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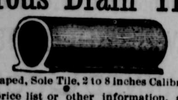

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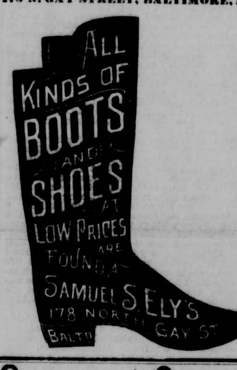

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An unlettered clergyman wanting a place,
His manners were genial and pleasant his face,
Received a kind letter inviting him down
To preach at a church in a large country town.
The town was uncultured, old-fashioned and plain;
The principal business was harvesting grain,
And none of the church-members ventured to speak
A word of Hebrew, Latin or Greek.

For this very reason they wished all the more
A scholar well grounded in classical lore;
While a candidate might just as well stay away
If he didn't quote Hebrew at least once a day.
The divine about whom this odd story was told
By the "Times, of Manhattan," was cunning and bold,
And knowing they wished for a classical man,
Though he didn't know Latin, he hit on a plan.

For he thought, "We shall see how much shrewdness avails;
Though I cannot read Greek, I'm a native of Wales;
If a few Welsh expressions I cautiously use,
It may rival the Hebrew in pleasing the pew."
On the critical day, with exceptional grace,
With well attuned voice and well controlled face,
He read from the Bible a passage or two,
And remarked, "My dear friends, this translation won't do.
To be sure 'tis correct, but if beauty you seek,
Hear the rhythmical sound of original Greek!
Then boldly a medley of Welsh he recited,
And marked the effect on his hearers benighted.
The children gazed up with a wondering stare,
Their mothers assumed an intelligent air,
While the deacons all nodded, as much as to say
That Greek was by far the more excellent way.

A still bolder venture he hazarded next,
By a curious way of announcing his text,
"These words, as my hearers have noticed of course,
Have lost nearly all of their original force.
In the Hebrew how clearly the thought flashes out;"
And more of his Welsh he proceeded to spout;
When what was his horror to spy near the door
A jolly old Welshman, just ready to roar!
Over come with remorse, for seeing the shame
Exposure would bring to his reverend name,
The preacher's mad impulse at first was to run,
But the Welshman's round face, so brimming with fun,
Suggested a possible plan of escape,
Which none but a terrified parson could shape.
He bravely confronted that dangerous smile,
And coolly continued his sermon a while,
Till at length without showing the least agitation,
He rallied himself for a final quotation.

"The rendering here is decidedly wrong,
Quite different thoughts to the Chaldee belong."
Then Welshman in pulpit to Welshman in pew,
In the barbarous dialect they alone knew,
Cried, "Friend, by the land of our fathers, I pray,
As you hope for salvation, don't give me away!"
The joke was so rich, the old Welshman kept still,
And the classical parson is preaching there still.

Miscellaneous.

BEL AIR FIFTY YEARS AGO.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD INHABITANT.

THE MARCH OF IMPROVEMENT.

This being Bel Air's centennial year I will try to give you my recollections of the town when I first knew it, in 1829 or 1830.

Time has made many changes since. Then there were only 27 houses in the place, now there are over 200. Beginning at the residence of Thomas A. Hays, where Mrs. Jacobs now lives, the last house, on that side of the street, going north, was the house of Wm. Jeffery. Opposite Mr. Hays' was the house now occupied by Wm. Wann, and the last house on that side was the one now occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth G. Lee.

There were only two dwelling houses on the back street. One was occupied by William Mills, a tailor, being the house in which Frederick Heuer lives. The other was where Peter Cherbonnier, a French teacher lived. It is now the residence of Mr. Wesley Coale. Included in the 27 houses were four hotels, a large boarding school and the Academy. The latter was in charge of Rev. Reuben H. Davis. For some years it had an average of 100 scholars, representing nearly every State, from Louisiana to New York. Some Indian boys were also pupils. The female school was kept by Miss Belton, where Mr. Lee, the florist, lives.

One of the hotels, kept by Stephen Jones, was the one now occupied by W. Smithson Forwood, as the Grangers' Hotel. Mr. Jones was father of Mrs. A. Lingan Jarrett. The present Sweet's Hotel was kept by Major Wm. Richardson, the father of Dr. E. Hall, Dr. Wm. S. and Henry Richardson. Another was kept where Clayman's Hotel now stands, by Dr. Wm. McIlhenny. The fourth hotel was kept by James Knight, in the building still standing on the corner of Main street and the Baltimore turnpike, formerly occupied by Mrs. S. M. Shepherd and near the handsome residence of Mr. Allen Hoffman.

