

A Poem for Today

SEEN' THINGS AT NIGHT.

By Eugene Field.



AIN'T afraid uv snakes or toads or bugs or worms or mice,
An' things 'at girls are skeered uv I think are awful nice!
An' pretty brave, I guess, an' yet I hate to go to bed,
For, when I'm tucked up warm an' snug, an' when my prayers are said,
Mother tells me "Happy dreams!" an' takes away the light.

An' leaves me lyin' all alone an' seein' things at night!

Sometimes they're in the corner, sometimes they're by the door,
Sometimes they're all a-standin' in the middle uv the floor;
Sometimes they are a-sittin' down, sometimes they're walkin' round
So softly and so creepily like they never make a sound,
Sometimes they are as black as ink, an' other times they're white,
But the color ain't no difference when you see things at night!

Once, when I licked a feller 'at had just moved on our street
An' father sent me up to bed without a bite to eat,
I woke up in the dark an' saw things standin' in a row
A-lookin' at me cross eyed an' pintin' at me—so!
Oh, my! I was so skeered that time I never sleep a mite,
It's almost alluz when I'm had 'at I see things at night.

Lucky thing I ain't a girl, or I'd be skeered to death!
Rein' I'm a boy, I duck my head an' hold my breath;
An' I'm, oh, so sorry I'm a naughty boy, an' then
I promise to be better, an' I say my prayers again.
Gran'ma tells me that's the only way to make it right
When a feller has been wicked an' seein' things at night!

An' so when other naughty boys would coax me into sin
I try to smother the tempter's voice 'at urges me within;
When they're p'le for supper or cakes 'at's big and nice,
I want to, but I do not pass my plate 'er them things twice;
No, ruher let starvation wipe me slowly out of sight
Than I should keep a-livin' on an' seein' things at night!

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We were told that the city council had plenty of money in sight to put in an electric lighting plant and that the work would begin at once. As yet nothing has been done and the streets are in darkness. The people are beginning to wonder how long present conditions are to continue. It is an outrage that the people and the taxpayers are compelled to pass through the whole winter without any street lighting service of any kind and it is unjust to the business men that they should be treated as they are. The people voted for light. Everybody wanted electric lights and a small majority declared in favor of a municipal plant, that was supported by many upon the promise that it would be immediately installed. So far no thing has been done and there seems to be no disposition upon the part of the city council to meet the responsibility and the promises made. It might be well for the council to study their duties. They are the servants of the people and not their masters. They can have no good reasons for the delay. If they have the people would like to have them.

Many complaints are heard upon every hand about the way the city council is handling the electric lighting question. We were told that if the people would give the council the right to put in a municipal plant the work would begin at once, and that the streets would be lighted without delay, but so far the council has not done anything and the chances for relief from present conditions are very remote. In the meantime our streets are dark and dangerous, business has suffered and the people are compelled to stay at home or stumble along in the dark at the risk of personal injury. The taxpayers of Ligonier are paying for lighting service. They have been taxed for that purpose and they are demanding that the city council do something to relieve the present conditions. If we are not to have a municipal plant until certain interests are good and ready, let us have coal oil lamps, any old thing that will make the streets passable and less dangerous.

If the city council can not put in an electric lighting plant, they should do something to provide some kind of temporary service that will relieve present conditions until the municipal plant is installed. We do not believe that even a small part of the taxpayers will be content with the pinch gut policy intended to save the cost of lighting the streets with the intention of putting the money into the proposed new plant. What the people want is light. They want light at the earliest possible moment.

The indorsement of Sig W. Kann, of this city, by Democrats in Whitley and DeKalb counties as well as in many of the township caucuses in this county is a high compliment to Mr. Kann, who wants to go to the national democratic convention at Denver as one of the delegates from this district. It is a laudable ambition and we hope to see Mr. Kann successful. If he succeeds in landing the honor it will be a striking illustration of what can be attained with a single purpose in view and active and persistent pursuit of that object. He has assurance from all parts of the district that he will be supported for the place and it now looks as if he would be named by the convention that will meet in January at Indianapolis. Hon. N. B. Newnam, of Kendallville, was the last delegate selected from the county, and he supported Governor Cleveland.

