

# The Romance Land of Sir Walter Scott

AN ENCHANTED COUNTRY—HAUNTED BY HISTORY, LEGEND AND TRADITION—SCOTT'S HOME LIFE.

Walter Scott! Born in Edinburgh, on the 15th of August, 1771. One hundred and thirty-seven years have stolen in and out since that memorable day! Yet what name can invoke such a long train of memories as that of the immortal Scott? For he possessed that most potent of charms—the power to haunt the memory. It is that wonderful charm that makes the life of Sir Walter Scott so fascinatingly interesting. Few, very few men have had the magic power of Sir Walter, years so many of his fellow-men. We, who have drunk of his enchanted cup and eaten of his fairy bread, and been happy through his gift, have all felt that delicious sense of being drawn from a commonplace workaday world into a world of magic and wonder, and of the "great magician" led us, in imagination at least, into his own Scotland!

Marvellous, indeed, is this enchanted country that he bids us enter—his Bonny Scotland, the land of heroes and romance, of song and story; of the brave and chivalrous; of tweeds and tartans; of the heather and the mist. Through all the charmed region that this wonderful magician has wandered, the touch of his magic wand has so linked the past with the present, that facts and phantoms alike are converted into realities.

For instance, the beautiful scenery of Loch Katrine was comparatively unknown—and who can say but it might have remained so—had not the magician, Scott, seen fit to wave his magic wand over the scene. Behold! "The Chase"—Fitz-James, the Knight of Snowdon, has been separated from his companions—now he is pursuing his way through the narrow ravine; now climbing the rugged heights to where far beneath, he sees—Loch Katrine, gleaming in the light of the setting sun, "One burnished sheet of living gold." The knight gazes in admiration upon the splendor of the scene—again sounds his horn in the hope of being heard by some of his companions:

"When lo! forth starting at the sound, A little skiff shot to the bay. The boat had touched this silver strand. Just as the hunter left his stand, And stood concealed amid the brake, To view this Lady of the Lake."

Never, never! Will the fair Ellen, Scott's dream Lady of the Lake, and the famous Loch Katrine be forgotten or their beauty fade!

The story of Scott's life and his haunts are, perhaps, as familiar to the average American as to the average Scot.

One of the first vivid pictures we have describing that eventful life occurred when he was about 18 months old. "One night," to quote his own words, "I showed great reluctance to be caught and put to bed; and after being chased about the room, was apprehended and consigned to my dormitory with some difficulty." Alas, the next morning he was ill with a leeching fever, and four days later, the sad discovery was made that he had lost the power of his right leg. On account of that illness he was sent to Sandy Knave, the farm of his grandparents, in hopes that the fresh air and exercise might remove his lameness. Though destined to never again walk without a limp, it was probably due to this infirmity the foundation stone of his great career was laid. For we are told that Sandy Knave "was indeed a fit nurse for a poetic child"; it was here he first became conscious of existence, and under the care of his devoted grandmother, and his Aunt Janet, his poetic mind was fed with all the legends and lore of the border. There, the child Scott grew to boyhood with "the scenery and inhabitants, and the history and tradition of that romantic land."

Many of his boyhood days were spent in exploring among the beautiful Scottish hills, constantly gathering and storing away new materials, such as bits of local gossip, memories of popular scenes or characters, which in after years were to be used in weaving thrilling romances and stirring poetry.

He was a tireless walker, and from early boyhood would frequently wander from his home, and roam about the country for days together. The long tramps were usually a pilgrimage to some historic spot which had been neglected and almost forgotten, until he bewitched them into world-wide fame that could never again be forgotten or neglected for the touch of that magic wand, and lo! he had "peopled them with the figures of his dreams."

Alas, for himself, he dreamed one dream in vain! For coming out of Greyfriars Church, one Sunday during a shower he offered his umbrella to a young lady of great beauty, which courtesy was graciously accepted.

**AFFECTED HIS VOICE**  
**A CASE WHICH PROVES HOW DEADLY A DISEASE IS CATARRH.**

After reading this experience it will be easy to see why every person with the catarrh taint should use Catarrhine.