There were no churches in Bel Air in those days, but there was preaching occasionally in the Academy and the Court House by Rev. Wm. Finney, Parson John R. Keech and others. Subsequently a Union church was built on the site of the present new Masonic Temple, which was used in common by all denominations.

There was neither pavement, sidewalk nor street in Bel Air, as at present, and after a very heavy rain the mud was deep, and stuck to the boots closer than a friend. At this time there was much heavy hauling from Cecil county and from Pennsylvania through Bel Air to Baltimore. I have often seen heavy loads of glass pass through from Pittsburg.

Two lines of stages daily plied between Baltimore and Philadelphia. The P., W. and B. and the Northern Central Railroads were not then in existence. One line of stages stopped at McKenny's Hotel and the other at Major Richardson's. There was a great deal of rivalry between them. One of these lines crossed the Susquehanna river at Conowingo ford and the other crossed by way of the old bridge at Rock Run.

I recollect that one of the objections advanced by some farmers to the building of the P., W. and B. Railroad was that a railroad would break up the stage lines and there would be no market for corn, oats and cornblades, all of which were bought by the stage proprietors for horse food. It was also feared that the railroad would injure the wheelwrights, blacksmiths and carriage makers.

At this time but little timothy hay was raised in the county. Mr. Thomas A. Hays, I think, was the only farmer in the neighborhood who raised any. The first timothy I ever saw growing was on his land, the "Academy meadow," lying between Bel Air and the present residence of Hon. Henry W. Archer.

There were only four lawyers in the place—Col. Israel D. Maulsby, Otho Scott, Albert Constable and Wm. B. Bond.

The old Court House, which was burned down in the winter of 1857, stood where the present one stands. It contained two large fire-places, which would take in logs of cordwood length, and when they were filled with seasoned hickory they made things warm.—The boys had to move back or get their pants scorched.

The Judges were Hon. Stevenson Archer, father of the present Hon. Stevenson Archer, Thomas Keli and Purviance. Henry Dorsey, grandfather of Hon. Henry D. Farnandis, was clerk of court.

The money crops, so to speak, of the county, were apple and peach brandies, chair stuff, hoop poles and chestnuts. Nearly every farmer had a still, the products of which brought him ready money.

The millers from this neighborhood used to go to Bush River Neck to get corn to grind.

Of all the great legal lights which illumined the Bel Air bar in those days, the only one now living is the distinguished and venerable George M. Gill, of Baltimore, who lived and practiced law here for a time, and has pleasant recollections of the town and county.

The citizens of Bel Air were hospitable, kind and polite—qualities they still possess. In other respects the changes since those days have been many and great. The whole county, indeed, has undergone a revolution, and I hope will continue to grow and prosper in all good works. M.

The Better Part.

"To be worthy of love is even a better thing than to receive it, and this is not the end." This sentence was the last one of a letter from a woman of fifty-five, who knew what she was saying. The keenest joys of life had never come to her. She had struggled with fate, almost ever since she was a child, for a livelihood for herself and a dependent relative—struggles scantly rewarded by any thanks or tenderness even from her who had shared their fruit.

She had written much, and always purely, but she had never been able to catch the passing fancy,—never made a "hit,"—and had received but small returns for her labors,—small returns in that which procures food and clothing and comforts for the body.

Not for her those shining successes which lift an author above want, and put him in a position to do his best work. Bits of verse,—the humble daisies of the poetic garden,—stories good rather than great,—these were her contributions to literature, likely to die as soon as their author, leaving not a single immortelle to blossom on her grave.

No deep, dear human love had ever blessed her. Early orphaned, she had no husband, or brother, or father, to make a home for her, and she had never earned enough to make one for herself. She had longed, with all her woman's heart, for love and fame and home, and not one of her longings had been fulfilled.

Judged by the standard of this world, her life had been a failure, and she recognized that, and spoke of it in the letter from which we have quoted. But she would not so judge herself. If she had not gained all that she sought, she had gained the best part of it.

"I might be discontented," she wrote, "if I stopped to think of the difference between my wishes and my havings; but if I have not prospered, at least I have been fed; and if I have not been famous, at least I have striven to do good and not harm, and some humble souls have thanked me for the help my words have given them.

"And if I have not been loved, at least I have tried not to be unworthy of being so; and, after all, to be worthy of love is even a better thing than to receive it, and this is not the end."

No, this is not the end. The only real overthrow of life is when sense triumphs over soul, and we barter future glory for present gain. To gain the whole world and lose one's own soul, were to sell life itself for a child's toy.

