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### Brainy Work-ing Men.

LEARNED SHOEMAKERS, CHIMNEY SWEEPS AND TRAMWAY MEN.

Genius, like murder, will out, and the history of modern literature provides us with some striking examples of men and women who, although humbly born and denied by circumstances any educational advantages, have given to the world some remarkable literary works. At the present time, for instance, the compilers of the great Oxford English Dictionary are deriving much help in their work from a Concordance of the works of Thomas Kyd, a learned literary man and dramatist of the sixteenth century, which has been compiled by Mr. Charles Crawford, a London railway clerk.

Mr. Crawford is a great authority on Elizabethan English, and published his Concordance five years ago. His knowledge of words has been acquired through close study, and is certainly extraordinary; for often when experts have stated, without previous investigation, that such and such a word or phrase occurs only in certain writers, or does not appear in certain authors, Mr. Crawford has produced abundant evidence showing the statement to be incorrect.

The Shoemaker Historian.

An even more remarkable work than Mr. Crawford's Concordance, however, was that compiled by John Mackintosh, LL.D., who died at Aberdeen four years ago. Although Mackintosh was a shoemaker by trade, he was one of the most notable personalities of the North Country has of Scotland, and his "History of Civilization in Scotland," in four big volumes, has been described as one of the most complete histories of Scotland ever written. Mackintosh was born of poor parents in Banffshire, and was in early life apprenticed to a shoemaker. He was always a great reader, and when he settled in Aberdeen in 1861 and opened a small news agents' shop, he spent all his leisure time in the library of the University. Ultimately he decided to write his great work, and, "at my shop counter," he once wrote, "amidst the noise and bustle of those stirring streets, the four volumes of my history were written and the proof sheets corrected and revised, all being done while customers were coming in and out, constantly interrupting me."

Chimney Sweep and Author.

It is only a few weeks ago that the University Extension Board appointed Mr. Walter Hunt lecturer on sociology. Mr. Hunt has had an amazing career. He started life as a sailor, spent some time in the fire brigade, and then set up as a chimney sweep at Streatham. He then decided to attend the Robert Browning

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Settlement in Walworth, and in time was led to write a thoughtful little book wherein he discusses the question, "Are we a declining race?" which attracted much attention among critics. Mr. Hunt's successful writings on race deterioration, involving as they did an immense amount of research work, are the more remarkable when one considers that his calling took him out at four o'clock in the morning. Most of his study was done at night time, and he confided in an interview a little while ago that he found no time to read anything but works on science and history. "Life is too short to waste time in reading fiction," he said.

It might be mentioned that London possesses a linguistic tramwayman in the person of Mr. Richard Hobdell, of Holloway, who is employed by the London County Council as a pointman on the tram system. Mr. Hobdell has a perfect knowledge of Arabic and Sanskrit, and has just finished translating a book from Sanskrit into English. Hobdell, who was with Lord Roberts on the famous march from Kabul to Kandahar, has devoted much of his leisure time since leaving the Army to the study of languages—a study of which he has always been very fond.

A Literary Sensation.

An equally remarkable record is that of Mr. G. E. Meek, the author-bath-chairman of Eastbourne, whose book, "The Life of a Bath-Chairman," was published by Constable a few months ago. Mr. Meek has been a bath-chairman on the Grand Parade at Eastbourne for the last nineteen years, and it was while waiting for customers that he devoted himself to reading and gaining an intimate knowledge of the works of French, Russian, German, and English authors. It was Mr. H. G. Wells who was first impressed with the literary skill and knowledge displayed by Mr. Meek in his writings, and the famous author wrote a preface to Mr. Meek's book.

The literary sensation of last year was a book, "Marie Claire," written by a Parisian seamstress, Marguerite Audoux, who worked as a dressmaker in one small room on the sixth floor of a house in Paris. The story won a prize of £200 and royalties—a prize given every year by what is known as the Goncourt Academy for the best novel of the year. It took the seamstress ten years to write her book. "I did not write it to be published," she said, during the course of an interview, as she sat in her little workshop; "it is just my life." And it is because Marguerite Audoux told the story of her life in plain, simple language that she scored such a literary success.

The extraordinary literary achievements of the late Robert Ford, of Glasgow, ought to be mentioned in any record of brainy working men. Ford, who died a year or two ago, was employed as a clerk in the large warehouse of W. and J. Campbell, Ingram Street, Glasgow. His work was arduous, his hours were long, and his opportunities for study were very few; but, in spite of this, he published many volumes dealing with Scottish literature which Scotsmen will not willingly let die. He possessed a unique knowledge of Scottish poets and poetry, had exceptional gifts as a story-teller, and was the author of many interesting books. A few friends recently raised a monument to his memory.—Tit-Bits.

