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SMITH TELLS HOW ORIGINAL HYMN WAS WRITTEN.
 Described on a Scrap of Waste Paper, Sung on July 4, 1832, in Church, and Since Then in All Parts of the World.
 Oliver Wendell Holmes once facetiously that he supposed the people in the world whose poems were the best known were him, one Smith and one Brown.
 The one Brown he had in mind was the one Brown who wrote "I Love Myself Awhile Away." The other was his old college classmate and long time friend, Samuel Francis Smith, D. D., the author of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."
 "Tis of Thee" is still among the living, and Smith is the last of that famous class of Harvard '29 men which included, among the late Dr. Holmes, the Rev. Dr. Freeman Clarke, Prof. Benjamin Pierce, Judge Curtis, Judge Bigelow, and a number of others well known in Massachusetts' annals and in the history of the country.
 On October, 1894, Dr. Smith was 82 years old. He recently told a contributor of the New York Herald the following story of the birth of the national hymn:
 "I did not know that I had written the national hymn till the conviction forced upon me. While I was a student in the theological seminary, Andover, Mr. Lowell Mason, whose efforts the study of music was introduced into the public schools of Boston and elsewhere in the country, brought me a number of singing books which Mr. William Woodbridge, who had visited Germany, had brought home with him and put into Mr. Mason's hands.
 Mr. Woodbridge had been much impressed with the German method of teaching music in the schools, and was asked to look through the books and translate such of the songs as seemed to me appropriate to our American schools."
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we graduated, and we all knew
 how well. We had the chance
 to measure, mark and weigh each
 other, and were almost like brothers
 of one family."
 For the last few years of Dr.
 Holmes' life the remnant of the
 class of '29 gave up holding their
 annual reunion at one of the hotels
 and dined at his residence as his per
 sonal guests. These occasions lasted
 from 4 in the afternoon till late at
 night, and the reminiscences ex
 changed were peculiarly entertain
 ing, saddened only by the dwindling
 numbers.
 Dr. Smith has led too busy a life
 to sentimentalize over his work, until
 this year not even taking the trouble
 to hunt up the manuscript of his
 famous patriotic poem, to which he
 always referred when questioned as
 "scribbled upon a bit of waste paper
 somewhere."
Only a Few Moonshiners Left.
 In an interview the other day the
 commissioner of internal revenue
 said that practically every dollar of
 tax on Kentucky whisky was col
 lected, and with less expense than
 any other revenue due the federal
 government. The commissioner is,
 of course, correct, but this has not
 been the popular opinion. The
 moonshiner, says the Louisville
 Courier-Journal, has taken such a
 prominent part in the literature of
 the day—in newspapers, magazines
 and books—that his numbers have
 been as much magnified as those of
 that sorry set of scoundrels who at
 tacked the brave Sir John Falstaff
 on Gad's hill. Ambitious dialect
 writers and a horde of cheap hum
 orists have added their contribution to
 the prevailing impression. Ambit
 ious revenue officers, aided and
 abetted by zealous reporters they
 take into their confidence, break out
 at irregular periods with stories of
 their prowess in raiding illicit dis
 tilleries and capturing bloodthirsty
 revenue outlaws. Many are their
 hairbreadth escapes and thrilling
 are the battles in which they have
 engaged.
 These stories of moonshiners and
 moonshining are the response to a
 strong public demand, the appetite
 for the romantic being especially
 lively in connection with a State
 whose people are considered to have
 such marked personal characteristics
 as Kentuckians. But they must be
 taken with a large amount of salt.
 We certainly have very few moon
 shiners in Kentucky and they are
 not numerous or bloodthirsty any
 where. Usually they are poor peo
 ple who lack industry or pluck
 enough to succeed in farming or
 other vocations. Such men will not
 fight if they can help it and their
 operations are generally on the
 smallest sort of a scale. Their num
 bers are equally insignificant and out
 of all proportion to the space they
 take up in the newspapers.
A Venerable Pedestrian.
 Many wonderful things are to be
 found in Bucks county, Pennsylvania,
 but the latest is an old man of
 eighty-four, who can walk a mile, in
 less than ten minutes. Charles Wal
 ton lives with his wife in a little cot
 tage between Bristol and Hulmeville.
 A bet was recently made that the old
 man could not walk from Hulmeville
 to Eden, a distance of one mile in
 less than fifteen minutes. There
 were many to witness the walk again
 time, and, to the surprise of all, the
 old man covered the distance inside
 of ten minutes, and without unusu
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 ble pedestrian was born in October,
 1810, in the old stone house now
 standing on the Simpson Grove cam
 ping site. He has never tasted
 intoxicating liquor, but has chewed
 tobacco since he was ten years old.
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 his mother an Indian squaw. He is
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 reputation for good work among the
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 vertiser.
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 under certain conditions. Microbes
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 on moisture for existence, have been
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 and kept dry for a long period, and
 have, under favorable conditions, re
 vived, apparently none the worse for
 their hibernation. They have been
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 grees Fahrenheit, then kept in a
 vacuum for a month. Notwithstand
 ing all this they revived upon being
 placed in a warm, moist atmosphere.
 Even snails may be deprived of oxy
 gen, water, food and heat, but will
 merely curl up and go to sleep, awa
 kening when conditions are favor
 able. How long they will live has
 not been decided, but according to
 experiments they will survive for
 many hours.
MATHEMATICALLY EXPLAINED.
 Aunt Amanda—I wonder why this
 city boarder of ours only wears a
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 Uncle John—Oh, I guess he's only
 half as near sighted as he makes out
 to be!

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"Running the Gauntlet."
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