The Boston Herald after discussing the peculiar political situation in New York says:

Meanwhile the question rises, and will not down: "Why does the president oppose Governor Hughes?" The answer is not that the president prefers Secretary Taft. No one need be deluded by that idea. Of course, the president Taft, but that preference does not explain his hostility to Governor Hughes. His preference for Mr. Taft is easily understood. Curiously enough, it has not increased Mr. Taft's popularity. On the other hand, the president's opposition to the governor of New York does not decrease the popularity of Mr. Hughes. The governor's popularity is growing West and South; it is already high in the East. Everywhere there is greatest demand for news of him, for descriptions of him and his work, for his speeches and his ideas, then for the news, descriptions, speeches and ideas of any other man in the country, save one. And that one is opposed to Governor Hughes. Why? Why does the president of the United States deny to the governor of New York the delegates from the empire state? Why is President Roosevelt opposed to Governor Hughes?

The Denver Republican thinks that our public school system is developing fast toward an elimination of the parent from the child's life. It is moved to this reflection on learning that in the Philadelphia schools a course on "manners, morals and patriotism" has been adopted. It moralizes thus:

Apparently there is going to be precious little for the American parent to do, in the future, besides getting the children to school on time—and maybe a special course in promptness will be provided before long. With a school set of manners, morals and patriotism provided for his child, no doubt father and mother can get second-hand instruction in these virtues from the lips of Johnny or Susie. It should be productive of great good, as the country can not have an overproduction of such things. As to the parent who objects because the three R's are neglected, owing to the crush of modern fads, let him step aside and not stop the march toward the production of the perfect che-e-ild!

According to seemingly reliable information from Washington, two pet schemes of a "benevolent nature" are doomed to defeat, so far as the present congress is concerned. These are the parcel post and the postal savings bank schemes. There is developing a pronounced sentiment against the government becoming a gigantic business institution. This sentiment is strongly opposed to Uncle Sam taking upon himself more burdens than he is already carrying. Whatever individuals are able to do, ought not to be assumed by the government.—J. B. STOLL in South Bend Times.

The New York Herald preaches the gospel of less work for the coming year, basing its plea on the fact of the alarming increase of heart disease in the city due, it is believed, in a general way, to the increased pressure under which people live. The Herald says:

Physicians have long been preaching the doctrine that American business men live too fast. With the telegraph, the ocean cable, the telephone and other modern facilities, the man of affairs can do in one hour work that would formerly have occupied six. It might be thought his working day would be correspondingly shortened. Nothing of the sort has occurred. The speed with which trade can be effected has simply accelerated his pace, and he not only works faster but more hours than ever, with corresponding increase of business and responsibilities. To keep up this energy he eats too much—sometimes drinks too much—for a man who spends most of his working hours at his desk and takes no open-air exercise. Physical deterioration is inevitable, and when a period of more than usual stress and anxiety arrives he is liable to succumb.

Band Fair and Other Attractions for the Holiday Week

With so many places to go and such a wide variety of amusements offered, the problem of where and how to spend one's money in Ligonier this week has been quite difficult to solve. For instance: Monday evening the Cavin pike pedestrian while migrating northward toward the midway was first hailed by "A Ragged Hero's" claim for patronage; then at the next booth the megaphonic barker, told of wonders disclosed by life motion pictures in the ever popular Vaudeville. Here the temptation to become separated from a nickel, a half-dime was irresistible, and, the money's worth realized. Emerging therefrom, the next equilibrium disturber that proved attractive was "dot leetle German band" announcing a repetition of a former successful Bippen band fair by several wind-jamming attempts at sight-playing ragtime marches—Frank Scott emphasizing the dominant note with drum stick and cymbal. Oh, my! It was quite impossible to pass that grand entranceway without loitering at least long enough to investigate, and as the ticket-seller exchanged a tiny bit of pasteboard for the glittering tenth-of-a-dollar, indicating by a right-handed nod of his winning head the further course of entrance to pursue, he smiled a smile suggestive of the satisfaction he knew was coming to all who had gone that way before and of those who were to follow—up, to a scene of beautiful, entrancing splendor and beguilement very difficult to describe. It was a fair fair, for fair! and all that might be thereby implied. Fair femininity fashioned one's fancy for chance in a spirit of freedom and fun; there were fair games for the fortunate fellow with funds; good music, good cheer and everything of the fairer sort calculated to make fair visitors happy seemed everywhere to have been anticipated. It was a pleasant hour; but remembering that there were others, curiosity prompted a return to earth once more, where after resuming the same direction of travel an unexpected gathering of the clans was encountered near city hall place—a love-feast assemblage of Democrats for planning the furtherance of clansmen's interests whose ambitions lead them to hope for recognition in positions all the way from local to national importance. It seemed quite too early in the game to warrant wasting much time thereabouts, and, further down the line the evening's pleasures crystallized at the Crystal vaudeville. The experience of that night was more than any unsophisticated ought to undertake; but life has lasted until this story has been told hence there are no real regrets.

