



## FAMOUS PEOPLE YOU'VE KNOWN

Who among our readers has known or met some celebrated man or woman, now living or numbered among the dead? Statesmen, authors, scientists, artists, distinguished persons in whatever line. Who has not a father, mother, grandfather or uncle who knew some of the great characters of a generation gone? F & H has cash prizes for the best anecdotes or stories of notable people from personal experience. Prizes will be awarded also for descriptions of notable persons as seen by our readers or their relatives and friends. The stories must never have been published before.

It may be that some of the older members of our F & H families in Illinois or Kentucky knew Abraham Lincoln long before he became president, or some of our Ohio or Illinois friends may have been well acquainted with Grant, Mary in youth or middle life must know President McKinley, Admiral Dewey, Gen. Funston, James Whitcomb Riley and other notables of the day.

The anecdotes or stories need not necessarily be written by those who had the experience. A son or daughter or grandchild can be put in the way of getting a nice cash prize by doing the writing. There is no limit as to length, one person may send several anecdotes. Names, dates and places must be given in each instance, so that the stories may be verified if necessary.

For the five most interesting stories or anecdotes, prizes of two dollars each will be awarded, for the five anecdotes or descriptions next in order of interest one dollar each will be awarded, total, fifteen dollars. More prizes will be given if the entries warrant.

In order to give competitors plenty of time in which to talk and think the matter over, the contest will not close until Jan. 15. Each entry or letter must have the name and address of the writer written clearly at the head of the first sheet. Stamps for return postage must accompany manuscripts if the writers want them returned.

## BUSINESS.

The remarkable feature of a woman physician's life, as shown in the Nov 1 F & H, by Dr. Cooke, is the fact that she receives as good pay as a man for the same work. This is one of a very few professions in which this is true. By the way, Dr. Cooke writes that the young woman whom he mentioned in his article as having had quick success in a town of 2000 inhabitants, did even better than he indicated there. During her first month's practice she had 90 office calls and made 22 house calls, the total number of patients being 23. She charged 50c for office calls and one dollar for house calls, and her month's receipts, deducting for bad debts, were \$63. Think of the young doctors of the other sex who sit around months with almost nothing to do! There were male physicians in the town, numerous enough to look after all the sick people. Girls who think of entering the profession must remember that this young woman not only "knew her business" thoroughly, but was of a genial, sympathetic nature, inspiring confidence and affection. There are female doctors, as well as male, the very existence of whom into a sick room would almost give the patient a relapse.

A friend of the Editor, who is a veteran of the civil war on the northern side, is just back from a visit in Alabama, where he chummed with confederate veterans and had a fine time. He found them enthusiastic over the new bond of friendship between north and south which has existed since the Spanish war. "I tell you young man," he said, tapping the Editor on the shoulder, "between you and me, the greatest generals this country ever produced were on the confederate side in that war." He then dwelt upon the superb qualities of Gen. Lee. This was a good deal for a northern veteran to say. Some of our readers may dissent.

I quote it merely to illustrate the new feeling which exists.

One of the things which impress an editor deeply is the unexpected knack for writing which he finds in persons engaged in lines of work seemingly foreign to the literary bent, and the clumsiness of expression which often crops out in the literary efforts of professors, preachers and others who are supposed to have much facility. Witness the clever letters of some of those gathered at our F & H Council; penned by those who work hard with their hands in the field, the factory or the house. 'Tis goes to show that the great schoolmaster for self-expression is not book learning alone, nor genteel polish, but Life.

## AROUND THE COUNCIL FIRE.

**Free Delivery.**—The report in a recent issue of your paper, that the mails were delivered by this new system for 200 miles around Concord, N. H., is a great mistake. The daily travel of all the carriers combined from Concord postoffice would not amount to that. In our town not one-tenth part of the population are having their mail delivered. Fortunately we live on one of the roads where the carrier travels, and are pleased, but it is no wonder that the farmer, just outside this limit, almost within a stone's throw, is dissatisfied, therefore I say that it is to be hoped the system will soon become universal. A business man who had spent his life in a far-away city told me hard it was about 1856 to establish the free delivery of the mails. Business men fought against it, and the only way that they were induced to give up their postoffice boxes was by raising the rent upon the box to an exorbitant price. Thanks to those who are trying to make the rural districts less isolated from the centers by the daily delivery of our mail.—[Sarah M. Bailey.]



