

Machine Poetry.

VERY HAPPY.

Oh, we're feeling mighty happy,
As along the road we go.
For the fat is on the pudding,
An' the bark is on the dog.

An' life is not a riddle,
But is happiness complete,
For the law is on the fiddle,
An' the more is on the feet!

Then sing the joy of living,
An' just go it with a whoop!
For the cash is on the counter,
An' the oyster is in the soup!

—Atlanta Constitution

NOT SO HAPPY.

(With apologies to the Atlanta Constitution)

Just give the crank a twist or two
An' listen to the tune
For the canon is on the bass
An' the glitter is on the moon.

There is music in the hum-blee-bee
An' jingle in the bell,
An' we hear the liquid laughter
Of the oyster on the shell.

There is a method called inflexible
It has its friends and foes,
But if the moon is made of cheese,
There is not a mortal knows.

There is a doctor who 's sampled it,
(The method not the moon),
An' what he says about it
Would inflate a large balloon.

An' an editor has lent his pen
An' tried to make a scoop,
But the milk has gone to clabber,
An' the method's to the soup!

The Journal

Children's Hobbies.

Don't discourage them, parents. Let the boys have their pets, even if they are somewhat of an inconvenience to you. Don't tell them the "Pail and Milk maid" story when they are counting on the profits of the sale of the chickens not yet hatched. Let them be enthusiastic over the ventures as long as they are of the right character. It tides the boys over the restlessness "want-to-do something" and "want-to-go somewhere" age.

Fathers don't interest themselves enough in their children's pastimes. When your boy talks over his plans and projects with you, don't throw wet blanket over them even if you can see farther than he and know that the results will not be as grand as he anticipates. Take hold of his interests and help them along in the right direction.

"Don't bother me about those rabbits," said a father in an impatient tone to his little boy, who had come to him for counsel. "I've got a great deal on my mind this morning of much more importance than those rabbits. What do they amount to, anyhow?" Do you think that father will gain the confidence of that boy in later years when he will long for it?

"We're so happy, father and I, when we are together," said a little girl as she put her small hand into her father's strong one and looked up into his face with such love and confidence. That father knew just how many doll children the little mother had, their different names and individualities, the tragedies and happiness of their lives. He kept run of the things going on in the little world which his child lived in. We must remember that the outlook of our children is far different from ours. They see the flowers, but not the thorns, when they pick the rose. And yet they have their sorrows and troubles, and "woo unto him who offends one of these little ones." But thanks be to the father, their griefs are soon forgotten and do not weigh down their hearts as in maturer life, when realization brings out all the dark and shadowy facts. "All our lives in youth were painted on a background of pale gold."

Fathers and mothers, be companions to your children. Mothers will naturally be more with little ones and identified with their joys and sorrows. But see to it, fathers, that even amid the busy fret and wear of the world's great mart, that you get time to live your children's lives with them.—Selected.

Cause for Gratitude.

A distinguished physician on the medical establishment of the Court being on one occasion called to an excited personage had a notice posted in "stating to all whom it might concern that "Dr. _____, having been summoned to Balmoral to see Her Majesty, will be unable to lecture to day." The effect of this announcement was rather spoiled by the fact that some one, with an impromptu display of loyalty, had written underneath, "God save the Queen."

Treating Mumps Humorously.