J. H. Wood, Point Rock, Oneida Co., N. Y., says: "I had a very bad attack of catarrh that settled in my forehead, and the pain over my eyes was often so intense I thought my head would burst. Suddenly the catarrh got worse, and my voice grew very hoarse. I coughed almost every night, and through the winter I simply couldn't speak. My voice was gone. I tried a couple of doctors, but they didn't help me at all. I gave them up and the next doctor ordered 'Catarrhine.' It cured me almost at once. My doctor says he doesn't know any other so good for catarrh and throat troubles as Catarrhine." The complete outfit gives treatment for two months, and is guaranteed to cure. Price, \$1, sample size, 25 cents. At druggists everywhere.

cepted. Thus commenced an acquaintance, which for Sir Walter, soon grew into a deep and ardent love. For nearly six years he lived in hope of winning the "fair Wilhelmina." But all through this "Lady" of his choice admired his genius, and corresponded with him regarding literary topics, her love was given to another. And in October, 1796, he received from her own lips the words that shattered his "brightest dream." But her vision of color faded from his memory; it added to the glow of his heart, and his lines. His journal kept during old age and sickness tells of his thoughts of the woman that "still had power to stir his heart," and of her name that he had carved out in Rennie characters. Even the name of his daughter, St. Andrew's, it is said that he lost love, in later life, dreamed of his lost love before any great misfortune.

Though disappointed in his only deep passion, pride which was always one of his characteristic features, surely must have done much to conjure new the power of his heart. Sir Walter might have been, to have in short a time supplanted the fair-haired, blue-eyed first love, by the dark-eyed, gypsy beauty of his second choice, to whom he was married on Christmas Eve, 1801. We must add that Charlotte Carpenter made a merry, bewitching bride, and a true wife. And in Julia Manning—the dark-eyed beauty of "Guy Mannering," we have a true portrait from the life of Sir Walter's bride.

Every chapter unfolds some new and fascinating glimpse in his life. How we love to follow in imagination, as he guides us, by his glorious songs and stories through enchanted lands! Perhaps the most favorite haunt where he dreamed and wrote—and in return gave it to world-wide celebrity—was the old abbey, that once was the site of all monastic ruins in Scotland, the famous Abbey. It was in this old abbey—founded by King David I., more than 800 years ago—Sir Walter wrote the last part of the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." And that "Lay" has given countless thousands the desire

"That he a pilgrimage would take To Melrose Abbey."

though, not alone, "for the sake of its restless spirit," but doubtless, less every pilgrim pauses long before the grave of the mysterious wizard, Michael Scott, whose dark character found a place in Dante's Inferno.

"If thou wouldst view fair Melrose Go visit it by the pale moonlight; Then view St. David's ruined pile; And, home returning, softly swear, Was never scene so sad and fair."

Indeed, haunted by history, legend, and tradition centuries this famous old abbey, that once was the pride of Scotland—glorious still, in its "proud decay"—contains a host of thrilling memories and associations that cluster like grey ghosts within its venerable stone confines. What a wonderful array of Scottish spectral material! Here we look back through the long years of its monastic existence. Peaceful and terrible scenes have been enacted within its cloistered walls! Here, in its silent sepulchre kings and queens have slept their last sleep; and here, also, have rested a long line

## Poems of William Wye Smith

"The Selected Poems of William Wye Smith" is the title of a book of verse by the renowned author. The book, graced by a portrait of the author, is attractively printed and bound, and would make a nice present, either to give now or to send along to someone at Christmas. It is also a good book to keep. Readers of "The Advertiser" may have the most interesting volume when they are reminded that for many years, off and on, Mr. Smith was a more or less regular contributor to these columns.

Rev. W. Wye Smith, who now resides in Scotland, is a Scotsman by birth, but a genuine adopted Canadian, having come to Canada when a boy; "so the Maple Tree and the Heather are here brought out into the sunshine of his verse by one who loves them both." It has been stated, and truly that Mr. Smith's strength is in two directions: his portrayal of Canadian rural scenes and incidents; and his power in reproducing the "Scottish," especially on sacred subjects; a field formerly untrodden. Mr. Smith's acknowledged skill in the language of the land of the heather is shown in the fact that he was Scottish expert on the Standard Dictionary, and translator of the New Testament in Braid Scots. We think our readers will like the following:

**TODDLIN' HAME.**  
Toddlin' hame, when the gloamin' is fa' in,  
Weary and worn, wi' his face to the  
Lang has he toiled sin' he left r' the  
dawnin'.  
Now he is toddlin' hame till his rest is  
smilin'.  
Hame till his rest, whaur his bairns are  
beguillin'.  
There's nae biggit his hopes and his  
fame—  
Toddlin' hame!

