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PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF THE MOST VERSATILE WORKER OF ALL TIMES.

Elbert Hubbard's Visit to the Man General Insincerity.

[By Elbert Hubbard.] would seem to have been in thrall to six haircloth chairs, a slippery sofa to

tion through the law of gravitation. Early in the seventies lithograph and Cobden, of corn-law fame. presses began to make chromos that were warranted just as good as 'oilon an editorial wherein it stated that the end of painting by hand had come, and the writer thanked heaven for it -and added, "Art is now within the

To the influence of William Morris does the civilized world owe its salvathe tawdry and cheap in home decoration. It will not do to say that if declaring that the inanities of the frankly admitted, but the refreshing fact remains that fully one-half the homes of England and America have been influenced by the good taste and vivid personality of this one strong,

William Morris was the strongest all-'round man the century produced. He was an artist and a poet in the broadest and best sense of these muchbandied terms. William Morris could do more things, and do them well, than any man of either ancient or modern times whom we can name.

He was a weaver, a blacksmith, a could be reformed only from below, he east his lot with the toilers, dressed as one of them, and in the companionship of workingmen found a response to his holy zeal which the soclety of an entailed aristocracy de-

The man who could influence the entire housekeeping of half a world and give the kingdom of fashion a list to starboard; who could paint beautiful pictures; compose music; speak five languages; write sublime verse; address a public assemblage effectively; produce plays; resurrect the lost art of making books-books such as were made only in the olden time as a loving, religious service; who lived than in the past. They wear more the country, and I am too much occua clean, wholesome, manly life-beloved by those who knew him bestshall we not call him master?

William Morris was a giant in physical strength and a giant in intellect. His nature was intensely masculine, in we came here the taxes were levied that he could plan and act without at the will of the rulers, and the rich thought of precedent. Never was a native was sure to be persecuted. Now man more emancipated from the tram- taxes are fairly levied, and the natives mels of convention and custom than are learning that their savings will William Morris.

is in an ebb-tide district where once was to make them realize that we inwealth and fashion held sway; but tended to treat them fairly and monnow the vicinity is given over to fac- estly, and I believe we have succeedtories, tenement-houses, and all that ed. We had also to organize the coundistrust any form of banking establishment train of evil and vice that follow in try, so that it might be able to pay the wake of faded gentility. At Ham- the expenses of its government. We merstein you will see spacious old man- are fast reaching that stage." sions used as warehouses; others as boarding-houses; still others converted into dance halls, with beer gardens in the rear, where once bloomed and blossomed milady's flowerbeds.

The broad stone steps and wide hallnow and then of ancient door-plates or more ancient knockers, tell of generations turned to dust.

had no difficulty in taking the right conditions settled as they are now, were anxious above everything else to get train for Hammersmith, but once there press for "cracklings."

Finally, I discovered a man-a workingman-whose face beamed at and its possible future?" the mention of William Morris. Later, I found that if a man knew William Morris his heart throbbed at the men- future I cannot prophesy that with tion of his name, and he at once any degree of accuracy, although I can grew voluble and confidential and safely say that the Sudan could sup- French Government had been covered sevfriendly. It was the "open sesame." port tens of millions if its lands were eral times over in this fashion, expressed And if a person did not know William properly used. It is said that there bitter regret that he had not insisted

all there was about it. Man," which was the affectionate title five times as many in the future as used by all the hundreds and thous- there were then. That would give us are among the most thrifty and prosperands who worked with William Mor- a population of 60,000,000, and the when I asked that he should direct me far exceed that figure. Egypt, with a to the Upper Mall, he simply insisted cultivable area of 12,000 square miles, on going with me. Moreover, he told has about 12,000,000. With peace, fair a needless lie, and declared he was on government and the development of the way there, although when we met our agricultural resources along modhe was headed in the other direction. By a devious walk of half a mile we ture beyond our conception." reached the high iron fence of Kelmcott house. We arrived amid a florid lescription of the Icelandic Sagas as

told by my new-found friend and in- on camel back through Kordofan. Is terpreted by "Th' Ole Man. My friend that country likely to be valuable in had not read the Sagas, but still he the future?" recommended them; and so we passed "I do not see why it should not be,"

shop of William Morris. brandt miracles with a camera.

