

MOST POPULAR HYMNS.

How Some of the Most Famous Were Written.

Strange and pathetic are many of the stories connected with the origin of famous hymns. In some cases, however, fictitious romances have been built around the beautiful words sung in our chapels and churches. For many years it was believed that Cowper's "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" was written as an outpouring of the poet's soul in gratitude for the frustration of his attempted suicide in October, 1773. The fact, however, that this hymn has been found in a manuscript in which the latest date is August, 1773, proves that it was written before Cowper's attempt on his life.

Then, again, it is a popular belief that Augustus Toplady wrote "Rock of Ages" while sheltering from a storm between two limestone rocks in the Mendips. No proof of the story is forthcoming, however, and consequently it must be accepted with caution. But there is no doubt that the author of "Christians, Awake," John Byrom, composed that magnificent hymn as a Christmas gift to his favorite daughter, Dorothy, for he inscribed upon the manuscript, "Christmas Day for Dolly."

It was characteristic of the late Bishop Bickersteth, who wrote "Peace, Perfect Peace," that he always found it easiest to express in verse whatever subject was uppermost in his mind. One day he heard a sermon delivered by Canon Gibbon, vicar of Harrogate, on the text, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee," and shortly afterward went to visit an aged and dying relative, Archdeacon Hill, of Liverpool. Bishop Bickersteth found the Archdeacon somewhat troubled in mind, and, it being natural to him to express in verse the spiritual comfort which he desired to convey, the Bishop took up a sheet of paper and there and then wrote down the hymn just exactly as it stands and read it to his dying friend.

An example of a hymn being written to suit a certain tune is furnished by the grand old favorite, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old." Mrs. Luke, the author, was very much impressed one day by an old Greek tune which she had seen at all an returned to the Normal Infant School, Gray's Inn road, marching to, and while going home on the stage coach she wrote the words to suit the music on the back of an old envelope.

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On the other hand, the story is that a young girl was going to the town to choose a new dress for a ball. On her way she met a priest, who said she ought not to go. However, she went, but did not enjoy the evening at all and returned home miserable. Charlotte Elliott (for that was the young girl's name) went to confess to her priest all about it, and asked what she should do. He advised her to go home and tell Jesus all about it. "Just as I am," she said. "Yes, just as you are," he returned, and on her knees composed the hymn. The proofs, however, seem to point to the first story, which is given by Dr. Julian.

Dr. Julian, by the way, tells us that the total number of Christian hymns in the 200 or more languages and dialects in which they have been written is not less than 400,000. Germany coming first with 100,000, and England next. The most popular hymns, according to a census which he has taken, are, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Awoke, My Soul, and With the Sun," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me."

SNAP SHOTS OF SCIENCE.

Cartridges are coin in Abyssinia. Rapid nail growth is an indication of health.

The Pope has a million dollar lace collection.

One wreck a day is the record for the Baltic Sea.

The Chinese are being introduced to wall paper.

A cannon report has been heard as far as 146 miles.

There are 44,000 total abstainers in the English army.

Spain leads in the production of lead. Germany is second.

The wings of a fly in flight move 350 times a second.

Wives are still obtained by purchase in some parts of Russia.

The Chinese issued bank notes more than 2,000 years before Christ.

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BEGGARS' UNION.

French Organisation for Protection Against Pretenders.

Not long ago an Austrian association of dancing masters sought redress at the hands of the law for the infringement of their prerogative by an unfortunate doctor of medicine who had found it impossible to make a living by the practice of his own profession. But the most remarkable trade union of which we have heard is one in the south of France formed by beggars for the suppression of unqualified practice.

A meeting of street singers and of the lame, the halt and the blind who extract voluntary contributions from the charitable public was held at Marseilles, a one-legged man being in the chair, for the purpose of organizing themselves into a body strong enough to resist the encroachments of pretenders. The association was duly constituted, with statutes and by-laws. It was decided that only French subjects with genuine malformations or sores could be admitted as members.

Compliance with this condition may not be altogether easy to enforce, for the limitation of diseases is a fine art. Readers of the life of Amboise Fare may remember that when he was a barber's apprentice he won some reputation in his native town by the exposure of a beggar who used to stand at the door of the parish church exposing to the pity of the faithful a frightful fungous tumor of the arm which proved to be a piece of decomposed mutton. Since the foundation of the association two one-legged men—named, we learn from the Journal des Debats, Roisin and Carlier—have started on a mission, delivering addresses wherever they go, warning the public against impostors.

The headquarters of the association are to be in Paris, and the organization will be under the direction of one Dousineau, who though he walks on crutches is said to be a man of devouring activity, going up and down beating up recruits. Some difficulty seems to have arisen in regard to contributions, many of the members preferring to keep their earnings to themselves. A feeling of uneasiness seems also to exist lest the list of members should find its way into undesirable hands.—From the British Medical Journal.

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Grocers—Clean and Unclean.

