OLD TIME FAVORITES

ALEXANDER SELKIRK.

BY WILLIAM COWPER.

I am monarch of all I survey,
My right there is none to dispute;
From the centre all round to the sea
I am lord of the fowl and the brute.
O, Solitude, where are the charms
That sages have seen in thy face?
Better dwell in the midst of alarms
Than reign in this horrible place.

I am out of humanity's reach;
I must finish my journey alone;
Never hear the sweet music of speech;
I start at the sound of my own.
The beasts that roam over the plain
My form with indifference see;
They are so unacquainted with men
Their tameness is shocking to me.

Society, friendship and love
Divinely bestowed upon man!
Oh, had I the wings of a dove,
How soon would a taste you again!
My sorrows I then might assuage
In the ways of religion and truth;
Might learn from the wisdom of age
And be cheered by the sallies of youth.

Ye winds that have made me your sport,
Convey to this desolate shore
Some cordial, endearing report
Of a land I shall visit no more.
My friends, do they now and then send
A wish or a thought after me?
Oh, tell me I yet have a friend,
Though a friend I am never to see!

How fleet is the glance of a mind!
Compared with the speed of its flight,
The tempest itself lags behind,
And the swift winged arrows of light.
When I think of my own native land,
In a moment I seem to be there;
But, alas, recollection at hand
Soon hurries me back to despair.

But the sea fowl is gone to her nest;
The beast is laid down in his lair;
Even here is a season of rest,
And I to my cabin repair.
There's mercy in every place,
And mercy, encouraging thought,
Gives even affliction a grace
And reconciles man to his lot.

Bankrupted by Popularity.

BY EMMA M. WISE.

"NINETEEN, twenty, twenty-one," said the bald-headed man. "Twenty-one namesakes I've got to look after when birthdays come round. What a confoundedly inconvenient thing it is to be popular!"

"You bet it is," said the man with the red mustache. "I never experienced any inconvenience on that score myself, but I know other folks who have. I know one fellow who was sent to jail on account of his popularity."

The bald-headed man ceased figuring. "Dear me!" he said, weakly.

"Yes, sir," repeated the man with the red mustache, "he was sent to jail. He just got out last week. I am glad he is out. Joe is a mighty good fellow. Good fellows are scarce these days, and it is a shame to keep one of them shut up in jail. I never saw such a popular fellow as Joe used to be. He was one of the kind that people name their babies after, and that is the very top notch of popularity.

"His friend, Tom Curtis, began the business. Tom clerks in a Nassau street bank. He is no end of a good fellow, and he and Joe often used to take luncheon together. One day, when Joe went into the bank at noontime, he found Tom with his face spread out in one solid grin.

"'Hello,' said Joe,' 'what's the racket?'

"'A boy,' said Tom. 'Arrived last night, and just guess, you old scalawag, what we are going to call him?'

"Joe wasn't a bit stuck on himself in those days, and he never tumbled to the real situation. 'Can't do it,' said he.

"'We're going,' said Tom, 'to call him after the bravest, the kindest, the most affable gentleman in the world.'

"Joe thought he saw a light. 'Ah!' said he. 'Teddy, eh? Teddy R.?'

"'Not on your life,' said Tom. 'We are going to call him Joseph Webster.'

"Joe was new to that sort of flattery, and it pleased him immensely. He steered Tom into a more expensive restaurant than they usually patronized, and then both had more than was good for them. While in that surcharged state Joe made the mistake of his life.

"'Tom,' said he, 'I am coming up to see that boy of yours, and I am going to do the handsome thing by him.'

"Tom eyed Joe through a mist of real tears. 'I knew you would,' he said, 'and my wife said she knew you would. When I mentioned Joseph Webster to her this morning as a possible handle for the kid she said she was agreed, because you were just the kind to do the square thing by your namesake. It is a pleasure to learn, Joseph, that we were not mistaken in our estimate of your character.'

