

Queer Cases of Heredity.

DOCTORS disagree as to the influence of heredity. Some hold that a great deal hinges upon it; others believe the contrary. Some of the authentic stories told to exemplify this mysterious bond between ancestors and descendants are very curious.

There was a loan collection of old portraits exhibited in London lately and a young girl was among the visitors. She was an orphan and wealthy, but without relatives and was often heard to complain of the loneliness of her position. As she passed through the gallery one particular portrait attracted her attention and she went back to it more than once. Her companion saw in it nothing but the commonplace painting of a middle-aged man in the costume of the latter part of the last century. "It is such a nice kind face," said the girl, rather wistfully. "I imagine my father might have looked like that had he lived." As most of the pictures were ticketed the visitors had purchased no catalogue but, before going away, Miss B. bought one at the entrance and made a last visit to the portrait for which she had felt so strong an attraction. To her astonishment she found her own name opposite to its number and learned on inquiry that the original was one of her direct ancestors.

Another occult coincidence or psychological phenomenon happened a few years ago to a Southern statesman and financier whose family has always been of rank in his native state. This gentleman was overhauling old documents and letters which had been stored in a dusty chest for years and intended to publish whatever might be of historic value and interest. To his surprise he unfolded a letter yellow and time-stained, which was written in his own peculiar hand-writing, or seemed to have been written by him, although the date was two generations before his birth. The signature of the surname, which was the same as his own, was so markedly characteristic that he could scarcely believe his own hand did not pen the letters.

A Loquacious Cockatoo.

The most loquacious cockatoo in the world used to be owned by a civil servant in a Riverina township, Australia, and as this is, perhaps, the only bird that ever shut up a political "wind-jammer" the Melbourne "Punch" deems it escapade worthy to be put on record. A general election was on, and one of the candidates for the district had engaged a hall wherein to address the electors. There was a great attendance, and the candidate went from scratch with a rush, but at the end of five minutes was interrupted by a thin, croaking voice, like that of a little devil suffering from whooping-cough, which called from one of the rafters: "Oh, I'm full of this!" The crowd, suddenly discovering the cockatoo on his perch aloft, laughed uproariously. A long string of insults at the crowd came from the rafters. The candidate tried to get going again. "The man's an ass!" was the cockatoo's comment, and he jerked it in after every solemn expression of the candidate's opinion. At last the candidate's patience gave way, and, seizing the water-bottle, he hurled it furiously at the intemperate bird. It broke a window, and excited the candidate, he heaped reproaches and insults upon him. The bird won; finding nothing left to throw, and unable to make any impression on the roaring audience, the politician flung himself from the hall, and the evil bird gave the last touch by calling pleasantly: "So long, so long!" The meeting forthwith carried resolution to the effect that the cockatoo was a fit and proper party to represent that district in Parliament.

Palmistry Triumphant.

(Fragment from a Town Romance.)

The enquirer was a little anxious as he placed his open hand before the earnest gaze of the soothsayer.

"You are a man of the utmost ability," the enquirer seemed satisfied.

"You have the organizing power of a Kitchener and the dash of a Baden-Powell."

Again the enquirer smiled.

"You have the tact of a Talleyrand, the courage of a Buonaparte, the poetry of a Shakespeare, and the sense of color of a Rubens, a Vanduyke and a Gainsborough."

"Quite true," murmured the enquirer.

"You could, had you wished it, have taken a Double First at Oxford or become a Senior Wrangler at Cambridge."

The enquirer bowed acquiescence.

"I can see from your garb you are not the Archbishop of Canterbury, and from my knowledge of the lineaments of the distinguished personages I am about to mention I am sure you are neither the Premier, the Lord Chancellor, nor the Commander-in-Chief."

"You are right," replied the enquirer.

"You occupy a position of greater importance, if I am not mistaken, than either of the situations I have specified."

"Again you are correct," returned the enquirer, "I have the honor to fill the post of Senior Superintendent of the Imperial Universal General Dry Goods and Provision Store, Limited."

"And with the accolade of the good respect and admiration, the soothsayer and enquirer separated.—"Punch."

Midsummer Maxims.

Old married folks never sit in the hammock together. A drug store in the neighborhood is always productive of thirst. It usually gets too cold for mamma and papa about 9 o'clock. The young lady who is always objecting to her brother's smoking tells her young man that she likes the odor of a good cigar—with the accent on the good—and the young man smiles complacently. The neighbor's piano ought really to be tuned. The man who can restrain his natural impulse to sprinkle the lawn with the hose always jollies his next door neighbor, who can't. A woman can sit with nothing in her ears and rock, but a man has to have a paper or a cigar or both. When the Old Man and his neighbor get their feet on the railing side by side the young man who is calling on the Old Man's daughter usually proposes a stroll, for he knows they are planted until bedtime.—Ex.

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee,

translated into the native dialect so that the natives might appreciate its beauty. The work was done by a young Hindoo Bible student. The next day he brought his translation to the missionary for approval, and his rendering as translated back in English read like this:

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French and German Duels.

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Holiday Reading.

Froude, in his "Sea Studies," had a word to say on the subject of books for holiday reading. While freely granting that the solitary side of our nature demands leisure for reflection upon subjects on which the dash and whirl of daily business forbid the intellect to fasten itself, he yet insisted that the mind cannot steadily itself by its single strength. So: "We require companions—but companions which intrude upon us only when we invite them; we require books, and the choice is a serious one. . . . As we grow old, the class of novels which we can read with interest rapidly diminishes. The love agonies of the Fredericks and Dorotheas cease to be absorbing. . . . The taste for romance is the first to disappear. The taste for caricature lasts longer, but eventually follows. Truth alone permanently pleases." Therefore, maintained Froude, "the best company at all times are the immortal those on whom the endurance of their works has set the seal of excellence; which are read from age to age, from era to era, and prove, by the tenacity of their hold, their correspondence with the humanity under which all changes remain the same."

A Child's Logic.

He was very young. To be precise, he was five years and seven months. As long as he could remember he had had to set aside a part of the moneys he received to educate the little children of China. He didn't love them as much as he should, or he would not have asked:

"Mother, they're killing all the Chinese children, aren't they?"

"Yes, isn't it dreadful? Are you not glad you are not a little Chinese boy?"

"Yes. But when they get them all killed, I won't have to send them any more of my money, will I?"

A Man Who Knew It All.

The late Flavius Josephus Cook was long on faith and short on love. That is to say, he lacked sweetness, generosity, sincerity—the qualities that win men's lasting confidence in a preacher. He carried an audience of non-thinkers by storm, but the scholars distrusted him, and when the people began to see through his "gallery plays," his hold upon the public loosened. For ten years he was the successful Boanerges of the "Monday Pop" lecture platform. The thundering champion of orthodoxy, he rode down science, discussed dogmatically in "preludes," all things in heaven and earth, once a week, with advantage to his pocket and fame. As Barrett Wendell put it: "He said things with a bang."

That was a lifelong characteristic. Walking through the college yard with the present writer one day, Cook suddenly stopped, seized his astonished companion by the arm, glared at him and cried:

"Do you see that blade of grass? It is a miracle."

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