

The Quaker Charm.

The Quaker rule has been called inflexible because it proscribed innocent amusements and repressed the desire of the young for healthy expansion. All I know is that as I saw and felt the influence of this rule it affected the childish imagination with an infinite awe, an infinite respect, a perfect human calm. The hushed decorum of the household, the elders, grave, silent, but just and kind, with an unassuming but unbroken kindness, the absence of anger, ill temper, jealousy, mockery, resentment—and yet I have seen such bursts of feeling, too, quivering with, oh, such sorrow and pain—the spotless dress, the formal speech, the very neatness of the house furniture, preserved, quaint, spotless, unharmed for generations—all these things separated the childish mind from the world that is fabled to call so strongly to the caged bird; separated it, satisfied it, filled it with an awestruck insuperable love of home. The world might stir at times an obscure thrill of curiosity, of envy, or of longing, but that the temptation could endure long if it called the adolescent away from such a home was well nigh impossible.

And not yet have I named the strongest influence that kept her there—the Quaker mother's eyes. Whatever else the claim of the Quakers to beauty, and often she has no more than a healthy color and a homely pleasantness of feature, one loveliness she rarely lacks—a broad, peaceful brow, and eyes of a still serenity that has no name. And to her child she does not speak reproach, warning, sympathy and love, but looks them with these eyes, which speak the sorrow, the patience and the peace of heaven itself. To offend against them is impossible.—Thomas Wharton in Lippincott's.

The Arrow Hung in Midair.

An actor tells the following story: I remember seeing at a German theater in Wiesbaden a performance of the drama of "William Tell." I was told by the manager of the theater that the stage effects in the play were extremely fine, and that I was to wait until the scene where Tell's splendid marksmanship was made apparent to see something that would astonish me.

I did wait patiently as I could until that scene, and I was certainly astonished. The scene arrived where Tell is to shoot the apple from his son's devoted head. As I gathered from the subsequent occurrence, the apple and Tell's crossbow were connected by an invisible wire, along which the arrow was to speed to the target. At the proper cue the arrow did speed half way toward the apple and there stuck, to all appearance in midair.

In vain did the doughty Tell shake his bow to "joggle" the arrow to its mark.

The son of Tell looked very frightened and didn't know what was happening. The apple firmly fixed on his youthful cranium was bobbing about, the audience was laughing, and the laugh burst into a roar when one of Gesler's guards, looking painfully like a gentleman who might officiate on one of the tramcars during the day, took in the situation and coming forward from his position at the side of young Tell, calmly gave the recalcitrant arrow a smart rap with his spear, when it sped on its way and buried itself in the apple on the boy's head.—Pearson's Weekly.

Forgeries of Autographs.

"What about forgeries, lithographs and photographed handwriting and all the other iniquities one hears about in connection with autographs?"
"Well, forgeries, of whatever kind, are numerous and very easy to detect."
"Easy to detect?"
"Certainly, if the collector has a cool head and does not allow the wish that an autograph shall be genuine to father the thought that it is genuine. Most of the forgeries would deceive no cool, careful man with a modicum of experience. As for photographs, they certainly cannot be detected at a glance. I frequently buy them in bundles of genuine autographs. The test is a drop of acid. The carelessness of young collectors is the mother of forgeries."—Academy.

The Modern Mother.

Friend—What do you do when your baby cries at night?
Modern Mother—I get up and go into another room where I can't hear it.—Abendblatt der New York Staats-Zeitung.

Ireland sends out as emigrants to other lands from 40,000 to 50,000 of her sons and daughters annually, while Scotland parts with only from 16,000 to 18,000.

If a man could jump as far, in proportion to his size and weight, as a flea, he could at a single leap pass from St. Louis to Chicago.



The stories of slaughter that the old soldier could tell his little son are so awful that they would make a sensitive child weep with horror and pity. But all the stories of war on sea and land shrink into insignificance before the dreadful massacre of men and women, for which that relentless enemy of life, consumption, is each year responsible.

Scientists state that one-fourth of the adult men and women in the civilized world have in their bodies the seeds of this grim destroyer. A single grain of dirt taken from a city street, under the microscope sometimes reveals as many as a million of the minute but murderous bacilli of consumption. There has never been but one medicine discovered that will prevent and cure this disease. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It acts directly on the lungs, driving out disease germs and building new and healthy tissues. It allays inflammation of the mucous membranes. It is the great blood-maker, flesh-builder and nerve tonic. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption and diseases of the air passages. All medicine dealers sell it.

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One day in 1890 Senator Hampton was going on his crutches from the senate chamber to the house of representatives. In the middle of the big rotunda he met a very large man, also on crutches. He was a member of congress from Illinois, a Republican, whose name I cannot now recall. Hampton stopped him and kindly asked his name and how he had received his injury. After giving his name the congressman said amputation was necessary by reason of a shot he had received in a fight with Hampton's cavalry. He did not dream he was talking to Wade Hampton himself. "I am Wade Hampton," said the senator. "If you have the leisure, please sit down and let us talk." Hampton had lost his leg after the war, when thrown from a mule while deer hunting. The amputation was identical with that of the congressman, and they fell a-talking. Up to that time neither had found a cork leg he could wear, and they discussed cork legs for a great while. They parted after mutual professions of esteem. The next morning I heard the congressman tell the story in the committee room, and there never was a man who had a higher regard for Wade Hampton than he had. I believe Hampton later found a leg he could wear.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Beat Him Down.

Two Irishmen were cleaning a window in a tall building. To facilitate their work they had stuck a board out of the window, and Pat stood on the end of it which was outside and Mike on the end inside to balance. Suddenly Pat shouted:
"Moike, I've dropped me sponge."
"That's all right. I'll go down and get it."
When he got to the street, he found Pat in a heap on the sidewalk and exclaimed:
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Missing Fire.

"Glad to hear your son is getting on so well in the volunteers, Wicks. I understand he is making quite a stir in the regiment on account of his shooting."
"That's right," said Wicks proudly. "He's going in for the Bisley shoot next year. That boy can use the rifle, and I'm going to let him develop his talent. He'll be one of the best shots in the world."
"Well, I hope for his sake that the old idea isn't true—that the next world is really a continuation of what we do here."
"What do you mean, sir?"
"However good a shot he may be in this world, I suppose you hope he will miss fire in the next?"
Wicks is telling it to all his friends now.—Strand Magazine.

Her Charity Work.

"No, Dr. Whitehead, I'm sorry, but I'm doing all I can afford to do for charity."
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