"Joe lived up to his reputation gallantly. He did more than the square thing by young Curtis. He gave him a present of $100 on the day of the christening. That was Joe's undoing. Tom's wife had the habit of telling everything she knew; so of course she told that. In less than a week all Joe's friends as far away as the remotest edges of Brooklyn and Staten Island knew about that present. Within six months every fellow with whom Joe had ever swapped a cigar or a yarn seemed to have been blessed with a new boy and had named him Joseph Webster. The worst of it was, every one of these happy fathers expected a christening offering of $100. The first half dozen got it, but after that Joe had to cut down expenses. First, he reduced the amount to $50, then to $20, and finally to $10. That made the mothers of the late comers mad. They called Joe stingy and said they would not have burdened their babies with such an ugly name as Joseph Webster if they had known that was all they were going to get out of it.

"Joe thought, when he dropped to the five-dollar mark, that his friends would stop adding Joseph Websters to the City Directory, but they kept up their infernal christening parties till they found he was dead broke. It took just two years to break him. When people began paying their respects to him in that expensive way he had about $5000 that his grandfather had left him and a nice little business that cleared him an income of more than a thousand a year. His namesakes devoured it all—interest and principal alike. Finally, he closed up shop, and with the proceeds derived from a cash sale of the stock on hand he started a little combination stationery, tobacco, confectionery and delicatessen store up on Sixty-fourth street. When he moved into that store Joe cut loose from all his old associates. His wife went with him, and aside from her he hoped never to see any one whom he had known in his days of affluence. It would have been better if he could have left her behind, too, but that was not convenient. She put bad notions into Joe's head.

"'I think,' said she, 'that we shall drum up a pretty fair trade in this neighborhood if you can only make yourself popular.'

"For the first time in his life Joe threw hard words at the partner of his joys. 'Popular!' said he. 'Good heavens, I don't want to be popular. I've been popular long enough. I want to make people hate me, and if I can devise any way to accomplish that purpose I shall set about doing it at once.'

"'In that case,' said his wife, 'you will not sell anything, and we shall starve to death.'

"'It is no harder,' said Joe, 'to starve through lack of popularity than through excess of it. We have already been brought to ruin by the latter means; we may as well try the former for a change.'

"The second day after Joe got settled in his little shop he went to a down-town market and bought five bushels of speckled apples and oranges and seventeen pounds of stale candy. He intended to sell all that truck at regular prices, but in the afternoon when he was out his wife noticed its unsound condition and gave it away to the children of the neighborhood. With the exception of a few cases of cholera morbus, which the parents attributed to causes other than the generosity of Joe's wife, the youngsters pulled through without any serious aches and pains, and from that day Joe was solid with the old folks.

"A week later several of the men whose pocketbooks had been spared many recent raids for stray pennies on account of the free gorging of their offspring met in the shop under Joe's store and discussed plans for showing Joe how much they thought of him. They finally agreed upon a way. The next morning a committee of three called and told Joe what they proposed doing.

"'As an evidence of our appreciation of you,' said the spokesman, 'we have decided that all the boys born in this vicinity during the next two years shall be called Joseph Webster.'

"Joe fell over in a heap against the Swiss cheese. 'Good Lord!' he said.

"Joe's way of taking their announcement did not exactly appeal to the committee. 'You do not seem pleased,' they said.

"'Oh, yes, I am,' replied Joe. 'I am overcome with emotion. I appreciate your appreciation very much.'

"And then, even though Joe knew he was making a fool of himself, his natural gratitude and generosity got the best of his common sense and he made another rash promise. 'It is very sweet of you to honor me so,' he said. 'Of course I will reciprocate. "I will give to the little Joseph Websters a christening present of $2 a head.'

"The committee blessed Joe and went away. The next day they began to import kids. Never had Joe seen boys come to town in such overwhelming numbers. They arrived in shoals. Just as soon as people got wind that the stork was coming round they moved into that neighborhood just to devil Joe. But he stood all the imposition, and good-naturedly gave up a two-dollar bill at each christening till some people down on Amsterdam avenue began to ring in girls on him by calling them Josepha. Then he thought it time to kick.

