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ODE TO A MODERN SHIP.

Child of the dismal mine,
Condemned to endless pain,
Flowing the brine
That cannot not surely feel
The sense of its distress,
Which, urged by salt and oar,
The good ship itself of yore,
Condemned, dead to keel,
Of Pontic pine.

Then every seasoned plank
That sailed the sea
Rose softly, softly sank,
The rising waves in buoyant majesty,
And fair white sails,
That spars and streamers decked,
Beheld the rising gales,
With that crisp foam the heaving ocean
becked.

But then the summer breeze,
The good ship's welcome blast
That bows the trees,
Move not, those steamed past
In gale of these;
Not as in days of old;
Nor in the sultry hold,
With sultry winds and weaze,
Thy furnace hearth is cooled,
And griny hands (thy pulsing pistons grease,
H. L. Hutton Watson in Temple Bar.

Why Men Defer Marriages.

The habits of modern young men are
not such as to encourage matrimony. The
corruption which make it possible for them
to marry at twenty-five. There are
many exceptions of course, but it may
be safely said that a vast number of the
young men who live in our time fill their
lives with the pursuit of pleasures and
amusements. They are not so much
concerned with the future as with the
present. They are not so much
disposed to keep up their social engage-
ments. In a score of ways they accus-
tom themselves to ways of life that
leave no margin between income and
expense. They have gone on until they
are twenty-five or then call for more
resolution than many of them command
to begin the sacrifices which accompany
the saving of money. Without money
they cannot marry.

Not a few greatly exaggerate what it
should be to marry. They tell young people
to begin life on, and hastily conclude that
it would be impossible, on an income of
\$1,000, to start in comfort. So they put
off marriage until after thirty, or do not
marry at all; and it is well that such
people should do so. They are not
generally any such weak fiber in the coming
generation.—John L. Payne in *Ladies'*
Home Journal.

The Slow Tortoise.

The sluggish motions of common land
tortoise or "turtles" lead many persons
to underrate their intelligence. This
"ridiculous slowness," however, arises
from the animal's peculiar structure,
and is no proof of dullness.

When a turtle comes to look more like
a creature with legs. And though the
feet form a strong grappling apparatus
for pulling away a heavy weight, who
could expect swiftness from such toes?
Some large tortoises nevertheless make
a surprising amount of rapidity than
might seem possible.

In the Galapagos islands turtles were
found by Mr. Darwin able to travel four
miles a day—a rate of progress not de-
terminable in creatures provided with such
clumsy legs. They are a very numerous
kind, and were often required to lift one of
them.—*Youth's Companion*.

One Way of Telling the Time.

"I can always tell the time by looking
at the people who pass my store door.
The best way of telling the time is by
the early morning the workmen go
down; about 8:30 the clerks and type-
writers form the crowd. From 9:30 to
10:30 the solid merchants, bankers and
millionaires appear, and then up to ten
the crowd is made up of a majority of women
in the majority, mingled with the
dandies and men of leisure. The solid
men next appear on their way home; the
clerks and office people follow at 5
o'clock, and from 6 to 7 the workmen
make up the rest of the thoroughfare."
—*Philadelphia Press*.

Great Infantile Aecumen.

Great infantile aecumen was displayed
by the small boy in a suburban town
last week. He was a penny. "Kitty,"
he called his alarmed mother, "that's
in the next room," "sent for the doctor,
Willie has swallowed a penny!"
"No, mamma," interposed the terri-
fied and frightened victim, "send for
the minister."
"What?" uttered his mother.
"Because papa says our minister can
get money out of anybody."—*New York*
Tribune.

Storage Batteries for Dwellings.

A company has been formed in Vienna
with the idea of serving charged storage
batteries cells to the houses, in the same
way in which milk, ice and other com-
modities are supplied. The company
employing these accumulators make regu-
lar trips through the suburbs of Vienna
daily, distributing their cells fully
charged and taking away others whose
energy has been exhausted.—*Exchange*.

Eggs as Large as Hallstones.

This has been a season of hailstones,
and the editor has been keeping tally on
the largest specimens. Two days ago a
farmer and the neighboring army to the office and
paid his subscription.
"I s'pose," he said solemnly, "that
you wouldn't object to an item of news
on the hall question?"
"Not much," responded the editor en-
couragingly, as he reached for pencil
and paper.
"Thought not," commented the
farmer.
"What have you got?" inquired the
editor.
"Listen, pullets," said the farmer
warily, "that lay eggs as large as
hallstones," and out went chucking.—
Detroit Free Press.

The Old Fashioned Cornish Pipe.

The old fashioned cornish pipe was
not a pipe of the type of the fac-
tories, glistening with varnish and care-
fully smoothed with a file. The old
time pipemaker chose a large and sound
cob, as nearly as possible cylindrical
in shape, cut off the lower three inches
and with a sharp knife shaved it
smooth. Then he drew it to a hard, smooth
face. He then cut the bottom and top
smooth, thus considerably shortening
the piece, carefully hollowed the bowl,
and a reed stem placed in a small hole
near the bottom completed the pipe.
The stem was fashioned to the half
inch, and it served its purpose admir-
ably.—*New York Sun*.

A Quaker Supplication.

In Brittany when the body of a
drowned man cannot be found, a lighted
taper is fixed in a loaf of bread, which
is then abandoned to the retreating cur-
rent. When the loaf stops, there it is
supposed the body will be recovered,

A Hardworking King.
A newspaper writer, speaking of the King of Italy, said that Umberto is a first-class workman and then gives the following as the daily routine of that monarch: "When at Rome," says the writer, "the King often goes to the office in his cabinet. At 7 he eats a light breakfast, and then until 9 busies himself with his correspondence. This duty accomplished, he then sits down to the races. He requires, lunches at 1 and later receives his ministers and such others as may have claims on him. In the afternoon he drives about the city, and then goes to the opera. He dines at 7, and this meal, at which the King is present to entertain his guests and not to eat, generally lasts until half past 9. At the time at 8, a ruler goes to the opera, where he remains for an hour. At 11 he goes back to his cabinet, and until 1, when he retires, is busy with his afternoon correspondence."—Harpers's Young People.

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