**Now Laugh.**—Of all the surprises I have ever had, the greatest is in the letter line, several weeks after my "miserable" letter found its way in the Council column. I have received dozens of letters asking me the responsibility of Mr. G. Some inclosed stamps, others did not. I answered all, however, and gave each what satisfaction I could. As a good many have asked me to send in The Drama of Life, I will. I meant to say more in regard to G., but my mind began wandering—and will continue to do so now. First, all of you who have had dealings with him surely know what and who he is. Second, all who haven't the very best ability in the world for making crayon portraits hadn't better muster up courage enough to try. Now, laugh, every one of you, and maybe I shall hear you. Hoping I shall hear from all Council friends, either personally or through F & H, I remain, a friend to all.—[Mrs D. R. Clarke, Box 211, Roanoke, Ill.]

**"I" All Over.**—I have just been reading the letter from Coddle's Sister and I wonder if that letter strikes others as it did me. It seems to me as if C. S. thinks more of herself than she does of anyone else. Now of course I may be mistaken, but I imagine "I" surely must be written all over her. "All honor to whom all honor is due," and I certainly give all it is possible to give to her I trying to make her home a happy one. Home should occupy the first place in our hearts but don't you think you could make that home just as happy and still enjoy outside companionship? Among young people of your station in life, I mean, I think your brother must be an exceptional one in many ways, one of the boys America must be proud to call hers, but be a little careful how you handle that influence you have over him. Now I expect I shall call a storm upon my "defenseless head," but I cannot help it. I just could not keep still and not say anything. If there is anything in this world worthy of contempt it is the person who thinks their thoughts and actions can move the world. I am not writing for C. S. alone. I am writing for any one who thinks as she does. Do you know, I can think of nothing but that C. S. must be preparing to write some highly sensational novel. You may want

to know what kind of a girl I am. You will not find out. If you want to know write to some of the people here, as I am not advertising myself. If you can't tell without my writing a full description of my home and habits, you must forever remain in darkness. "So young and yet so old." "We form too much of a contrast." C. S., get some of those silly notions of self out of your head if you really have them there, and I think you will make a very companionable girl. But if you live up to all your letter implies,—well, the least said soonest mended.—[One Who Does Not Agree with C. S.]

**Inquiring Friends.**—Mrs C. E. R., if you cannot find the animals you name in a bird fancier's store in your own city, we advise you to advertise for the same in your city paper.—E. M. S., a good place to exchange songs is in a letter circle.—Mrs C. R. F. asks for a pattern for "knitted blonde lace." Helen Macasian, 4724 N 40th street, Omaha, Neb., wants the addresses of "manufacturers of felt."—Can someone give information to West Virginia subscriber concerning lands in Minnesota about to be opened to settlers?—A good recipe for making "persimmon beer" is asked for.

**Always a Perfect Lady.**—I have been reading, with no small interest, the discussions regarding the fast and modest girl, which have tended toward the disparagement of the "modest girl." Now I think the meaning of either term has been misconstrued. The lively girl has been called fast, and the simply very



bashful girl modest. Now a lively girl may or may not be fast, and a bashful one may or may not be modest, as it is sometimes proven they are not modest or reserved at times, when they should be. But a really modest girl may be very lively and sparkling, quite lively, or not very lively, and sometimes she is bashful, but she will never be immodest, and is always the most thought of, no matter what is said to the contrary, as she is always a perfect lady, and reserve at the proper time is her safeguard. I'll admit, though, that an icily reserved person of either sex is not generally popular. Fastness should by no means be upheld or encouraged in any way, as society is suffering enough already through fastness. It is not to be wondered at that young people are becoming fast, since it is encouraged. But stick to your modesty, all ye young ladies (and young men, too). Do not let the popularity of some fast young person discourage you, for it is a popularity not to be desired. This I have observed, that a perfect lady stands a better chance than the fast girl.—[Mrs Susie Miller.]

**"To Help Along."**—Love is something that trusts cannot buy. I think that the men ought to, if married, let their wives have full, equal rights to the amount of money they earn, but some cares are generally laid upon the men folks in providing for the wife, children, rents, taxes and 100 other things. I say to the lady folks and wives, be kind to all men and you will all thus reap a willingness and esteem of the men, and they will do any kind act to help you along.—[J. H.]

I am a country schoolma'am and think the profession is second to none. Education is on an upward and onward march, and the coming generation will take more zeal and courage than we have been able to use, and unfold the banners of education over a nation whose boundaries will be unlimited. I would like to hear the opinion of some of the Councilors in regard to our hero Hobson's kissing matches. Was it demoralizing to society?—[L. L. C.]

Simpson, my dear fellow, evidence in all things has power over mind. Mademoiselle Roxane should easily find grace to pardon the "soft pate" of a young man who assumes that that "doctrine" which keeps him truest [To Page 21.]

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