

Saturday.

Yes, youngsters, half a holiday—mind the maples blazed
Like flames against the smoky sky;
The goldenrod was brown.
Across a stretch of searing hills the
lax cattle grazed;
And all the little neighborhood was
on its way to town.

We clanked across the crisp fields,
tired bay by tired gray—
The house was primed for company
from roof to shining floor;
White, starched curtains blowing in,
fresh hung for Sabbath Day,
And spicy oven smells afloat from
out the kitchen door.

Fresh garments lay upon the bed in
our wee lofty room.
We shared the cloudy looking-glass
with conscious boyish pride.
To wield our new and shining blades,
and feared a bloody doom.
As, wavering on cheek and chin, we
felt their keenness slide.

Yes, youngsters, half a holiday—the
maple road at last
And other wheels to race our own,
a happy-hearted way—
For some good Genie stole an hour
when all the rest were past
And consecrated it to youth and
called it Saturday.

Interesting Facts Regarding Fox Raising.

Some interesting facts regarding fox farming are forthcoming from the Veterinary Director General, Dr. Torrance. In an article in the Agricultural Gazette of Canada for November he tells us that the main difficulty connected with the raising of foxes in captivity is the protecting of them from disease. It is noticeable that the female instead of giving birth to a litter of four or five at a time, as she does when free, rarely produces more than two, the average for the farms in Prince Edward Island being at the rate of one and a half. Individual fox ranchers, however, by careful and proved methods do succeed in securing an increase of three or even four per pair. With a view to making this success more general, under the direction of Dr. Torrance, research work has been undertaken. Land and equipment have been acquired, two scientific experts from the Health of Animals Branch employed, six pairs of foxes from the Island ranches furnished, and a small laboratory fitted up for the studying of the diseases and parasites that affect the animals.

She Took The Next Train.

Short cuts, if the road is too steep, may not prove short; and places that are near together may not be readily reached from one another. Those fascinating impossible directions, familiar to our childhood years, sometimes find an inconvenient echo in present fact: "Straight down the crooked lane, and all around the square." Certainly they frequently come to the mind of a distracted shopper in a great department store.

"I want some shoestrings, some hairpins, a pair of gloves and a toothbrush," the woman said. "I have to catch a train, and have but a few minutes."
"Yes, madam!" the floorwalker replied briskly. "That's the beauty of a department store—get anything you want, right under the one roof! Take elevator to eleventh floor, shoe department, eight aisles to the right from main passageway, for shoe strings; hairpins in notions department, east side of basement, three aisles beyond hardware; gloves in women's wear, fifth floor of annex; reached by passageway over street; toothbrush in drugs and toilet articles department on balcony, reached by moving stairway, which you will find on your right as you pass the fountain in the florist shop in the centre of the main floor."

Electricity in the Bathroom.

Speaking of deaths in bathtubs to which electrical appliances were attached, the British Medical Journal says:

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He Wanted A Full Trip.

"The foreman had rebuked Cassidy for not taking a full load of bricks up the ladder every trip, and Cassidy had promised not to offend again. One morning the supply of bricks ran out, and Cassidy, after gathering every one in sight, found he was still short the proper number. He called to a workman on the fifth floor.

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Surnames and Their Origin

HOMER.

Racial Origin—Anglo-Norman.
Source—An occupation.

While the Normans spoke French they were really a Teutonic race. Indeed, a large part of the blood of modern France, particularly in the north, was originally Teutonic, the result of the great migrations westward of the Teutons into what had previously been the purely Gallic provinces of the Roman Empire. Thus not only the overwhelming majority of names, but a large percentage of the words in the medieval French speech were Teutonic.

One of these words was that for "helmet," a modern word which has come down to us both through the Anglo-Saxon and the Norman-French tongues, only for some reason we have perpetuated the diminutive rather than the original word itself. "Helmet" means "little helm." As the Normans originally spelled and pronounced it, it was "helme," but in accordance with that tendency which has scattered the diphthong "au" so profusely through modern French, namely, the tendency to drop the pronunciation of the "i" and substitute a long "o" sound for the former vowel, it was quite generally spelled "heume" before the population of England finally swung back toward the old Anglo-Saxon speech.

The "heumers" or "helmers" of medieval England were the makers of helmets. The name was, of course, first applied as descriptive of this occupation, with this meaning being ultimately lost in that of mere personal designation. With the original meaning forgotten or unstressed the tendency toward phonetic spelling in an age when spelling was little standard.

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A Strange Conversion.

How a woman was converted to Christianity by a Brahmin is told by a recent writer.

Cecilia Thaxter, a poetess, was an earnest student of strange and mystical teachings. At one time she was much dominated by the teachings of John Weiss, and she did not appreciate the beauty and power of the Bible. She saw a good deal of a Hindu theosophist.

One day she said to her friend, Mary Parkman, "Did I speak contemptuously of such a person? I ought not to, for one of the principles of theosophy is to feel no contempt for an 'human being.'"

Miss Parkman replied, "But did not Jesus teach that? Is it not all in the Sermon on the Mount?"

By and by Mohini himself happened to get hold of a copy of the New Testament, and was much surprised and impressed by the beauty of its contents. He spoke of it to Mrs. Thaxter, and found to his amazement that she knew nothing about the New Testament.

"What?" he said. "You do not read your own religious books? I never heard anything more beautiful than this."