Tuesday evening the stroller was confronted with much the same sort of malty modernisms; but in lieu of "A Ragged Hero" and the democratic love feast, respective caterers to public fancies had provided an oriental melange of musical monkey-shines—"The Rajah of Bhong" (say it just as you were about to blow the froth off'n a high one)—in Fraternity hall, and a "Dance of the Elks" in the herd's corral. Each of these are said to have been productive of much enjoyment to those assembled. "And the band played on," and will continue during the week.

The Caldwell Grocery Company Without doubt the doors of one of the most modernly equipped grocery and bakery houses in the central west were opened to the public in Ligonier New Year morning—that of the Caldwell Grocery Company, in the building so long occupied by the Gerber Hardware Co. A former visitor would scarcely recognize it as the same except by the location. A handsome new plate-glass front and an enlarged entrance ornament the structure, while the interior, with its hardwood floor, new steel ceiling, neatly-papered and decorated side walls and modernized shelving impress the thought that a real city market is here.

The Caldwell store has steadily grown from one of but small pretensions until it now ranks among the leading houses of its kind in the country. A large stock of all kinds of choice groceries and kindred trade necessities, fresh from sources of supply and neatly arranged await the purchaser's selection, which, with a private delivery system assures prompt and satisfactory service to all patrons.

The bakery department, the housewife's friend, which has for long maintained a high standard reputation, is now equipped with modern and scientific oven and appliances and it is only to be expected that users of Caldwell's bread and other bakery goods will be even better served than ever before.

Ligonier's business houses, as a rule, are the source of pride to all our people and the advancement of the Caldwell Grocery Co. to a place among the best will not be displeasing to any citizen with kindly disposition toward a spirit of progressiveness.

Significant—For Harmony

Chairman Taggart's call for the Democratic national convention is attracting attention for the spirit of harmony and good feeling it breathes. The call says: "All Democratic citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations or differences, who can unite with us in the effort for a pure, economic, constitutional government, are cordially invited to unite with us in sending delegates to the convention."—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.



THOMAS H. KUHN

Rev. Thomas H. Kuhn, prominent-ly mentioned as a democratic candidate for governor is a native Hoosier and to the manor born. He has a wide reputation as an orator and public speaker. In 1906 he made the run for Congress against James

E. Watson and cut down the former immense majority of the now leading republican candidate for governor to less than 2,000. Rev. Kuhn will deliver one of his popular lectures at the Christian church, Monday evening, Jan. 6. He will also preach at the Christian church on Sunday.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Ruby Solomon, of this city, and Mr. Simon Nathan, of Mobile, Ala., was formally announced yesterday, and the young people were overwhelmed with congratulations and expressions of good will from a large circle of friends. In honor of the event Mr. and Mrs. Solomon, the parents of the fiancée, kept open house, and over a hundred guests paid their respects to the happy couple.

The beautiful home was elaborately decorated. White roses, carnations and lilies of the valley with smilax were displayed in most tasteful profusion. The parlors were a bower of beauty and the dining and reception rooms most attractive in their dress of white and green. A light lunch was served to all the guests in the dining room, where a bevy of girls presided. Wine and cigars for the gentlemen were served in the reception room. The music was furnished by the Haney orchestra.

It was a most interesting affair and all enjoyed the open-hearted hospitality of the host and hostess and of their beautiful and popular daughter, Miss Ruby.

Ligonier has no prettier, better or more popular young lady than Ruby Solomon. She has spent her whole life in Ligonier, where she has a wide circle of warm and constant friends. She is a free-hearted, unassuming cultured young woman of the highest character. Her friends are most sincere in their congratulations to the young man, who has won her heart and hand. He comes from the distant southland, where he is an active and influential young business man with a bright future and most excellent prospects. Mr. Nathan is a merchant at Mobile, where he has resided for many years. He is a young man of good address, intelligent and resourceful.