In the November number, Woman's Home Companion gives these impressive figures in its campaign for clean grocery stores:

There are eighty-four million people in the United States. For their food twelve billion dollars are spent annually.

Eighty-four million stomachs to be fed this year at a cost of twelve billion dollars. A few small average age that half the marketing will be done by mail, telephone or through solicitors and children, forty-two million people will be fed by women who do not know nor do not try to know their grocers; and six billion dollars' worth of food will be bought without the supervision of the woman who knows her grocer. This food, distributed by grocers, clean and unclean, includes nearly 3,000,000 tons of sugar, 834,607,323 pounds of coffee, 176,000,000 pounds of prunes, 11,854,768 bushels of rice, 84,000,000 barrels of flour and 84,000,000 pounds of tea.

All of these commodities must be handled by various clerks and delivery men before they pass from the grocery store to your pantry. Don't you think it is about time you get acquainted with your grocer and his helpers. Are the men and boy who handle the food for your family worthy of the trust?

Encountering a Tiger.

How he met a tiger in an Indian jungle is told by a hunter: "I was out stalking with a very light rifle, accompanied by two native shikaris, who had no weapon at all. We were passing through some rather thick jungle, when I heard sounds as if a tiger were about, and glancing at my men, saw that they were looking rather queer. All of a sudden with a rush and a roar a very large tiger sprang out of the jungle about 30 yards off and made straight for us. He passed close along our front, went a few yards, then turned round and sat growling and watching us. After this he charged almost up to us, but did not come quite home, and then passed back toward and forward in front of us two or three times. My men behaved exceedingly well, standing quite steady facing the tiger, shouting and throwing stones and a stick at him. Had either of them tried to turn and run, or get up a tree, the tiger would have been on us for a dead certainty.

"I reserved my fire for the last emergency, not caring, unless absolutely driven to it, with a light rifle, to risk a shot which would most probably fall to skip the tiger. The tiger continued to growl and play round us like a big cat, giving us an uncommonly bad time for about ten minutes. After a while we managed to back slowly over the top of some rising ground behind us, and, once we were out of sight, I am ashamed to confess that we went for all we were worth, halting occasionally to make sure we were not being followed, until, to our great relief, we got out into the open. The above is, luckily, a somewhat unusual experience, for a tiger generally avoids the presence of man if he can. Had it been a tigress, with young cubs, suddenly disturbed by one of us, one could have understood her behaving in this exceptional manner, but this was a male tiger and there is no way of explaining his conduct."

COULDN'T LOSE HIM.

"That bill collector is still downstairs, sir."

"Didn't I tell you to say that I did quite suddenly half an hour ago?"

"Yes, sir; but he says he would like a few moments' conversation with the remains."

NOT THE ROUTE.

Wife—Where have you been all this time?

Tipsy Husband—Hic—on a trip; my dear.

Wife—Well, you evidently didn't go by water.

LICORICE ROOT.

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Licorice root grows wild in the fields of Asia Minor, and few attempts have been made thus far toward its cultivation. Until fifty years ago it was practically unused, says Fur-Nash. The root grows on the Meander plains in the best in the world, being superior to that found in Syria, Mesopotamia, Caucasus, Siberia or China.

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The root is piled up and exposed to the air until about May and June. It then weighs only half as much as originally, owing to the thorough drying process to which it has been subjected. The root is sorted to obtain the qualities known as "debris" and "bagatelle," both of which are valuable.

Licorice root is shipped in bales weighing about 220 pounds each, pressed by hydraulic machinery and strapped with iron bands. The United States is the principal consumer of this class of licorice, which is shipped there in its natural shape as well as in a bar form, being admitted as a necessity, not a luxury, as it is at present, and form a part of every meal, either raw or cooked. Our doctors have been laying this law down for a long time now, but of late an eminent man in the east has shown with much success that the acids of lemons, apples, and some other fruits are capable of destroying all kinds and varieties of the germs which cause disease and pain in the human body. The acids, citric and malic, contained in the fruits mentioned have probably the effect of killing these disease germs. Cholera germs are said to be killed in fifteen minutes by lemon juice or apple juice, and even typhoid germs, which have great resisting power, are killed in about thirty minutes by either of these acids, even in a diluted form. A tumbler of cold water, saturated with cholera bacilli, to give rather a frightening instance, may be gulped down one's throat with impunity providing a lemon has been squeezed into it fifteen or twenty minutes before this. One isn't going to run this risk, of course, but still it shows what value these fruit acids have in serious disease; but their value is great, too, in keeping the body in good general health, providing always the fruit is in good condition and is eaten in moderation. To encourage people to spend their "sweetie pennies" in fruit rather than in sweets is a wise proceeding, though a few sweets are good for growing children.—Margaret.

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Do What You Can.

