of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beam, of Hemlock, visited at Truman Stevens on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Stevens, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Truman Short, of Livonia, visited at Mr. E. K. Stevens' last week.

Mrs. Austin, of Michigan, has gone to visit her relatives at Livonia.

Mr. P. Beahon's many friends are pleased to hear he is able to ride out once more.

Pew rent will be due next Sunday at St. Mary's Church.

Mrs. John Harris and Stella Harris are spending two weeks at Canandaigua Lake.

Mrs. Burton and little daughter are spending some time at Holley. Mr. Edward Foy has returned from Livonia, where he visited his daughter, Mrs. John Nighan.

LIMA, N. Y.

The contract for the new town hall has been awarded to Mr. Samuel Chase, of Avon, and work will begin at once.

Mrs. J. Brennan and sister, Miss Nellie Collins, left Sunday night on a trip to the Thousand Islands. The monthly meeting of the Children of Mary was held Sunday, July 28th.

Miss Mary McManus, of Birmingham, is visiting at the home of her aunts, the Misses Keenan.

Ontario Beach Park.

Next week at Greater Ontario Beach Park promises to be one of the most auspicious periods in the history of the resort. A number of events are scheduled to occur during the seven days beginning August 4th, each one of which will possess an interest peculiarly its own and which, when taken collectively, will carry sufficient drawing power to make the week, in the point of attendance, the record breaker of the season.

On Monday afternoon will occur the premier performance of the free outdoor attractions which, scheduled, have been selected with the greatest care by the managers. Heading the numbers is the Ernest Sisters, whose engagement has been announced on two previous dates, but who, by reason of the intense rivalry existing between theatrical and amusement park managers for this feature were obliged to disappoint the management at the last moment on the former occasions. The patrons of the park are now positively assured that this trio of wonderful women will appear for the week in their sensational and daring performance, in which particular line they have absolutely no rivals.

Also coming to the park as a number in the next bill, is the famous Donazetts Troupe of acrobats, a company of recognized skill and who, during the previous season, was the special feature of the successful melodrama, "The Span of Life."

Rosati and his famous Naval Reserve Band who occupied the band stand during the first two weeks of the park's opening, will furnish the harmony for the week, beginning their re-engagement with two specially arranged programs Sunday.

On Saturday night of this week a special fire works display will be given and on this day occurs the grand reunion of the Maccabees of Western New York. Another program of pyrotechnics will follow on Tuesday evening.

Tuesday afternoon has been set aside for the entertainment of the children in the city's orphan asylums while in the evening of this day the employees of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company will visit the park as the guests of the management. Thursday night will be given up to the members of the Builders Exchange and their friends. The principal event on Saturday of next week will be "Bartavia Day" when it is expected that the inhabitants of the town will fill the grounds to overflowing.

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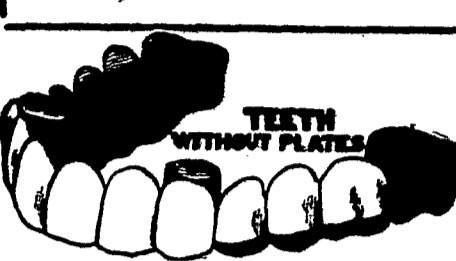
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