Strangers to "Graft"

Arden Parkes of Townsville, Australia, a four-year-course student at Purdue, spent a part of the holiday vacation with a Kendallville fellow student. While there a Daily Sun reporter caught him for a short interview relative to the country from which he hails, with this result: Australia is the best governed country on earth. There is one thing sure," he said, "the bond between the people and the government is much closer than here; in fact, the people are the government. There we never hear of the term 'graft,' nor what it stands for, and the word 'millionaire' is equally strange to us. We only know of them by reading about what is going on in Europe and America. I am nearly through with my four-year course in mechanical engineering, and as soon as completed expect to return to Australia, and hope to put my knowledge to good use in the interests of our people."

Special Services There will be special services at the Christian church next Sunday, Jan. 5. Elder Thos. H. Kuhn, an eloquent divine from Richmond, Ind., will preach at 10:45 and 7:30. Basket dinner will be served in the dining room at the rear of the church. Tea and coffee will be served free of charge. Bring your dinner and spend the entire day. Congregational meeting at 2:30 to which all members and friends of the congregation are requested to be present. Elder Kuhn comes highly recommended as a scholar and a pulpit orator. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

An Excellent Meeting

Notwithstanding the bad weather of Monday night a large number of local Democrats met in the city council rooms for the purpose of having a conference over the political situation. Several visitors from other parts of the county were present, and a most interesting session was the result. Quite a number of short talks were indulged in, and a spirit of good feeling prevailed the meeting from start to finish.

The Petit Jury

The following gentlemen have been selected as jurors for the January term of court: David W. Eberly, Swan; Robert H. Hise, Noble; Justice A. Decker, Wayne; George Hostetter, Elkhart; D. Plank, Perry; Harvey Strater, Orange; Geo. Idings, Allen; John H. Archer, Sparta; Geo. W. Geiger, Green; W. Enoch Thomas, Wayne; Rollin Black, York and Joseph H. Daniels, Elkhart township.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

The New Year's dance, given at the Elk's parlors Tuesday evening was a social and financial success. It was largely attended by young people and they all had a good time.

It is said that the saloon remonstrance war is again on at Kendallville and that the temperance people are being backed by a strong organization. An effort is being made to get enough signatures to a blanket remonstrance that will put all the saloons out business.

It is reported that the Flint & Walling Co., Kendallville, is furnishing the large water tank to be placed on top of the Singer building in New York city, which is 41 stories high, or 612 feet. This tank is the source of the building's sprinkler system and is considered a great advertisement for the company.

Warsaw is not wholly "dry." The city council having ordained that liquors may be sold in that city in quantities of five gallons or more at a time. The license fee was fixed at \$500, instead of \$1,000 as formerly provided in the ordinance. An effort was made to confine sales to drug-gists but it failed.

It is announced that O. F. Gerber, of this city, may become a candidate for state statistician before the democratic state convention. There will be a strong fight for places on the state ticket. Noble county had a candidate for this office once before in the person of D. H. Downey, the editor of the Albion Democrat.

The merchants at Kendallville have entered into an agreement by which the stores are to be closed at 6 p. m. on all week days from Jan. 1, until December 15, with the exception of Monday, Saturday and pay nights. This is an excellent arrangement, one that might be adopted in Ligonier to splendid advantage.

The Kendallville Sun is out with an indorsement of Hon. T. K. Ganiard, of LaGrange, for reelection as state senator. This will not be very much to the liking of the fellows in the county, who claim that it is Noble's turn at the wheel. It is safe to say that Noble county Republicans will find a man when the time comes.

On account of the scarcity of barley which is seriously crippling breweries and malt houses in the production of beer, it is predicted by a Chicago brewery president that by May 1, next, no less than 1,000 saloons in that city will have closed their doors and discontinued business; also that the price per barrel of that fluid will be increased soon.

There is much rest in store for the weary and wicked, as this year, 1908, is to be a record breaker in the matter of holidays. There will be four holidays when the workers will not have to toil through Friday night and Monday morning: Washington's birthday, Decoration day, Fourth of July and Labor day. The latter is from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

The Ligonier Military Band complimented Miss Ruby Solomon and her fiancé Mr. Nathan yesterday afternoon by serenading them during the reception. The band invaded the lawn and played several fine selections when they were heartily thanked by the young people. It was a most handsome testimonial to Miss Solomon who has always been a patroness of the band and popular with its members.