Toddlin' hame, frae schule and frae  
lesson,  
Doot the wee laddie gangs, whuslin' in  
pride,  
Blithe is his welcome, and sweet the  
caressin'.  
In the wee cottage by yon burnside!  
Yon burnside, 'mang the hills o' the  
heather,  
Yon burnside, whaur his daydreams  
gather,  
Whaur the wee laddie shall make him a  
name.  
Toddlin' hame!

"Toddlin' hame!" in our thoughts and our  
dreamin',  
Back to the land that our orisons name:  
E'en as the sun, wi' his mornin' licht  
beamin',  
Blithely brings till us a message frae  
hame!  
Message frae hame, on the wings o' the  
mornin',

of Douglasses; William, first Earl of  
Douglass; and another William, sur-  
named "the Dark Knight of Laddes-  
dale, the Flower of Chivalry," and it  
is said the heart of the valiant Robert  
Bruce was brought from the Holy  
Land, that he might be buried a-  
neath the high altar in the church;  
that he in 1325, had made the glory of  
ancient Scotland.

About three miles west of Melrose  
gracefully situated upon a terrace,  
between gently swelling hills, with  
purple peaks of Eildon in the distance,  
stands the pride and joy of Sir Wal-  
ter's life—Abbotsford! A thousand  
memories are linked with this home,  
which the master, himself, described  
as—"a romance in stone and lime;"  
and it is by no means one of the least  
of his creations; little by little, his  
great life dream grew into a veritable  
castle of stone and granite, its para-  
pets, towers and balconies all recall-  
ing the grandeur of some belated  
medieval ruin he had admired and de-  
scribed.

Innumerable series of graphic word-  
painting has given to the world, vivid  
pictures of the life of Sir Walter  
in this most charming of homes. They  
are endless in variety and interest,  
and may be a glimpse of his home life.  
Sir Walter surrounded by his children, for  
whom he is creating some wonderful  
myths, his hand resting on the head  
of his favorite staghound, who is look-  
ing up at the kindly noble face of his  
master, as if he, too, were bewitch-  
ed by the story. Or, perchance, it is  
a glimpse of that August day, so  
long ago; when our own beloved  
Washington Irving arrived at Ab-  
botsford. How delightfully Irving has  
portrayed his meeting with the great  
author, and his visit, what a rare  
treasure to have visited that castle by  
the Tweed, in those days, and have  
been received by such a host as the  
immortal Scott.

The year 1826 presents a succession  
of pictures, for it was the most dis-  
astrous year of Sir Walter's life. In  
the dawn of that year came the  
first crushing blow—the bankruptcy  
of his publisher and printer. And as  
a partner, Sir Walter was responsible  
to the creditors. A single day had  
transformed him into a pauper.

Surely, the Earl of Waverley must  
have expressed a universal feeling,  
when he first heard of the failure and  
exclaimed: "Scott ruined! the au-  
thor of Waverley ruined! Good God!  
let every man to whom he has given  
months of delight give him a six-  
pence, and he will rise tomorrow  
richer than Rothschild!"

Though heartbroken his pride and  
courage rose to the occasion, and his  
"man among men" heroically declared:  
"My own right hand shall pay my  
debts." And he sat down under the  
ominous sky that now overshadowed  
Abbotsford, to write "Woodstock,"  
which was to be the first instalment  
of his colossal task to pay a debt of  
three-quarters of a million dollars.  
This book sold for £8,228, "a match-  
less sale," as Sir Walter remarked.  
Fate had yet another terrible blow  
for poor Sir Walter—on the 15th May,  
death claimed her who was nearest  
and dearest to him, his wife.

Between the years 1826 to 1836,  
though broken in health, the hero  
Scott, cheerfully and courageously  
gave his life-blood to his "right  
hand might pay his debts." He wrote  
until one day the pen dropped from  
his nerveless fingers and he was put  
to bed. He feared that his friends  
might see his weakness. On the 21st  
of September, 1832, he died—Nina  
Arndt in Chicago Review-Herald.

## THE CANADIANS ON THE NILLE.

We are sure the pulsations of patriotic  
Rheumatic Liver  
Over-Strained Kidneys  
Caused S'ckness That Puzzled  
Able Phys'cians—Was Cured  
by Ferrozone.  
A REAL MIRACLE.