"'No more of this namesake nonsense for me,' he said. 'I am going to put a stop to it.'

"'How?' asked his wife.

"'Never you mind,' said Joe. 'I will fix that all right.'

"In the afternoon Joe called on a lawyer named Parks. 'I want to change my name,' said Joe.

"Parks disapproved, on principle, of his clients changing their names. Usually he tried to argue them out of the notion. He tried to argue Joe Webster out of it.

"'Why aren't you satisfied with your name?' he said. 'Webster is a great name in history—a name to be proud of. Best of all, it is easily remembered, and nobody need ever lose an opportunity to do you a favor on account of being unable to recall your name.'

"Webster doubled up his fist as if he had half a mind to knock Parks down. It was a formidable fist and the lawyer flinched. Joe forced a pacificatory smile. 'Never mind,' he said. 'You are in no danger. When you learn the facts you will no longer insist that the euphony and the unforgetability of the name of Webster are good things.'

"Then Joe gave Parks the facts. Even though a lawyer, Parks sympathized. 'What do you want to call yourself?' he asked.

"'Melanchton Gabrilowithzski,' said Joe. 'I don't think they will get on to that without a good deal of trouble.'

"'No,' said Parks, 'they won't, but I am afraid there are legal difficulties in the way of your adopting a new name at present. When did your contract to pay the two-dollar christening bills go into effect?'

"'Eighteen months ago,' said Joe.

"'It has still half a year to run,' said Parks. 'You are under obligation to pay the bills for that length of time. If you change your name and try to shirk your responsibility on the ground that your name is not Webster, but Gabrilowitzski they can bring suit against you on the ground of taking a new name while wound up in financial entanglements and can put you in jail.'

"'Very well,' said Joe, 'I will go to jail. Not another cent of christening money will I pay. I have already been mulcted for baptismal offerings to 123 small boys, and I would rather lie in jail than set the rest of them up for life.'

"Joe got his name changed and painted a new sign on his windows and awning. When he began to stand on his rights the parents of the would-be Joseph Websters went to law. They proved, as Parks had prophesied, that Joe had gained the name of Gabrilowitzski under false representations, and he was sent to jail. Fortunately, his time is up and he is free again. He has started in business under his new name, and I think the admirer who calls his boy by that unmanageable combination of consonants will deserve a present."

The bald-headed man looked sad. "I do not wish to go to jail," he said. "I think I shall buy the twenty-one birthday presents."—New York Times.

QUEER SUPERSTITIONS.

Bad Luck Sure to Follow if You Are Broke on Thursday.

"However smart a man may be, however deep of brain, there is yet a trace of superstition in his makeup," said a thoughtful man, "and often it exists and controls him in various ways without his knowing anything about it. If you should tell him that he was superstitious he would resent it, and in no uncertain way. But all men are superstitious in some way just the same. There are little things about which men are a bit cranky, and they develop into well-rounded superstitions. There is Ople Reid, who has a queer little notion that if he gets up Thursday morning without money in his pocket it is bad luck, and he believes it so firmly that he will not venture out of the house and will not turn his hand to a piece of work if it happens to him.

"He is generally very careful to see that he has something left over Wednesday night, a nest egg, as the saying goes, for Thursday morning. But sometimes he forgets, and suddenly discovers that he is dead broke. That settles it. Not a step will he take from the house on that morning. Now, how is that for superstition? Yet, call him superstitious—well, you had better do it at long range. I knew another man in Chicago who has a queer little notion that it is bad luck to forget anything when you are leaving home in the morning. One morning we had walked to the car together. He suddenly turned on me with the statement, 'I'll not go to the city today.' When I asked him why he said he had forgotten something. 'It's bad luck,' he said, and was unceremoniously making tracks for the house when he said it. I suppose we all have those little notions and beliefs, but we are not conscious of them, and so we are apt to believe, and quite honestly, too, that we are not the least bit superstitious. But we are, just the same."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Art of Pleasing.