table, in shirt-sleeves, was the master. them." From the beginning of the past cen- Who could mistake that great shaggy tury down to about 1890, housekeeping head, the tangled beard, and frank, of Kordofan?" open-eyed look of boyish animation? The man was 60 and more, but there

match, and a very cold marble-top was no appearance of age in the eye, tribute to us. It is a hilly land tracenter-table. In all the best homes complexion, form or gesture-only the versed by a mountain range furnishing there was also a marble mantel to whitened hair. He greeted me as if numerous streams. It is well popumatch the center-table; on one end of we always had known each other, and lated, and was for a long time a centhis mantel was a blue glass vase Ellis and piles of Chaucer proof led ter of the slave trade. The natives containing a bouquet of paper roses, straight to old Professor Child, of there are comparatively quiet at presand on the other a plaster-of-paris Harvard, whose work Ellis criticised ent, although every now and then a cat. Above the mantel hung a wreath and Morris upheld. They fell into a war breaks out between some of the of wax flowers in a glass case. In hot argument, which was even con- tribes. This is likewise so in Kordosuch houses were usually to be seen tinued as we walked across the street fan. The people are brave and proud, gaudy-colored carpets, imitation lace to the Doves bindery. The Doves bind- and they have frequent vendettas. The curtains, and a what-not in the corner ery, as all good men know, is managed chief want of Kordofan is railway that seemed ready to go into dissolu- by Mr. Cobden-Sanderson, who mar- communication, and we hope to supried one of the two daughters of Rich- ply that as soon as we can."

When we were once inside the bindery, the Chaucerman argument be- cently discovered in this part of the paintings, and these were distributed tween Mr. Ellis and Th' Ole Man shift- world. He replied: in millions by enterprising newspapers as premiums for subscriptions. Looking over an old file of the Christian Union for the year 1871. I chanced upway, Th' Ole Man silenced his opponwhich will be better understood when to maps like these." I explain that Th' Ole Man was large in stature, bluff, bold, and strongtion from the mad rage and rush for small, red-headed, meek and wears bicycle trousers.

The argument, however, was not William Morris had not called a halt quite so serious an affair as I at first someone else would, nor to cavil by supposed, for it all ended in a laugh, ly devoted to the topography of the and easily ran off into a quiet debate country and to data as to their re-

this to another old mansion that had implements made from the native ore. on its door a brass plate so polished They have been mining copper there and repolished, like a machine-made for a long time. It is generally besonnet too much gone over, that one lieved that there is gold in the differally, I managed to trace the legend, that Thomson, the poet, wrote his out prospecting, but so far no valubook. Once back in the library of able deposits have been discovered." Kelmscott house, Mr. Ellis and Th' The conversation here took a per-Ole Man leaned over the great oaken sonal turn by my asking his excellency Elbert Hubbard.

### A CHAT WITH SIR FRANCIS WINGATE

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condition of the natives since the

British occupation?" clothing, they have more wants, and pied with that and with my duties are working to supply them. Former- here to find any time for literary ly many went naked, and, as there was work." no security of property and few wants, they had no incentives to save. When be respected. They are coming to Kelmscott house, at Hammersmith, have faith in us. Our first business

### A GREAT BABY FARM.

"Is your population increasing?" "Very rapidly," replied the sirdar. 'I am surprised at the large number of children who have been born since by some of the most experienced financiers ways and iron fences, with glimpses we took possession of the Sudan. The of the day, such as, for instance, the provinces fairly swarm with little recent trip through Kordofan, I car-Just why William Morris, the poet ried a lot of small coin with me to people, as calculated to prolong the miliand lover of harmony, should have give to the children. The news of this selected this locality for a home is traveled ahead, and as soon as we quite beyond the average ken. Cer- approached a village we would be met tainly it mystified the fashionable lit- by the babies in force. Nearly every erary world of London, with whom he peasant woman came forward with a never kept goose-step, but that still half dozen or more little naked blacks kept track of him-for fashion has a and browns hanging about her, and way of patronizing genius. Some of the children ran out of such tents as Yet, to the amazement of everyone, and his old friends wrote him asking where we passed on the way. The Sudanese of Bismarck in particular, the indemnity Hammersmith was, and others ex- are naturally fond of children, and was paid off without any delay, and withpressed doubts as to its existence. I especially so when times are good and out any difficulty. The Frenh peasantry