"My doctor told me I had gouty  
rheumatic liver and kidneys," writes  
G. O. Forde, from Halifax. "I guess  
he was right, for I was a mighty sick  
man, and felt the game was pretty  
nearly up. So many remedies failed  
that the doctor was completely per-  
plexed. As for symptoms—I had bursts  
of them; in the morning a sort of  
nausea. Sometimes the bowels were  
constipated, at other times quite re-  
laxed. I felt dull, and a sense of  
weight in the back and over the liver  
was very distressing."

**LOST 15 POUNDS IN WEIGHT.**

"My color resembled a yellowish pal-  
lor, and gradually I lost weight, the  
alarms of fifteen pounds. I looked  
jaundiced and felt sure I would  
die."  
"Then I read of the wonders worked  
by Ferrozone, and in desperation I  
bought six boxes. At once I began to  
mend. Ferrozone must have put a peg  
or two into the nervous system for  
things at the end of the month began  
to look up. In three months I felt like  
new, but kept on taking Ferrozone. In  
six months I was as well as ever."

**FERROZONE SAVED HIS LIFE.**  
"Were it not for Ferrozone I would  
not be alive today. I am sure it per-  
cure any weakness, rheumatism, gout,  
debility, poor blood and nervousness.  
My condition embraced all these, and  
Ferrozone cured me." Reader, get  
Ferrozone today, 50 cents per box, or  
six boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES  
DIPHTHERIA.**

hearts will be quickened by the following:

O, the East is but the West, with the sun  
And the Nile like many a stream we  
know, that fills its brimming cup—  
We'll think it is the Ottawa, as we track  
the bateaux up!

Chorus.  
Pull, pull, pull! as we track the bateaux  
up!  
It's easy shooting homeward, when we're  
at the top!

O, the cedar and the spruce line each dark  
Canadian river;  
But the thirty days is here, where the  
sultry sunbeams quiver;  
And the mocking mirage spreads its view  
far on either hand,  
But strong we bend the sturdy oar to-  
ward the Southern land!

O, we've tracked the rapids up, and o'er  
many a portage crossing,  
And it's often seen we've seen, though so  
loud the waves are tossing;  
Then the onward when the run is o'er,  
o'er stream and ocean deep,  
To bring the memory of the Nile where  
the maple shadows sleep!

And it yet may come to pass that the  
hearts and hands so ready  
May be sought again to help, when some  
And the maple and the pine be matched  
with British oak the while,  
As once beneath Egyptian suns, the  
Canadians on the Nile!

Those who wish may remit \$1 for  
the book, with 8 cents for postage, di-  
rect to the author, at St. Catharines,  
Ont., when they will receive the book  
by mail, with the poet's autograph on  
the blank page. By so doing they will  
be getting their full money's worth,  
and at the same time be promoting the  
interests and the fame of a very  
worthy man—one who loves both the  
Maple and the Heather.

## FACTS AND FIGURES REGARDING SUGAR

USED TO COST OUR ANCESTORS  
\$2.72 PER POUND.

The free use of sugar as we know  
it is a modern phenomenon. Apparent-  
ly the ancients were unfamiliar with  
it in the form in which we use it, and  
later it was merely an expensive luxu-  
ry. Some interesting data about the  
future, use and cost of sugar are  
given in Cosmos (Paris, May 2), as  
follows:

"Cane sugar was made by the Chinese  
at a very remote epoch. In the west  
it was known much later; Pliny, Varro  
and Lucan, among the Romans, at the  
beginning of our era, just make  
mention of it, and it was then known  
under the names of 'Indian salt,'  
'Asiatic honey' and 'Arabian' or 'Indian  
juice.' In 1090 the crusaders, on their  
arrival in Syria, found cane sugar  
there for the first time, and it became  
part of the soldiers' ration. In the  
following centuries sugar cane was  
introduced into the island of Cyprus,  
into the Nile delta, on the north shore  
of Africa as far as Gibraltar, into  
Sicily and into the Kingdom of Naples;  
then into Spain in the fifteenth cen-  
tury, and thence into Andalusia and the  
Canaries. In 1644 the French took it to  
Guadeloupe and shortly afterward to  
Martinique and Louisiana. The Por-  
tuguese introduced it into Brazil and  
the English into Jamaica.  
According to the Revista Scientifico-  
Industriale, the other night a photo-  
grapher made a very interesting ex-  
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