The art of pleasing consists in making our daily lives agreeable to others as well as to ourselves, says the Catholic Mirror. To throw a grain of the idea and of poetry into our surroundings is to make them less commonplace and more congenial. If a woman has the tact of making others comfortable then she is endowed with the gift of making life happy. The gracious woman shines through a collection of beautiful qualities. She not only pleases the eye by her outward air of freshness and health, but she charms the mind by a characteristic worth. The cultivation of the physical or the body, produces the bloom of health; but quite as necessary in making a woman beautiful is the cultivation of the intellect, which gives her the inimitable attraction of knowledge. Then there is the cultivation of the heart, which gives her those gentle graces which are to her what the perfume is to the flower.

A certain great bishop struggled through sore difficulties without repining or manifesting impatience. A friend inquired how he could be so cheerful under such circumstances. "My secret," replied the old bishop, "consists in nothing more than making a right use of my eyes." His friend asked him to explain, and the bishop did so as follows: "In whatever state I am, first of all I look up to Heaven, and remember that my principal business here is to get there; I then look down upon the earth, and call to mind how small a place I shall occupy in it when I am dead and buried. I then look abroad into the world and observe what multitudes there are who are in all respects more happy than myself. Thus I learn where true happiness is placed, where all cares must end, and what little reason I have to repine or complain."

And Such Is Fame.

A short time ago some men were seen in Pine street, near the Sub-Treasury. "How's that for an equalized political quartet?" remarked a veteran newspaper man to a well-known dry-goods merchant who has lived in this city ever since he was born, sixty-two years ago. "Who are they?" was the merchant's rejoinder. "Face of the small map is kind o' familiar." The newspaper man collapsed. The quartet were Alonzo B. Cornell, once Governor; William F. Sheehan, once Lieutenant-Governor; Hamilton Fish, twice Speaker of the State Assembly, and the "small man" was once Secretary of War, Dan Lamont. Of course, now, Fish is United States Assistant Treasurer and will be known for a while, for he is now again a man of to-day. Quite recently United States Senator Tom Platt was seen shaking hands heartily with a white-haired gentleman on Fifth avenue. Everybody knew Platt, because he is a man of to-day. "That's Edward Murphy, Jr., of Troy," remarked a passer-by, pointing to the white-haired man. No person remembered that he was Chauncey Depew's predecessor as the United States Senator from this State. It happened one evening that three men were at the same theatre. No one in the theatre but the manager knew who they were; no one recognized them going into the theatre or coming out with the crowd. Yet they were former Mayors of New York—Ely, Grant and Van Wyck, the latter being only out of office eighteen months.—New York Press.

Has a Wonderful Timepiece.

One of the most wonderful watches in the world is that owned and made by Major Dopping-Hepenstal, of the Royal Engineers. It is a comparatively small watch, not much bigger than an ordinary lever, but it performs a variety of services in addition to telling the time. It rings an alarm bell in the morning to wake its owner, then it proceeds to light a spirit lamp and boil a kettle of water, and finally pours the boiling water into a small teapot. The Prince of Wales witnessed the wonderful performance of this watch and partook of a cup of tea which it made for his royal highness.

Governmental Positions Go Begging.

It is said that five life positions in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy Department, each with a salary of $2700 attached, went begging this spring, because there were no satisfactory applicants. The only explanation suggested is that there is so great a demand for civil engineers in private life that these Government places were not sufficiently attractive, and yet most persons would be likely to think that they would be eagerly sought after, especially as the pay is increased after five years, and is made $3500 after ten years.

TOMATO CULTURE IN THE SOUTH.

Attains Its Highest Degree of Perfection in Mississippi.

The place where tomato culture can be said to have attained its highest degree of perfection is Crystal Springs, Miss., and the methods employed by the growers of that section can be advantageously followed by every gardener, if not commercial grower. The unusual feature of the system consists in pruning the plants, and the plan has been followed by the writer in his home garden since 1895, when he learned of it in the Florida winter tomato section.

