

## REES' MEMORY.

The fine farm of Manorgwyn, belonging to the Reeses, was situated about five miles from our town of Trefalon; and Mr. Mathew Rees himself was a fine, portly man of some forty or fifty years of age and a bachelor.

The only defect he had—if Farmer Rees could be said to have a defect—was what the neighbors termed the 'loss of his head.' He was indeed such an absent-minded man that he would sometimes seriously reflect whether he could have been present when he came into the world. Still this absence of mind rarely interfered with his daily or weekly duties. He transacted his business as methodically as if he had been a machine wound up; but if anything new or unforeseen occurred, if he were expected to remember a date or a name or to act out of the usual routine, the machine got out of order at once.

He possessed, however, two memories—one within doors, one without. These were his housekeeper, Mally, and his carter, Jehoram, familiarly called Jeho. But they also failed him in the course of time.

'Mally, you never reminded me' was the farmer's reproof one day when he had invited a friend to dinner and he was himself engaged elsewhere.

'Deed to goodness, master, I'm forgetting myself,' was the answer. 'Time you should be looking for a wife. There's Miss Kezia, Francis Tygwyn's daughter, now.'

'Francis Tygwyn? Well, now, let me think. His daughter? I forgot. Has he an unmarried daughter, Mally?'

'Lor, master, you know that he has and she is single, they are saying for your sake. Why, you used to make love to her when you were a boy.'

'Did I? I never remember making love in my life, Mally. I should not know how! Did you ever make love?'

'On my deed, master, you are funny. I've been courted many a time, but I was never of the forward sort, as Jeho will say for me, if you'll be asking him. We've been going together long enough now.'

Rees open his eyes, and they were not destitute of the sparks of amusement. In spite of his oblivious temperament he took in a joke at the moment, even if he forgot it in the next.

Mally was justified in her assertion concerning Miss Francis. This lady had quietly allowed forty-five years of her life to slip by without taking to herself a helpmate, and, strange as it may seem, for the sake of Rees Manorgwyn. When she was seventeen and he two and twenty, there had passed between them words that he had forgotten, but she had stored up in her memory. He had never made her an offer—never even told her that he loved her; but, after all that, Kezia, at forty-five was as sincerely attached to Mr. Rees as she had been at seventeen.

Nothing further was said about Rees and Miss Francis, but in a short time Mally and Jeho were married. They retired to a tidy cottage on the Manorgwyn estate, and the farmer found that while he had two memories out of doors he had none within. Both he and his household suffered from the loss.

'What were you saying to me about somebody's daughter, some young woman, Mally?' he enquired, a month or so after that worthy spinster became a matron.

'I was telling you of Francis Tygwyn's eldest daughter, Kezia, master. Make you haste or she'll be too old for anybody.'

'To be sure I remember Francis Tygwyn's Kezia. Thank you for reminding me, Mally; I'll tie a knot in my handkerchief—I shan't forget.'

The following Saturday he met Tygwyn in the market.

'Ah, Jones—Francis, I mean—you were the man I was thinking of. They are telling me you've a fine mare—no; a young heifer. 'Pon my soul I can't remember. Which is it? Francis Tygwyn's Kezia. Name o' goodness which is it, man?'

'I have a daughter Kezia, Rees,' replied Francis, half amused, half offended.

'Daughter! Of course that's what I meant; and a good daughter they tell me. How is she?'

'You had better come and see. It's years since you've been to Tygwyn. Suppose you ride back with me.'

'Surely I was there last week about that mare we were talking of; but I don't care if I do take a turn there again.'

The two farmers trotted briskly along the turnpike, and walked their well-fed horses quickly up the hill, reaching their destination in an hour.

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It has been ascertained by careful analysis that rain which falls in towns often becomes heavily charged with injurious properties, and can only in rural districts be regarded as thoroughly safe drinking water.

The habit of being always employed is a great safeguard through life, as well as essential to the culture of every virtue.

## Dominion Returns.

The following are the Dominion Returns for the month of January in comparison with the same month last year:

| INLAND REVENUE.          |             |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          | Jan., 1879. | Jan., 1880. |
| Licenses,                | \$5852.30   | 7437.30     |
| Tobacco,                 | 3506.39     | 4048.32     |
| Spirits,                 | 1060.80     | 820.39      |
| Malt,                    |             | 13.98       |
| Dressed Manuf.,          |             |             |
|                          | \$10,439.49 | \$12,545.49 |
|                          |             | 10,439.49   |
| Increase for 1880,       |             | \$2106.00   |
| CUSTOM'S RETURNS.        |             |             |
|                          | 1879.       | 1880.       |
| January,                 |             |             |
| Customs,                 | \$47196.88  | \$45286.80  |
| Sick M'n's Fund,         | 685.82      | 884.92      |
| Signal Tax,              | 40.00       | 36.00       |
| Other Revenues,          | 158.85      | 216.40      |
|                          | 48081.55    | 46426.02    |
| Decrease,                | \$1,655.53  |             |
| BILL STAMPS.             |             |             |
|                          | 1879.       | 1880.       |
| January,                 |             |             |
| 1879,                    | \$336.20    | 812.82      |
| 1880,                    |             |             |
| Increase for 1880,       |             | \$476.62    |
| SAVINGS' BANK.           |             |             |
|                          | January,    | January,    |
|                          | 1879.       | 1880.       |
| Deposits,                | \$91,278.18 | \$85,446.94 |
| Withdrawals,             | 71,787.25   | 70,178.12   |
| Trans'd to s.p.c. stock, | 10,300      | 17,400.00   |

