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## TA-RA-RA BOOM DE AY.

I wonder who composed the tune  
They sing both night and day,  
You'll hear it everywhere you go,  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

The children in the school yard  
The people old and gray,  
Are humming, whistling, singing  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

The wind that stirs the tree-tops,  
The fountains as they play,  
All seem, all seem to whisper  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

I went one night to a musicale  
To hear them sing and play.  
The first thing on the programme  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

A baby in Butte City  
Just nine months old,  
Will entertain the folks  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

The birds in the morning  
Their old-time roundelay,  
And join the people in the  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

The roosters will stop crowing,  
The hens will cease to lay,  
They'll sit upon the fence and sing  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

The pigs will squeal it,  
The mule will learn to bray  
In tones of loudest thunder,  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!

I shall not be surprised ere long  
To hear the preacher say,  
"All join the well-known chorus,  
Ta-ra-ra boom de ay!  
—Anaconda Standard.

## HOW HELENA GOT ITS NAME.

**The Choice Lay Between Its  
Present Title and Tomah.**

In October, 1864, there was a meeting in George Wood's cabin to arrange for laying out a town and giving it a name. These were some of the names the rough miners suggested that the prospective city be called: "Punkinville, Squashtown, Tomahawk and Tomah." A John Somerville suggested that a good name would be St. Helena. The general taste was divided between Helena (a shortening of St. Helena) and Tomah, an abbreviation of Tomahawk. Helena won the votes. In the name St. Helena the accent is on the second syllable of the last word, but in the course of years the name of the place has come to be called Helena, with the accent on the first syllable.

It is said that one miner had been to the island of St. Helena and thought Last Chance gulch looked like a part of that island. Then, again, it is said that Helena was the name of a daughter of a miner who attended the meeting or of the wife of such a miner. But the best story is that John Somerville who said, in a speech that he made: "I belong to the best country in the world, lived in the

best state in it, in the best county in that state, and in the best town in that county, and, by the eternal, this place shall bear the name of that town—Helena." He was a tall, hardy, jovial frontiersman from Minnesota, who had taken his wife with him to share the rough life as a miner. He was Ralph in Harper's "The Last Days of Pompeii."

## The Last Days of Pompeii.

The intense heat and smoke began to snap and there were brain seen wrecks and distracted of the Opanati drummer up from the unhurt rear of the shapeless smoker, when he had been enjoying a cigar when the crash came.

"Save my husband!" she cried in agony.

Smoke ascended; timbers crashed; the roof settled lower and lower, while horrible groans emerged from the inside.

"Oh, Henry," she wailed, "are you still alive?"

"Yes," came the agonized reply, "but I am pinned across a red hot stove; my clothes are on fire; the roof is crushing me; a beam has half impaled me; and I shall be dead in one instant if help does not come!"

"Oh, help, help! Rescue my husband!" she shrieked in frenzy. The rescuers worked like demons.

"I am safe, Henry," she cried. "Thank Heaven for that!"

"The baby is not hurt a bit." "Thank Heaven for that."

His voice grew rapidly fainter while he moaned: "Make haste, men; the car is on fire all about me, and I shall be roasted alive in two minutes more."

"And Henry," again cried the wife, "dear mamma is safe, too!"

Then from under the blazing wreck, in clear, calm, collected, Pearl street business tones of resolve, the husband cried:

"That settles it, boys--rescue somebody else."--Fort Worth Gazette.

She--What is the science of palmistry I hear so much about? He--The art of telling fortunes by the hand. She--Can you tell my fortune by my hand? He--No, but if I had your hand I could tell my own fortune.--Vogue.

Professor Huxley began the use of tobacco at the age of 40 and gave it up at 60.

Governor Hogg of Texas is a man of good physical proportions. He is only 30 years of age, but he weighs 375 pounds.

## DURATION OF DREAMS.

**Years Are Lived in Seconds and  
a Life-time in a Moment.**

"Dreams are curious mental experiences," said Hiram Brown, as he puffed a cigar in the parlour. "It is strange that the mind should wander all ways over the past when one is at rest, but also it is strange to note how short they are. In dreaming I have often discovered a period of 10 years in my early life, and grasped in a hazy manner the principal events of the entire time. Not long ago I began to study over the shortness of my morning nap and the number of dreams that entered into the space of sleeping. I have awakened in the morning, looked at my watch, and observing that it was still early, turned over for a second nap.

"In a little while I would find myself awake and endeavoring to recall some dreams that had troubled my little doze. Then I would imagine that I had been sleeping too long, hastily look at my watch and find that I had been asleep only a few minutes, and sometimes only a minute. Yet in that short space I had fallen asleep, dreamed of a dozen different events and persons, apparently a long mental wandering, covering hours, had awakened and spent a few moments in retrospective thought, and all in the space of a minute. I see now that a dream is computed to be extra long when it lasts 10 seconds, and that the duration of an ordinary dream is five seconds. These figures are taken from the writings of a German scientist who has made experiments in this line during the last year."--St. Louis Republic.

## Ram's Horn Axioms.

The riches that run to us soon fly away.

When we try to please everybody we shall please nobody.

No wound can hurt so badly as the one inflicted by a friend.

Beware of the man whose wife is always saying he has no faults.

It is easier to backslide at camp meeting than it is in a shipwreck.

Some people will sell their souls very cheaply for the promise of spot cash.

There is nothing some people are so slow to learn as that they have been humbugged.

If stinginess is a disease there are a good many people in the church who are not healthy.