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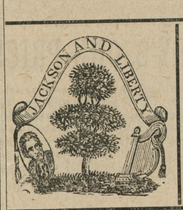

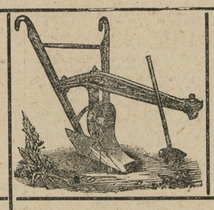

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AMBITIOUS GIRLS.

SOME GREAT WOMEN WHO WERE PRECOCIOUS CHILDREN.

Some Notable Examples Which Go to Prove That Ability Is Apt to Reveal Itself as Early With Girls as With Boys—Some of Them Had To Struggle.

"I wonder if most famous women were as ambitious and gave signs of their future greatness in their early youth as famous men?" asked a thoughtful looking girl, dropping her book, "The Lives of great Musicians," in which with delight she had been reading of the boy Mozart.

'Most great women have been precocious' answered her aunt, whose busy brain possessed the charming faculty of storing up all manner of interesting information against a rain of questions from her clever niece. "Let us go back to that sweetest character in English history, Lady Jane Grey, and we will find she was only 13 years old when that learned scholar and fine gentleman, Roger Ascham, found her reading Plato's 'Phaedon' in the original Greek while the rest of the family were off on a hunting party. But it was not with a knowledge of Greek little Lady Jane was satisfied. She spoke French, Latin and Italian fluently, writing them also, and translated easily from Hebrew, Chaldee and Arabic. When her father took her to court, they found with astonishment that this demure country bred girl was a far finer scholar than young Edward VI, than a clever boy under the first tutors in England. Yet with all her knowledge of literature and languages Lady Jane embroidered charmingly, sang to several instruments that she played very well, danced and wrote easily and gracefully.

"Felicia Hemans published her first collection of poems when she was only 14.

"Angelica Kaufman, the beautiful woman and gifted artist, who painted the portraits of royalties, when only 11 used her brush far better than her father, who was an artist by profession.

"Mme. Roland never remembered when she learned to read, for at 4 years of age she was greedily perusing any books that came to her hand. Dancing and music she readily acquired, but geography and Latin were her favorite studies. As a girl of 7 she would eagerly rise at 5 o'clock in the morning to get to her books, and so dearly did she love reading she carried her volume of 'Plutarch's Lives' to church when she was 11 years old and secretly read it during the long prayers.

"There is not a more touching story of a child's quick mind starved of its proper food than Caroline Herschel. Her mother was a stupid woman, who kept her daughter purposely so busy about household work she could neither study nor practice on her violin she dearly loved and in which her father wished to instruct her. It was with an aching heart and tearful eyes Caroline plied her needle, while her father and his sons held their little family concerts in which the girl longed to join. She begged to be allowed to study French with her brother, and dancing also, but this her mother forbade, though her gentle, clever father was anxious his Caroline should have a good education. It was not until latter in life, when her beloved brother William, the great astronomer, sent for her to join him in England, she had any opportunity to excercise her fine mind.

"Mary Somerville says that as a little girl she had a very bad memory, and at 10 years of age was sent to a boarding school, where the chief lesson for each day was a page of Johnson's Dictionary committed to memory. She never excelled at school, and yet at home no one sympathized a little later with her desire to study Latin except an uncle, who gave her some valuable instruction. She was very much interested in two celestial globes the village schoolmaster taught her to use, and yet, on the whole, she was rather in awe of the big constellations, whose brightness reminded her of lightning, of which she was desperately afraid, At length she persuaded her brother's tutor to buy her an algebra and Euclid, which she studied at night until her mother, in horror at the idea of a girl wasting time on studies meant for boys, deprived her of a candle to read by, and her father feared she might go crazy. It was long after that she really found the courage and sympathy to take up her great studies in earnest.

"It was as a pianist George Eliot was noted at her school, and with most amazing ease she acquired languages, yet a very little girl she showed no great promise, much preferring a romp with her brother to her books.

"Fannie Burney, who is also known as Mme. d'Arblay, published her first and cleverest novel when she was only 15, and yet she was 8 years old before learning her alphabet and scarcely received any regular education at all.