## An American's Opinion of Englishmen.

English people impress you, first of all, by a sense of the genuineness of their actions and of their speech. Warm or cold they may be, gracious or ungracious, arrogant or considerate, but you feel that they are real. Englishmen adulterate their goods, but not their conduct. If an Englishman makes you welcome, you feel at home, and you know that, within reason, and often out of reason, he will look after your comfort—that for your well being while you are under his roof he considers himself responsible. And yet he does not thrust himself upon you, and you may do almost what you choose, and go almost whither you will. If he wants you to come to him he will take more trouble to bring you than you will to go, and will make no fuss about it any more than he does about the sun's rising, without which we would be in darkness. If he meets you and gives you two fingers, it means only two fingers; if his whole hand grasps yours, you have his hand, and you have it most warmly at your parting. His speech is like his action. His word is his social bond; you may trust him for all that it promises, and commonly for more. If you do not understand him well, you may suppose at first that he is indifferent and careless, until something is done for you, or suggested to you, that shows you that his friend and friend's welfare have been upon his mind. —Richard G. White, in *Atlantic Monthly*.

## A Modern Cyclops.

A CURIOUS CASE OF A MULATTO INFANT WITH ONLY ONE EYE AND THAT ONE IN ITS FORE-HEAD.

(From the *New York Herald*.)

In the Wood Museum attached to Bellevue Hospital is a curiosity which is creating considerable interest among scientific men of this and other cities. It is the head of a mulatto child whose deformity is revolting, but still calculated to create discussion on the origin of the ancient Greek mythology. Several years ago a physician in New Orleans was informed that a mulatto woman had given birth to a child which had an eye in the middle of its forehead. He found the statement on examination to be true, but the deformity was much greater than had been represented. The little one had neither mouth nor nose, but in place of the nose found two perfectly shaped ears. In the middle of the forehead was a large bright eye. In a short time the infant died and its body was purchased by the physician, who shipped it to Professor James R. Chilton, of New York, for examination. The captain of the barque on which it was sent concealed the fact from his crew until they were at sea, when he injudiciously exposed it to view. The superstitious sailors became horrified at the presence of what they deemed a victim of the wrath of the Almighty, and after praying a while went to the captain in a body and ordered him to throw the corpse into the sea. The captain, through fear of the crew, consented, but managed to deceive them. Adroitly removing the head he sewed the rest of the body in a sack and gave it to his men to throw overboard, while he concealed the head in his cabin. On his arrival in New York it was delivered to Professor Chilton. The curiosity was carefully examined, and the Professor was preparing a treatise on the subject when he died. It was transferred to Professor Doremus, and some days ago it was presented to Dr. Wood, of Bellevue Hospital, for his museum where it now is. Dr. Wood has requested Mr. Welsh, Professor of Histology at the New York College, to examine the head critically, and the examination is to be made in a few days in the presence of a number of scientific celebrities.

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

THURSDAY.....FEBRUARY 5th, 1880  
SUN RISES.....7.24 | HIGH WATER. 6.21 pm  
SUN SETS.....5.04 | FULL MOON 25, 9, 9.21 am

## Weather Bulletin.

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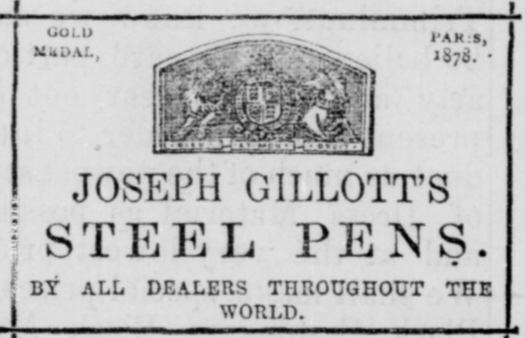
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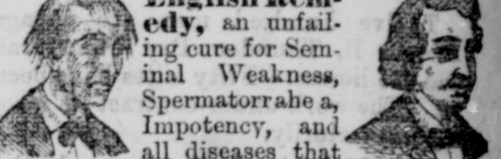
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