How brief all those things are for which most of us strive! To-day we are here. We concern ourselves about the fit of a gown, the success of a railroad. To-morrow the white shroud clothes us, and other men, not we, ride on the railways we have built.

All the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them—what are they when we look down from the mountain-top?

If God be for us, who, then, can prevail against us? And if the thing for which we strive with our whole soul's might is not earthly riches or greatness, or even to be happy and beloved, but only to do God's will, to make our souls fit temples for His Spirit, then can there come to us no failure, since God Himself is on our side, and must prevail.

So we, if we are God's children and His soldiers, can bear what the world calls defeat—and look upward and onward to the coming glory, when the past will be as a dream to one who awakes, and on the whole joy of the eternal "Now" our glad souls may enter.

Classical Music.

We here give an infallible rule by which the most ignorant may know whether any given piece of music should or should not be admired. If you know at once what it is all about; if it seems to be saying 1, 2, 3, hop, hop, hop, or 1, 2, 3, bang, bang, bang, you may conclude at once that you are listening to something of a very low order, which it is your duty to despise. But when you hear something that sounds as if an assorted lot of notes had been put in a barrel and were being persistently stirred up, like a kind of harmonious gruel, you may know it's a fugue and assume an expression of profound interest. If the notes appear to have been dropped by accident and are being fished up at irregular intervals in a sort of placid or drowned condition, it is likely to be a nocturne; and nocturnes, you know, are quite too utterly lovely for anything. If the notes seem to come in car loads, each load of a different kind from the last, and if the train seems to be an unreasonably long time in passing a given point, it will turn out most likely to be a symphony, and symphonies are just the grandest things that ever were. If the notes appear to be dumped out in masses, and shovelled vigorously into heaps, and then blown wildly into the air by explosions of dynamite, that is rhapsody, and rhapsodies are among the latest things in music.

Bad Books.

"Some books are to be tasted," says Lord Bacon, "others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." He might have added—"and some are to be avoided." Coleridge was a great reader; from his own experience he utters this warning against reading bad and inferior books:

"Never, under any circumstances, read a bad book; and never spend a serious hour in reading a second-rate book. No words can overstate the mischief of bad reading.

A bad book will often haunt a man his whole life long. It is often remembered when much that is better is forgotten; it intrudes itself at the most solemn moments, and contaminates the best feelings and emotions. Reading trashy, second-rate books is a grievous waste of time, also.

In the first place, there are a great many more first-rate books than ever you can master; and, in the second place, you cannot read an inferior book without giving up an opportunity of reading a good one.

"Books, remember, are friends; books affect character; and you can as little neglect any other moral duty that is cast upon you.

Husband and Laird.

Two hundred years ago, each Highland chief considered himself as an independent sovereign. If he had a dispute with another chieftain, who obstinately refused to yield, he levied war, thus referring the matter to the last resort of kings.

Each chief of a clan had the power of "pit and gallows," and could hang a refractory clansman, without hindrance from the rest of the clan. On the contrary, they would all assist in executing their chief's decree. Ordinarily, but not always, they accepted the fate decreed for them by the laird without a murmur.

A husband, having been condemned to death by his laird, threatened resistance, instead of going quietly to the executioner's house and giving himself up. His wife, amazed at her "gude man's" conduct, remonstrated with him on his obstinacy.

"Dougall, my man," said she, in her most apprehensive tone, "just gang awa' quietly and be hangit, and no anger the laird."

The Doctor's Advice.

A true story is told of an old New Hampshire doctor, who was one day consulted by a man suffering from rheumatism. The physician gave him copious advice, and ended with directions so concisely put as to be easily memorized.

"Avoid dampness," he said.

"Yes, sir."

"Keep warm; keep your feet dry, and remember what I've said about flannels."

"Yes, sir."

"Take the medicine with absolute regularity. Here is the prescription."

The man expressed his thanks, paid his fee, and took his leave. As he reached the door the doctor called: "Oh, by the way, if any of these things help you, just give me a call and tell me. I've had rheumatism for over twenty years, and nothing has ever helped me yet. Good morning."

Fruit Eaters and Doctors.

We were struck recently by the remarks of a doctor friend of ours, who said no one thing will do so much to make people independent of the medical profession as the daily free use of fruit. He had noticed that those farmers in whose families fruit was regularly and largely consumed seldom needed his services. We thought what a pity that every farmer in the land could not be convinced of these truths. It is a deplorable fact that farmers' families do not enjoy the robust health