### A Fatal Accident

Mr. C. H. Hutchings, K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, had the following wire yesterday afternoon from Mr. J. Collett, J.P., Flat Islands, P. B.: "Charles Emberley, Methodist school teacher, Red Harbor, was accidentally shot in the left thigh at 2.30 p.m. Saturday. He was brought to Flat Islands and died at 6 p.m. An investigation is being held."

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTER IN COWS.

### Sidewalk Sketches.

By H. L. RANN.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.



New Year's Day is a cheerful anniversary designed to emancipate man from the accursed influence of the corn cob pipe. It is the only day in the year when the S. R. O. sign is hung in a conspicuous place on the water wagon. After the second week this sign is taken down and replaced by a placard offering lower berths at a reduced rate. If all the resolutions made on New Year's day were lived up to, the recording angel would be able to take a well-earned rest. On New Year's day several million men smoke their last cigar until January 3rd. They yield then simply to preserve their health and reason. Some men approach New Year's day with great determination and a home cure for the tobacco habit, while others come in from the barn with a mild flavor of coffee beans and a bland child-like look. New Year's day has cured many a man of the habit of using crisp curs words until he fell on the front steps and separated several inches of precious cuticle from his knee cap. The Pilgrim Fathers invented this day as a means of relaxation, and they celebrated it by listening to a sermon which started immediately after breakfast and wound up about time to nail the cows. In some pulpits this result is still quite popular, and it is resulting in a loud demand for the recall of the clergy. New Year's day is a great boon to downtrodden husbands whose breakfast consists of chilled chloery and a sprightly flow of reproachful language, for it tends to enlarge the menu and sweeten the home. A good many men resolve to pay their debts on New Year's day, while others swear off on paying anything but the debt of nature and sometimes this is stood off until the community loses patience.

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### Hr. Grace Notes.

Saturday evening's train, preceded by an engine and snow plough arrived here at 3.30 yesterday evening. We hear very little complaints as the Reid Nfld. Co. are doing the best they can under the circumstances.

Mr. John W. Brazil, returned from St. John's a few weeks ago, and is very ill at the home of his mother, on Death Hill. His friends hope he will soon be fully recovered.

Captain Wells, lately of Port de Grave, is now in charge of the Salvation Army work here; Captain Hillier having taken his place at Port de Grave.

Mrs. Fritz Grimm, who had been at Bay Roberts attending the funeral of her nephew, Mr. W. Mosdell, returned home by Saturday's train.

Many people are wondering what has become of your correspondent, "Mary," and we hear the question quite frequently: "Is she lost, stolen or strayed?" Other folks may do as they like, but our own experience of your fair correspondent is that it is better to "let sleeping dogs lie."

Miss Cody's concert, or rather the concert given by that talented young lady's music pupils had to be postponed on a couple of nights last week owing to the stormy weather, but came off very successfully on Friday night. The weather was anything but suitable for such a gathering, but all who attended were well repaid for the little hardship gone through in their efforts to be present. Quite a number of people are hoping that Miss Coady will arrange to repeat the concert, thus giving others who would have been present had the weather been fine, a chance to do so.

Miss Jean Munn, daughter of Mr. John G. Munn, was a passenger on the train that left St. John's at 9 a.m. Thursday, and arrived here at 5.30 p.m. Friday.

The Knights of Columbus had several interesting events here last week. On Sunday the Installation of Officers took place, Past Grand Knight, M. A. O'Brien, was the Installing Officer and the following are the officers for 1912: Dr. W. A. Strapp, Grand Knight; C. L. Kennedy, Jr., Deputy Grand Knight; Rev. J. W. Donnelly, Chancellor; T. J. Freeman, Recorder; M. T. Jones, Financial Secretary; Joseph Humphrey, Treasurer; R. E. Kennedy, Lecturer; Dr. W. Jones, Advocate; Rev. W. Finn, Chaplain; Robert Lee, Warden; M. P. Stapleton, Inside Guard; M. Grouchy, Outside Guard; Messrs. T. Hanrahan, James Ryan, R. Costigan, Trustees. State Deputy, W. J. Mahoney, of St. John, N.B., arrived by Monday's express, and received a royal welcome by his brother knights who were all pleased to have him with them again, especially as he had braved the storms by coming at this season of the year. Mr. George McCluskey, also from St. John, N.B., accompanied Mr. Mahoney.

On Tuesday night the Knights and their friends had a most enjoyable supper and dance with the usual pleasant speeches, etc., sandwiched in between.

The children of the brethren were given their festival on Wednesday, when about 150 children took charge of the hall from 2 until 5 p.m. The committee of management were untiring in their efforts to please, and the children will not soon forget the pleasant afternoon given them.

CORRESPONDENT.

Hr. Grace, Jan. 15, '12.

**GREATLY IMPROVED.**—Mr. M. Coffey, who was taken suddenly ill last Friday week, is now much improved and will soon be out again.

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