Mumps, fat neck and stiff neck are prevalent in London just now, especially south of Dundas street, and the following advice from one who has had them is worth observing. Mumps are something you generally get when you don't want them. They are likely to arrive in the night time, when you are not looking. They are very fattening, especially on a fellow's face. If you don't be sure you have them take half an ounce of vinegar in half a cup of water. If the mumps object to this you have them in the neck. Take good care of them now and don't expose them to the cold or they may get swelled on themselves. If you have a fall crop at the same time it makes you better looking while they last, otherwise it is a one-sided affair. According to the care they get they hang around from 9 days to 100. Better to have them the 9 days. Treat them kindly for your own sake. They are anti prohibitionists and are strictly opposed to direct taxation. They enjoy sleep very much, but are easily disturbed and very alert. You can't crawl out of bed and leave them alone. Some people feed them on fat pork and pepper, served on a flannel cloth. This is a source of great comfort to them, as it is very heating and fattening. Beef tea, gruel, scullitz powders, coffee, toast, rest, and a warm room are excellent things if taken in time and at regular intervals. You don't need a nurse, only some one to watch you that you don't take a streak and do a lot of work around the house. Parents are good things. I have when you are first starting them, out after you get well acquainted and they stop jawing you the hired girl is the one to have the most fun with. Parents don't sympathize with you when you are all right. In the absence of parents and hired girl just amuse yourself looking at yourself in the glass. If you have them had they will look like two real bad tooth aches, only more so, under the same especially. Get them if you can while you're at school, then you won't have to go for about two weeks. If you can't get them in the summer try them about Xmas, so you won't altogether die from starvation. They are very fond of turkey and pudding.—London Echo.

Restored Hearing.

It is no unusual thing to hear of cases where deaf persons have suddenly regained their hearing. Sometimes these reports are true and come from duly accredited and trustworthy sources, and then again they are only exaggerated reports, gotten up to advertise some quack doctor who wishes to gain notoriety and to impose upon the unfortunate deaf.

The latest case of restored hearing comes from the Kentucky Institution. It seems that some eighteen months ago, a twelve months' old boy named Fred Hooper lost his hearing from an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Sometime afterward he entered the Kentucky School for the Deaf, and was accredited with being stone deaf, the loudest sound making no impression on the sense perception. But a week or so ago he surprised every one in the institution by suddenly regaining his sense of hearing, which is now said to be so acute that he can hear a whisper.

There was a similar case of suddenly regaining the hearing and we believe speech too, that occurred about a year ago in the Arkansas Institution, but in the main, such cases are rare—that is, genuine cases and in the majority of cases we concur with the Standard should be taken "with a large grain of salt." They do not come about often through any medical treatment, but generally happen through natural causes. It is not unnatural that deaf people should entertain hopes that some day and some way their hearing may come to them, and it should not be wondered at that they should seek remedies to this. But these cases where there have been cures are so few, and the number imposed upon so great, that we have grave doubts whether any are ever benefited, and acting on general principles we believe in letting all such treatments for deafness alone.—Massachusetts Record.

Every man who prepares for Christmas with the knowledge that his own children are fed and clothed and can enjoy the festivity of the season should mark his gratitude for good fortune with a contribution to prevent others from passing that holiday in cold and hunger.

Letter from an Ex-Pupil.

Chester, Ont., 1898.

To Mr. MATHISON.

DEAR SIR, It was with much pleasure that I received the diploma you sent to me a few days ago and for which I thank you very much. I have had it framed and it looks very nice. I feel very proud of it. I am thankful to you for all your kindness to me while attending school and to all my teachers, especially Mr. Coleman and Mr. Duns, they have always helped me with my lessons and I thank them for their assistance. I am learning the barbering trade now and think I shall like the work very well. I hope to be able to make a good living for myself which I think I can after a year or two. I was very pleased to meet the pupils at the station going back to school in September and all seemed pleased to see me. I hope to be able to see them all again. I think the boys are all anxious for winter when they can have lots of skating and hockey playing. I always enjoyed skating with the boys at school and often think of the many games of hockey and foot ball I played there. I will play too in winter. When the boys write to me and say that they miss me, I can hardly believe it for, although I often feel lonesome, they haven't time to feel lonesome because they are always seeing something new. I hope you, and all pupils in Ontario are in the full enjoyment of the blessings of good health. I hope you are all well and I will be much pleased to hear from you soon.

Your affectionate pupil,

ARTHUR CELLEN.