Coincident with the appearance of the third leaf of a young tomato plant will come a sucker or branch, and as the plant grows, additional suckers will appear in the axil of each leaf until a vigorous plant will have twenty or more branches, the larger ones having branches of their own, and the whole plant spreading over an area of ten or twelve square feet. Such a plant, of course, requires an immense amount of soil nutrition and moisture to support in foliage. The Crystal Springs planters set their tomatoes somewhat nearer than do ordinary growers—as close as three by three and one-half feet—and when the first sucker is two inches long it is pinched out, as are likewise all suckers appearing thereafter. Before the plant begins to fall, light pine stakes are driven in the ground and the plants tied to them with ordinary cotton strings. The tomato is then trained up this stake, requiring three or four tyings, until it reaches the top, four feet from the ground. Then the bud is pinched out. This gives a plant with about twelve or fourteen great leaves, four times the size of the ordinary tomato leaf, and five or six clusters of magnificent, perfect fruit. The patch now looks like a diminutive orchard loaded with fruit. Bushels of ripe tomatoes are in plain sight as the eye wanders over the field. Under this method there is no danger of tomatoes rotting or mildewing; they ripen seven or eight days earlier than if the plants are left to their own devices or stalked in the ordinary way, and it is practicable to get through the rows at any time and keep down objectionable weeds, and perhaps the most important, the plants having a comparatively small leaf surface for transpiration do not require nearly so much moisture to mature their fruit.

If a somewhat bushier plant is desired, the vine can be trained to two instead of to a single stem.—Scientific American.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Love is delicate; "love is hurt with jar and fret," and you might as well expect a violin to remain in tune if roughly used as love to survive if chilled or driven into itself.—Sir John Lubbock.

Religion is not the conception of God, but the love of Him. It is not the abstract idea of right, but the practical doing of right. It is not the absolute formula of truth, but the being true. The substance is more than the shadow.—Austin Garver.

If despair overwhelm thee in this abode of gloom, be wise and prepare for thyself a place of greater cheerfulness. Wishest thou the night of the grave to be luminous as day, carry along with thee ready trimmed the lamp of good works.—Saadi.

I see beginings in man, no end; wrestling, not achievement; unfolding, not maturity. Still he sighs for light, more light. Upon the borders of the grave he stands, and stretches out his hands to infinity and eternity for light, for progress, for new fields resplendent with everlasting light and glory.—Orville Dewey.

"Quench not the spirit." It is a word of deep wisdom and warning. It means, among other things, "Do thyself no harm." Preserve your individuality. Do not impair the life forces. Do not disqualify yourself for receiving impressions of reality from the world around or illuminations from the light within.—Charles G. Ames.

I do not in my best moods think of death, but of life. I would live as though there was no such thing in the world as death for me or for others. I would live with my thoughts amid things that endure, in work and duty and love, until death itself is consumed in life, the resurrection going on day by day, this mortal putting on immortality.—Horatio Stebbins.

A Wonderful Rule.

H. M. Jones, an architect of this city, has produced a remarkable invention in the shape of a mechanic's pocket measuring rule, on which he has been studying for several years.

He has taken a cheap, common rule, and without increasing or diminishing its original size, weight, appearance or original usefulness or convenience, has produced a rule that will give the length and levels of the ends of all kinds of braces or rafters.

It will square off a board or square and lay out a cellar, make an octagon or square mitre. It will tell the height of any building or elevation, the depth of any valley or chasm, the width of any street or stream, or both. Anchor a boat in the middle of a river, and the rule will tell how far it is from the shore; a roofer can tell the dimensions of any roof while standing on the ground; it will measure anything in sight, whether in reach or not; it will give the length of any straight or slanting line, it solves all the problems in geometry and trigonometry the mechanic is ever called upon to solve. The improvement can be attached to all kinds of rules in use, whether of the French or English systems, and to a new rule while making. One cent per rule will pay the cost of the improvements; to a rule already made it will cost two cents a rule.—Meridian Journal.

Had a Practical Proof.

