

roared with laughter, disturbing the neighbors in half the block, and provoking retaliatory howlings from all the dogs in the locality. But they never came to any understanding about the strange affair. She never asked him what he was laughing at, and he never enquired what it was that made her scream and leap out of bed so quickly.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. White don't speak now. She thinks Mrs. White played a joke on her, and she seems to have lost much of her anxiety regarding the secrets of Freemasonry.

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A "Gentleman Mason."

1. It is not generally known that "Speculative Masons" were once called "Gentleman Masons." The following catechism occurs in some of the old lectures of the last century:

Q. What do you learn by being a Gentleman Mason?

A. Secrecy, Morality, and Good-Fellowship.

Q. What do you learn by being an Operative Mason?

A. Hew, Square, Mould Stope, Lay a Level, and Raise a Perpendicular?"

Every Son of Hiram is a gentleman—he is 'a Gentleman Mason'—in the Masonic parlance of olden times.

2. According to the Roman Law, "gensmen, or gentlemen, were those only who had a family name, were born of free parents, had no slave in their ancestral line, and had never been degraded to a lower rank.

3. The following definitions of "a gentleman" might well be applied to every *genuine* Mason:—

"He that can enjoy the intimacy of the Great, and on no occasion disgust them by familiarity or disgrace himself by servility, proves that he is as perfect a Gentleman by Nature as his companions are by Rank." (Colton.)

"A Christian is God Almighty's Gentleman: a Gentleman, in the vulgar, superficial way of understanding the word, is the Devil's Gentleman. But to throw aside these polished and too current counterfeits for something valuable and sterling, the real Gentleman should be gentle in everything, at least in everything that depends on himself—in car-

riage, temper, construction, aims, desires. He ought, therefore, to be mild, calm, quiet, even, temperate, not hasty in judgment, not exorbitant in ambition, not overbearing, not proud, not rapacious, not oppressive; for these things are contrary to gentleness. Many such gentlemen are to be found, I trust; and many more would be were the true meaning of the name borne in mind and duly inculcated." (Hare.)

4. But when a man or brother in our Order of 'the Level and the Square,' arrogates among 'the Sons of Light' to himself the name of 'a gentleman,' he deserves to be designated by an *epithet*, wherewith Thackeray called George IV., who considered himself "the greatest gentleman in Europe." Such a brother's conduct becomes very offensive, and he may stand in need of being reminded of Tennyson's words:—

"The grand old name of gentleman
Defamed by every charlatan,
And sold'd with all ignoble use."

For 'a real gentleman' will seldom or never make pretensions to *gentility*, which is an airy and mere borrowed thing from 'dead men's dust and bones.' A *worthy* brother, therefore, will make his gentility by his affable manners, his courteous deportment, his superior education, and his general zealous Masonic conduct.

5. And sometimes we may meet with (perhaps) a gentleman in the Roman sense, but who is what is commonly called 'a gentleman of the four outs,' i.e. a vulgar upstart, without manners, without University Education, without money, and without credit.—*Australian Freemason.*

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