

The Newest History.

"Pa," asked Willie Jones, as he was studying his history lesson. "who was Helen of Troy?"

"Ask your ma," said Mr. Jones, who was not up in classic lore.

"Helen of Troy," said Mrs. Jones, who was sewing a new hood on the baby's shoe, "was a girl who used to live with us; she came from Troy, New York, and we found her an intelligence office. She was the best girl I ever had before your father struck Bridget."

"Did pa ever strike Bridget?" asked Willie, pricking up his ears.

"I was speaking paragonically," said Mrs. Jones.

There were silence for a few moments; then Willie came to another epoch in history.

"Ma who was Marc Antony?"

"An old colored man who lived with my pa. What does it say about him there?"

"It says his wife's name was Cleopatra."

"The very same! Old Cleo' used to wash for us. It's strange how they come to be in that book."

"History repeats itself," murmured Mr. Jones vaguely, while Willie looked at his ma with wonder and admiration that one small head could carry all she knew. Presently he found another question to ask.

"Say ma, who was Julius Caesar?"

"Oh, he was one of the pagans of history," said Mrs. Jones, trying to thread the point of her needle.

"But what made him famous?" persisted Willie.

"Everything," answered Mrs. Jones, complacently; "he was the one who said, 'Eat, thou brute' when his horse would't take his oats. He dressed in a sheet and pillow-case uniform, and when his enemies surrounded him he shouted, 'Gimme liberty or gimme death,' and ran away."

"Bullie for him!" remarked Willie, shutting up the book of history. "But say, ma, how come you to know so much? Won't I lay over the other fellows to-morrow though?"

"I learned it at school," said Mrs. Jones with an oblique glance at Mr. Jones, who was listening, as grave as a statue. "I had superior advantages and I paid attention and remembered what I heard."

"Well, I say, ma, who was Horace?"

"Your pa will tell you about him; I am tired," said Mrs. Jones.

Then she listened with pride and approval while Mr. Jones informed his son that Horace was the author of the "Tin Trumpet" and a rare work on farming, and the people's choice for President, and only composed Latin verses to pass away the time and amuse himself.

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"The landlord had watched the proceedings intently, and when I had finished my wrapping he inquired what the proceedings meant. I told him I was going back to New York to go to work, and I did not propose to untie that book until I could do so in his town and before an audience that would fill the house. I went back to the city," continued Mr. Shaw, "and struck out on a new lead. Two years after I received an invitation to lecture in this same town. I had been waiting for this. I took out my old book and took it along to see how things looked. When I came on the platform I found an audience so tightly packed that the last man had to leave his case in the vestibule for lack of room. I took out my book and unwrapped it before them, telling the story as I did so. It was this shutting up of the past and beginning again that saved me—or at least made me what I am."

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