Early in the sixteenth century the natives of Porto Rico plotted to kill the Spaniards on the island. There was much doubt, however, as to whether or not it was possible to kill a Spaniard. Many of the natives insisted that it was not. Finally it was decided to make an experiment. A young Spaniard who was passing through the Indian village was hospitably received and fed and then a number of natives accompanied him on his journey. When he arrived at a river his companions offered to carry him across. The young man accepted and was taken up by two men and carried into the water on their shoulders. Arriving near the middle of the river they threw him in and held him down until he ceased to struggle. Then they carried him ashore with profuse apologies, loudly proclaiming that they stumbled by accident and calling upon him to arise and continue his journey. But the young man did not move and finally the natives were convinced that he was actually dead. Having secured the proof they wanted the leaders of the rebellion at once began a general attack upon the Spaniards.

SOCIAL LONGINGS.

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Fame is only lasting after a man is dead.

Prize offers in the August St. Nicholas departments are especially intended to train young readers' powers of observation and discrimination. The editor of Nature Science asks the girls and boys to send him letters and photographs and drawings of what they find on the beach in August. The Books and Reading Department invites brief articles from its readers on "Some Recent Books for Young People." The object of this contest, aside from the training of the contestants, is to learn what books published in the last two or three years have been enjoyed by young readers. The girls and boys are requested not to name books that every one knows, but those that should be better known.

WILLIE AND SALLIE.

"What's the matter, Willie? You don't seem to enjoy the new pudding I baked."

"It looks all right, Sallie, but its taste causes me to wonder if your cook book did not contain some typographical errors."—Roller Monthly.

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Beneath a sun-filled sky,
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When all the clouds were high;
A little Love, a wistful Love—
I would not have him stay;
I loosed his hands, and kissed his lips,
And bade him fly away.

In the warm noon, the sweet noon,
When all the air was gold,
Oh, I met a fair, great Love
With merry eyes and bold;
So wise, so strong, so wonderful,
Too high for my estate.
He loosed my hands, and kissed my lips,
And left me desolate.

In the deep night, the cold night,
Who comes through wind and rain?
Little Love I bade away
Is at my sile again.
And he hath warmed my hands in his,
And kissed my wet eyes dry.
Oh, strange that he should comfort me
For that great Love gone by.
—John Winwood, in August Smart Set.

Features of Ainslee's for August.

An Unwilling Guest (novel), by William Gordon-Perez. Lady Molly Calverly (short story), by H. B. Marriott Watson. An Absent-Minded Love Affair (short story), by Emery Pottle. The Shield of Privilege (short story), by Frederick Trevor Hill. The Force of Habit (short story), by E. Nesbit. On the Girls that Have Left Us (essay), by Frank S. Arnett. The Land of Regrets (short story), by John Oliver Hobbes. The House of Anita (short story), by Lucia Chamberlain. A Friend of Princes (short story), by Charles Belmont Davis. In Perfume Land (essay), by Sidney Allan. Ol' Tom Tulk (short story), by Norman Duncan.

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Widow—Oh, dear, Mr. Saunders; your kind offer has quite overcome me, but wouldn't it be more seemly to wait until the period of mourning has expired before we announce the engagement?—Philadelphia Telegraph.

PROPER EXERCISES.

A little boy, spending the summer at the seashore, was greatly interested in the opening of the lobster pots and wished to have them opened one Sunday morning.

"No, my dear," said his mother, "we will wait until to-morrow. To-day is Sunday."

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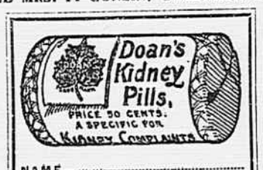

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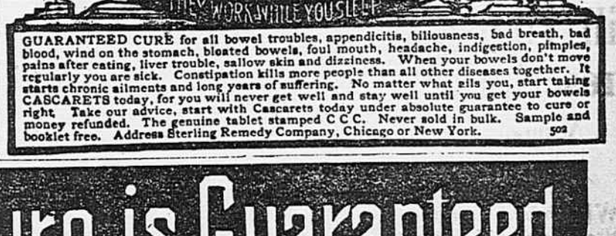

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