"Rachel, you must remember, was a girl just turned into her teens when she borrowed a volume of Racine from a Jewish peddler in old clothes. On reading the great French tragedies she decided to become an actress, and this poor, pretty little Jewess, the youngest of seven children, who had begun life as a street singer, on her second appearance on the French stage was greeted as a great genius. So, you see, my dear, ability is apt to reveal itself as early with girls as boys, and these are a very, very few of the world's great women who loved books in the nursery and gave the most glorious promise while still in short frocks.

A WOMAN-HATER DISCOMFITED.

There is a crusty old bachelor on Fourth street who is a confirmed woman-hater and who never misses an opportunity for saying something sarcastic and disagreeable about the fair sex. But he met more than his match the other day in a plucky little woman, who metaphorically speaking wiped up the earth with him, much to the delight of his friends, who were greatly amused at his discomfiture.

The old bachelor inquired why, when Eve was manufactured of a spare rib, a servant wasn't made at the same time to wait on her. The little woman responded promptly: "Because Adam never read the newspapers until the sun got down behind the palm trees, and then stretching, yawned out, "Isn't supper most ready my dear?" Not he. He made the fire and hung the kettle over it himself, I'll venture, and pulled the radisher, peeled the potatoes and did everything else he ought to do.

"He chopped the kindling, brought in the coal and did the chores himself, and he never brought home half a dozen friends to dinner when Eve hadn't any fresh pomegranates."

The little woman stopped a moment for breath and went on with renewed vigor: "And Adam never staid out till 12 o'clock at a political meeting hurrahing for some candidate and then scolding because poor Eve was sitting up and crying inside the gates. He never played billiards, rolled tenpins and drove fast horses nor choked Eve with cigar smoke.

"He never loafed around the corner groceries and saloons while Eve was rocking litle Cain's cradle at home. In short, he didn't think she was especially created for the purpose of waiting on him and wasn't under the impression that it disgraced a man to lighten a wife's cares a little. That's the reason that Eve didn't need a hired girl, and with it is the reason that her descendants do."

She drew another breath and was about to continue, when the bachelor pulled his hat down over his eyes and sneaked away amid the laughter of the crowd.

ALPINE GUIDE—And now, gentlemen, as soon as the ladies leave off talking you will hear the roar of the waterfall.

DO CHILDREN PAY.

"Do children pay?" said old man Scrugg, leaning on his hoe,
"Just wait till you've been married, say some twenty years or so.
You'll have more sense than to stand up there and and throw your time away
By asking such foolish questions. Pay? Great gosh! Of course they pay?

"We go home tuckered out at night; they climb upon our knees,
And when we try to put 'em down they cry for one more squeeze,
And roar and pitch about us all until, fust thing we know,
Our joints are free from aching and our hearts are in a glow.

"They pay us when their frank young love shines in all their jolly eyes;
Even when our ears are deafened there is music in their cries
Sweeter than all the fiddles and planner ever made—
Don't think it's so? Well, now, you wait, and 'member what I've said.

"The man whose children's hearts are his is the man who is truly bless.
The sight at home of his boys and gals is more to him than rest.
I swow! There wouldn't be half the fools in this weary world to-day,
If men could only understand what big instrus' children pay."

TIME TO STOP LIEING.

A Letter From T. B. Buckner on Republican Campaign Arguments.

From the Kansas City Star.