The Northern Indiana Grain Dealers' association has offered prizes to the amount of \$30 for the largest and best ears of corn grown in Adams, Allen, Wells or DeKalb counties during the year. The corn is to be delivered to the store of S. Bash & Co. in Fort Wayne before Jan. 6, and the awards will be made by L. E. Clout, of Johnson county, Ind. who landed \$7,536 in prizes at the last national corn congress. The prizes will be \$12, \$8, \$5, \$3, and \$2.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy has made plans for the establishment of an institution in Boston where the science of healing will be taught free of charge. She has set aside the sum of \$1,000,000 for this purpose. Since the avowing of this purpose a waning faction of that cult has indicated its intention of legally testing Mrs. Eddy's right to this or any other disposition of accumulated funds, hence the public may expect entertainment for a time.

The Lake Shore has started out a travelling school for its trainmen. A private coach containing the air brakes equipment of a train of cars, all capable of perfect operation of same as if in active service, will make the rounds of all the New York Central lines west of Buffalo. T. F. Lene who is in charge of the outfit, will deliver lectures to two classes daily and his talks are to be interspersed with practical illustrations from the full sized model of the equipment.

Harry G. Platt, an old-time boy of these parts, is in town, accompanied by his wife and daughter, on a visit to relatives and friends. Since leaving Ligonier, Lincoln, Neb., has been their home. Mr. Platt followed the occupation of a printer for a long time; but for the past fourteen years has been an employee of the Burlington Railway Co. and now has charge of a switching crew for that company. Visits to Ligonier are always productive of enjoyment to former residents.

Mother Augusta (Ann Amanda Anderson) sister of the Holy Cross since 1864, died at St. Mary's Academy, South Bend last Friday, aged 77. She was a native of Virginia. At the time of the breaking out of the war of the rebellion she was in charge of the Union hospital at Cairo, Ill., serving until 1863. She was then transferred to the Overton Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, remaining till the close of hostilities. During the stormy days of the rebellion no task was too hard for her, and she saved many a soldier's life. St. Mary's she was mother superior from 1882 to 1889, and superior-general until 1895. From 1895 to 1903 she was superior at St. Cecilia's Seminary, Washington, D. C. She returned to St. Mary's that year an invalid, with failure of the heart.

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Notice to Water Takers You are hereby notified that water rents are due Jan. 1, payable at the office of the City Clerk. On all rents due and not paid on or before Jan. 20, a penalty of ten per cent will be added as per section 18, of General ordinance No. 89.

R. E. JEANNERET, City Clerk.

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Hotel Heated with Electricity

The Eagle Hotel of Grand Rapids is the first hotel in this country to be heated by electricity. The first installation was October 18, 1907, when twenty-seven rooms were equipped with luminous electric radiators. The other rooms in the hotel, including the offices, parlors, cafe and barber shop, will be electrically heated with the same type of radiators as soon as possible. With electric heat only those rooms occupied need be heated and the warmth from the luminous radiators is instantaneous.

When a guest wants accommodation the clerk assigns him a room and while he is waiting for the elevator to turn of the switch starts the radiator and the room is soon warmed. The principal advantages of electric heat will be in the fall and spring or on cold damp days during the summer. It will not be necessary to keep a steam heating plant running and guests can keep their rooms at any desired temperature.

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Women Workers in Indiana

The last report of Miss Stubbs, the state statistician, reveals the large proportion of women in this state who are self-sustaining and often bread winners for others. The total of laboring women in the state of Indiana is 211,024, or nearly one-half of the total number of women in the state. Of this number over 100,000 are between forty-five and fifty-four years of age, and of the 72,000 between fifty-five and sixty-four nearly 70,000 are bread winners and 4,000 of the women are over sixty-five years are also wage earners. The occupations in which they are divided include the usual well known clerical and saleswomen's callings, copyists, bookkeepers, accountants, workers in factories, laundries, etc., teachers, artists and musicians, but among the unexpected callings in which they are engaged are agriculture, overseers, government officials, scientific workers, packers, and shippers, professional housekeepers and hotel directors. The increase in the proportion of women who are obliged to take care of themselves and often families has been very large within the past twenty-five years.

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