Finger Spelling

The Iowa School for the Deaf starts the school year with a rule prohibiting the use of sign-names. This strikes us as being in the line of progress. The object of our schools is to teach language, and the best method of learning language is to have it constantly in sight or in hearing. It is certainly of more importance to know a person's real name than his sign name. Then there is but little advantage to be had from the use of sign names. One example of their value may be seen when it is desired to speak of a third person at a distance. The argument of brevity that some make in the favor of sign-names is not a strong one, for a rapid speller can run off a name about as quickly as can a deliberate speaker. A fact to be noticed and deplored in many schools is that the pupils are such poor spellers and readers of spelled words. It is easy to account for this undesirable state of things. The remedy is more finger spelling. Let the crusade against sign-names extend to signs in general. By this we do not mean a complete exclusion of signs for they have their value in their place.—Kelly Messenger

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAIN LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION.

WEST	12:30 AM	4:30 AM	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
EAST	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	10:15 PM	11:30 PM

MADON AND PETERSBORO BRANCH 5:30 AM
12:15 AM 3:55 PM 6:30 PM.

Uneducated Deaf Children.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY person who receives this paper send me the names and post office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them circulars concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.

TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES are held as follows, every Sunday:-
West End Y. M. C. A. Corner Queen Street and Bovercourt Road, at 11 AM
And Y. M. C. A. Hall, cor. Yonge and Melvin Streets, at 10 AM
General Central up stairs at Broadway Hall, Spadina Ave. 11 or 12 doors south of College Street at 10 AM. Leaders Messrs. Naulton, Braden and others.
BIBLE CLASS Every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, corner Spadina Ave and College Street, and/or Queen Street and Bovercourt Road.
Lectures, etc. may be arranged if desirable. Miss A. Fraser, Missionary to the Deaf in Toronto, 1 Major Street.

Institution for the Blind.

THE PROVINCIAL INSTITUTION FOR THE Education and Instruction of Blind Children is located at Highland, Ontario. For particular address.

A. H. DYMOND, Principal.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Classes :-

SEWING HOUR - From 9 AM to 12 noon, and from 1 PM to 5 PM. DRAWING from 10:30 PM on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

GIRLS' FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday afternoon of each week from 12:30 to 5.

ARTICULATION CLASSES :-
From 3:45 AM to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Religious Exercises :-

EVERY SUNDAY. Primary pupils at 9 AM, senior pupils at 11 AM. General Lecture at 2:30 PM, immediately after which the Bible Class will assemble.

EACH SUNDAY DAY the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 9 AM, and the Teachers-in-charge for the week, will open by prayer and afterwards discuss their reports so that they may reach their respective school rooms not later than 3 o'clock. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock the pupils will again assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. Canon Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrelly, V. G. L. P. J. Thompson, M. A. (Presbyterian); Rev. Chas. J. McIntyre, Methodist; Rev. J. H. Cowart, Baptist; Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Presbyterian); Rev. Father Connolly, Rev. J. W. Welch, Rev. J. J. Rice, Rev. J. Hill.

SPECIAL CLASSES, Sunday afternoon at 2:15. International Series of Sunday School Lessons. Miss ANNE MARITOWN, Teacher.

All Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments :

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOP AND CAPTENER'S Room from 7:30 to 9 AM, and from 1:30 to 4:30 PM for pupils who attend school, for those who do not from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM, and from 1:30 to 4:30 PM on each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASSES HOURS are from 9 AM to 12 o'clock noon, and from 1:30 to 5 PM for those who do not attend school, and from 3:30 to 5 PM for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, shops and hearing room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition.

Teachers are not to be excused from the various classes of Industrial Departments, except account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors :

Persons who are interested desiring to visit the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1:30 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3 o'clock.

Admission of Children :

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leaving-taking with their children. It only makes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for and if left in our charge, without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

Visitation :

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come however, they will be made welcome to the classrooms at all hours, every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging or meals, or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Quinte Hotel, Hoffman House, Queen's, Anglo-American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

Clothing and Management :

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence :

In case of the sickness of pupils, letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating as concisely as possible their wishes.

Non-medical preparations that have been used at home or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise their cures and appliances for the cure of deafness. In consequence of frauds and impostors and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of adventurous deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.