I find in a recent Republican paper this paragraph: "There are two facts which Democratic orators, be they ever so eloquent cannot explain away. One is that the country was highly prosperous under Republican rule. The other is that its prosperity rapidly disappeared when the Democrats came into power." This is the false foundation upon which McKinley and all the Republicans build their argument. It is not true that the country "was highly prosperous under Republican rule." Any man with an ounce of brains and a memory reaching back to Cleveland's former administration will agree with me that we have had no real prosperity here in Kansas City or the country since Cleveland's first administration. The whole country was more prosperous from 1884 to 1888 than it had been for a long time before or has been since. Kansas City and the whole western country made greater strides in those four years than had been accomplished in any prior ten years, and any school boy knows it. That times have been getting harder and tighter ever since the Republicans came into power in 1883 no thoughful mind can honestly deny. It was directly upon that issue in 1892 that the Democrats achieved their wonderful victory, captured both houses of Congress and the Presidency. When the Republicans came into power in 1888 they found the country prosperous and a surplus in the treasury of over 100 millions of dollars. The issue before the country was how to get rid of the surplus. The Democrats said get rid of it by tariff reform and by reducing taxation. The Republicans said get rid of the surplus by spending it, and by placing tariff duties so high that they would be protective and prohibitive. The Republicans on that issue won. Harrison was elected. Congress was also elected. Congress was also elected by the Republicans. The surplus was spent. The Sherman law and the McKinley law were enacted; everything ran riot and with it all the prosperity of the country vanished as a sunbeam and the Republican party was hurried from power on account of it. Every department of government was taken from it as the penalty for its profligacy. That grandest of governmental captains, Grover Cleveland, was again called to the helm and when he came he found a bankrupt treasury and the country on the eve of a panic which was inevitable and which soon followed as a direct result and directly on account of Republican incompetency and profligacy and under Republican laws. What the future may be we can only conjecture. We believe, however, that the repeal of those obnoxious Republican laws—the McKinley bill, and the Sherman act to which may be fairly attributed the business derangement of the country (for it was under their operation it actualy existed), a new era of prosperity will dawn upon the country. As before said, what the future will be we can only conjecture. What the past has been, however, is a question of fact and history; and to say "the country was highly prosperous under Republican rule," in view of the facts of history is downright lying.

It is upon the false promise that McKinley is trying to electrify the country. I will conclude by stating these two facts. Within my recollection this country was never more prosperous and never developed more than under Cleveland's first administration, and of this fact I call upon every reader of this article to witness.

Second—The condition of the country has gradually been getting worse ever since 1888 until it culminated in the panic of 1893.

Third—This panic was while the Sherman act and McKinley law were both upon the statue books and while they had been in full operation.

Is is not time to stop this downright lying? T. B. BUCKNER.

THE DREDGING SEASON.

The season for dredging and scraping for oysters in Maryland waters opened Oct. 22, and hundreds of vessels are now sailing on the Chesapeake bay, and its tributaries searching for bivalves. Packers and shippers in Baltimore have made extensive preparations for the season and the prospects are that a large volume of business will be transacted.

Commander Howard is of the opinion that the season will be a good one, and does not expect any serious trouble on account of vessels dredging on illegal grounds. The vessel-owners have carefully instructed their captains regarding the location of the various beds and rather than run the risk of paying heavy fines and having their vessels confiscated the oystermen will endeavor to comply with the law.

The time fixed for the opening of the dredging season this year meets with the approval of the oystermen and packers. Under the old law the season opened Oct. 1, and at a time when the packers had not finished their fruit season. On this account the first arrival of oysters brought low prices because the packers could not find time to buy the cargoes and attend to the packing.

The culling law, which has been in force for the past two seasons, has already demonstrated the wisdom of returning small oysters and shells to the oyster rocks. By this means, when the dredgers are at work, all small-sized oysters and shells brought up in the dredge are dumped overboard. The small oysters are given an opportunity to increase in size during the season and the beds are kept in a profitable condition.

More vessels are engaged in the oyster business this season than for several years, and the failure of the fruit crop is expected to create a good demand for oysters. The entire fleet engaged in dredging will number 1500 vessels. Each vessel will employ on an average eight men, and 1200 men will be employed in the business until April. This number does not include the tongers, and in the counties 700 men are engaged in tonging. The packing houses in Baltimore and at other points on the Eastern and Western Shores employ about 10,000 people. A careful estimate recently made by a prominent packer places the number of persons interested in the oyster industry at 30,000.

The total catch of oysters will amount to millions of bushels and shipments are made throughout the West and Eroupe.

One of the unfortunate features of the oyster dredging business is the system of "shanghaing" men on board the vessels and compelling to endure the hardships of a dredger's life for a paltry sum. For the purpose of aiding the dredgers in securing employment and collecting their salaries the State shipping commissioners will enforce the law which makes it a misdemeanor for any master to ship men who have not been properly registered before the commissioners. Under the law all men shipping as dredgers are compelled to sign the vessel's articles in the presence of a commission before the vessel sails. When the men return they are paid off before a commission.

The season ends April 1, and with the exception in Dorchester and Talbot counties on account of the law which prohibits vessels of over ten tons measurement from dredging in their waters, there is every evidence that the dredging business will be unusually good.

Licenses to dredge for oysters in Maryland waters were granted only to persons residing in the State, and anyone caught violating the law is liable to a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $300.

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