There always are those who wrap their talent for service in the rags of not-worth-while. They feel that they could not do much because their ability is so small, and therefore they do not try to do anything. They suppose that they are practicing the much-praised virtue of humility, while really they are evading duty and responsibility and thus incurring blame and guilt. The truth is, no one, however small his ability, need live uselessly. God bestows no talents which He means to be wrapped up in rags of any kind. Of course, we cannot give what we have not. But we should give always what we have. We are never to say, "There is no use in my giving, for I have so little. It can do no one any good." We have nothing to do with the matter of larger or smaller. We are responsible only for what we have. If it is but one little talent, one little talent is all we shall have to answer for. But we must answer for that, and if we fail to use it, we shall not only lose it in the end, but also shall incur the penalty of uselessness.—J. R. Miller.

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"W-al, I don't know nothin' about doctorin' people."

"You know more than we do, for you can doctor cows. Now what do you give them when they are sick?"

"W-al, I allers gives Epsom salts. You might try it on him."

"How much shall we give him?" inquired the son.

"W-al, I give cows just a pound. Your father is a quarter as big as a cow—give him a quarter of a pound."

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The Noise He Heard.

An old lady was visiting some relatives, one of whose sons had recently entered the ministry. She had not seen him since his boyhood, and was therefore anxious to attend service at his church.

At dinner subsequent to the Sunday sermon, she heard delivered by her nephew, it was observed that she was singularly reticent. Suddenly she broke her long silence by asking her nephew: "Frank, why did you enter the ministry?"

"Why, aunt," exclaimed the young man, "what a question. I entered the ministry because I was called."

Just a suspicion of a smile came to the old lady's face as she responded: "Are you sure, Frank, that it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

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"Needn't shave my upper lip this time," said Archie, as he took his seat in the barber's chair. "You may start a mustache for me."

"I can't do that, sir," said the barber. "I'll let your upper lip alone, but you'll have to start the blooming mustache yourself, sir."

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The Adolescence of the Dollar.

The dollar took some rounding. Nor did it formerly ring true, but much alive, simply gave a bleat or bellow. Cattle, among country folk, at one time constituted the dollar, while primitive, man generally made use of any article sufficiently abundant for the standard payment of all merchandise.

Thus, in ancient Greece, says Harper's Weekly, a large bronze tripod was the value of a dozen oxen. A good hard-working woman, on the other hand, was given in exchange for only four such beasts.

When metal took the place of money, the dollar clung to its traditions, and coins were still called after live stock. Thus, "pecunia," applied to metal money, derived its origin from "pecus" (cattle). From the custom of counting heads of cattle came the present designation of a unit in cash—capital, or "capita" (heads). In Sanscrit, rupa (herd, flock) made rupya, or the Indian rouble. While in gold and silver, when first in use as money, bore the impress of an ox or cow.

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John Was Huffed.

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"I have no fire."

"Here," said the editor, "I'll lend you a match—and my stove!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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Underground Moving Platforms.

A novel proposition is occupying the attention of a special committee of the Paris Municipal Council, in the form of a scheme to construct a series of moving platforms which are to form a circle in the centre of Paris underneath the grand boulevards and the Boulevard St. Germain. It is proposed to have three running roadways moving at different speeds. Passengers would step on to the fixed platform to the slow-rolling platform, and from that to the faster ones in turn. A trial has proved that getting on and off the platforms is as easy as boarding an omnibus.

POOR OLD UNCLE.

Uncle—Bobby, I hear you are learning to swim.

Bobby—Yes. So are you, ain't you, Uncle?

Uncle—No, my boy. Why?

Bobby—Oh, I heard father say yesterday that you had a hard job to keep your head above water!

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Burmese Sacred Cattle in Texas.

A herd of Burmese sacred cattle, which Tom O'Connor, a stockman of Goliad, Tex., imported from India about two years ago, has done so well that the variety will soon be found upon many of the ranches of southwest Texas.

A. P. Borden, of Pecos, Tex., and other representative cattlemen of the Gulf coast region made a study of the Burmese sacred cattle in India before the experiment of bringing them over here was tried. It was found in these investigations that the Burmese cattle were not subject to the splentide, or "lick" fever, which is the bane of the cattle of southern Texas, particularly when introducing stock from "above the line."

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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

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Knicker—If Swarthmore votes for football she will lose three million dollars. Becker—And you get a quarter-back.—New York Sun.

"Parson, somebody dared us to get married, and we never take a dare. Here we are." "Well, my young friends, I dare you to go home and endeavor to cultivate some common sense."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

About the time a dressmaker's bill has set a man back \$100 or more it is easy to convince him that beauty unadorned is adorned the most.—Chicago News.

Patient—What is astigmatism, doctor? "The oculist—it means that you can see better with one eye than the other. Patient—Oh, yes! I see, one pupil is more apt than the other.—Syracuse Herald.

The fox may lose his hair, but not his cunning.—Dutch.

"Her debut is going to be the grandest affair of the season." "Having it made in Paris, I suppose.—Houston Post.

I deem the presence of the master to be the eye of the home.—Aeschylus.

The little one—But if I give you me penny, wot do I get out of it? The big one—Why, didn't I just tell you I'd let you watch me spend it? Wot d'yer want, anyhow!—Chicago Tribune.

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