Mrs. Thaxter forthwith began to read the New Testament and became so much interested in it that she went about with a copy in her pocket; whenever she had a chance she would read it. From that time she began to attend Phillips Brooks's church. She was converted to Christianity by a Brahmin theosophist!

Making Markets.

To a very large degree, production is controlled by profits and the ease of marketing the products, but sometimes, as in the live stock industry, markets have to be created. Canada was producing the fat hog and for years had an outlet for the surplus product; but marketing conditions changed and the industry immediately faced rather a difficult situation. A new market was the solution. The Government was immediately seized of the situation and had careful surveys and investigations made; educational campaigns were carried on, the type of hog raised in

ized anyhow, eventually brought the family name to the form of Homer.

CASEY.

Variation—Cahasey, O'Casey.
Racial Origin—Irish.
Source—A given name.

The Irish family name of Casey is one which, strangely enough in view of its Irish form, so complicated to our English-acquainted eyes, has developed very few variations in its transition into English spelling.

This is true because, despite the complicated looks of the Gaelic spelling, the pronunciation is not very susceptible to any other phonetic rendition in English than Casey, or when care is taken to preserve the faint "h" sound in the middle of the name, Cahasey.

The Irish spelling is nothing less than "O'Cathasaigh," sometimes also spelled "O'Cahesaidh." To our English-trained eyes the latter form illustrates best its pronunciation, when it is remembered that the sound of the final "h" easily became eliminated, and makes clear the reason for the spelling sometimes, but not often met with Casey. The "h" in such a name is very easy to ignore except for a tongue trained in the Irish language.

The given name from which this family or clan name was developed is "Cathasach," and its meaning is "brave." It was a name quite common in the old Irish nomenclature, but, of course, only in comparatively few instances gave rise to a family name.

The O'Caseys in Ireland are most thickly settled in Munster, Limerick and Clare (the territory which was the ancient Thomond), and also in Cork.

Eastern Canada was changed, and the bacon industry as we know it today came into being. Those who assisted in the transformation realized how great were the difficulties and how tremendous the possibilities. Time has proved to the satisfaction of Canadians that the exportable surplus of agricultural products must meet, in so far as is possible, the standards laid down by the importing nations. Moreover, we have learned that it is profitable to meet these demands wherever feasible. Canadian bacon is in Great Britain, and even in other countries, a standard product. The Government's part now is to keep clear all trade channels, thus providing the demand, while the reputation already achieved assures the producer a price comparable to that received by other markets. Dr. S. P. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture.

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In many ways the sailing of the Mayflower was an event in England's history, but how different that history would have been had the example of the Pilgrims been followed by certain other men who had made up their minds to join William Brewster and his companions! Wearing by civil and religious strife in England, Oliver Cromwell and John Hampden were preparing to set out for America, when Archbishop Laud procured an order from Charles I. forbidding them to leave. That proclamation of May 1, 1633, declared that the king, being informed that many persons were yearly to New England to escape ecclesiastical authority, ordered that no one should henceforth pass without a license and a testimonial of conformity from the minister of his parish.

It was this same Charles I. who, in 1624, issued another proclamation forbidding any but royal ships to fly the Union Jack—the old flag of the English and Scottish crosses. Queen Anne, in 1707, ordered merchant ships to fly a red flag with the Union Jack in a canton at the upper corner thereof. This is the British red ensign, well known in every part of the world. Originally the name "Jack" was given to the small upright spar in the ship's bows from which the flag was flown when going into action. Gradually the term came to be applied to any flag of noble size that had the cross of St. George next to the staff. The Union Jack with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew supplanted the St. George's Jack on the ascension of James I., when the crown of Scotland was united with that of England.

Distinguished Personages.

When Professor Walter Raleigh was asked to lecture at Princeton College, Professor Root went down to the station to meet the distinguished visitor. Professor Root did not know Professor Raleigh, but walking up to a man whom he thought looked like him, he said:

"I beg your pardon, but am I addressing Walter Raleigh?"
The man looked at him for a moment, and, thinking he must be mad, replied:

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"I got even with the editor last night," said the budding authoress.
"How did you do it?" gushed the confidential friend.
"I declined his son, with thanks."

A Failure.

Orator's Wife: "Did the people applaud?"
"Applaud?" They made about as much noise as a rubber heel on a feather mattress!"

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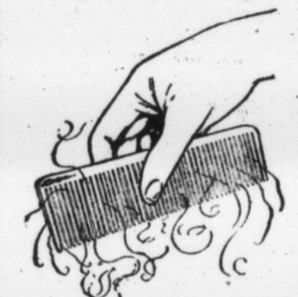
"Oh, not at all. It is merely a ball on the back of your neck, but I would advise you to keep an eye on it."

Tommy Knew.

Teacher: "Who was the first electrician?"
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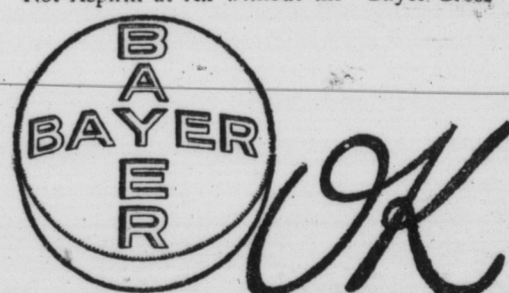
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