They want as many children rid of the presence of the invader of their no one seemed to have ever heard of and grandchildren as the Lord will soil, and consequently they brought forth the Kelmscott Press. When I inquired, give them, and as most of the men grave misgivings seemed to arise as have two or three wives it is not an to whether the press referred to was uncommon thing for a father to have a cider-press, a wine-press, or a several additions to his family per

year." "What is your present population

"We have today, I should say, at least 2,000,000 in the Sudan. As to the Morris, he simply didn't, and that was were twelve million natives here be- upon the payment of an indemnity at fore the times of the Mahdi, and there But the man I met knew "Th' Old. is no reason why there should not be he had exacted. There is exery reason to And to prove that he knew him, probability is that we will some time prior to the war of 1870. ern lines, the Sudan may have a fu-

IN KORDOFAN AND DARFUR.

William Morris through the wide-open gates and up replied the governor-general. "It is the stone walk to the entrance of one of the stock-rearing regions of Kelmscott house, the home and work- this part of the world, producing a vast number of cattle and camels. On the threshold we met Mr. F. S. Much of the meat now used in Khar-Ellis and Mr. Emery Walker, who ad- tum comes from Kordofan, and camels dressed my companion as "Tom." I are reared there for use throughout knew Mr. Ellis slightly, and also had the Libyan and Nublan deserts. The met Mr. Walker, who works Rem- southern half of the country is devoted to cattle, and is inhabited by stock-Mr. Ellis was deep in seeing the rearing people. Every tribe has its Who Saved the World from Tawdry and Mr. Walker had a print to show, driving their stock from pasture to famous "Chaucer" through the press, herds, and many tribes are nomadic, Lithographs, Haircloth Sofas, and so we turned aside, passed a great pile pasture. North of latitude 13, the of paper in crates that cluttered the camel country begins, and one finds hallway, and entered the library, camels by the thousands. The coun-There, leaning over the long, oaken try seems to be especially adapted to

"What is the nature of the land west

"I suppose you mean Darfur. That country is ruled by a sultan who pays

I here asked the sirdar to tell me something of the mineral deposits re-

about an oak-leaf or something. Any- gun by platting some of the provinces and drawing maps which show every-

The sirdar here showed me careful sketches of the several provinces, revoiced, whereas Cobden-Sanderson is duced to a small scale, and much like those which our geological survey is making of the United States. As

looked over them he went on: "Our surveys, at present, are chiefplush-covered age followed the era of the haircloth sofa. These things are Whatman. much in the way of mineral investi-We walked through the various old gation. We know, however, that some parlors that now do duty as work- of the provinces contain iron and copcooms for bright-eyed girls, then over per. This is so of the Bahr-el-Ghazal through the Kelmscott Press, and from where the people use iron and steel can scarcely make out its intent. Fin- ent parts of the Sulan, and we have issued a number of concession to min-"The Seasons." I was told it was here ing syndicates. They have their men

wood-carver, a painter, a dyer, and a printer. And he was a musical composer of no mean ability. Better than all, he was an enthusiastic lover of of the third canto of the "Canterbury matters connected with this part of his race; his heart throbbed for hu- Tales." Under cover of the smoke, I the world. He wrote "Mahdism and manity, and believing that society quietly disappeared with Mr. Douglass the Egyptian Sudan" eighteen years Cockerill for a better view of the place, ago; and a few years later published -From an article in the Circle, by a work entitled "Ten Years' Captivity in the Mahdi's Camp." He also translated and edited Slatin Pasha's "Fire and Sword in the Sudan" in 1895, and since then, his life has been a part of the history of the country and his experiences such that no man living knows all about it better than he. The

sirdar replied: "I may write another book some day. have kept notes of things which I have observed and which have oc-"Do you see many changes in the curred from time to time, and the putting them together may give me occupation when I retire. At present my "Yes. They are doing far better chief interest is in the development of

## THE EVILS OF HOARDING MONEY

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due to the farmer and peasant classes, whose lack of education and absence of knowledge of the world cause them to or analogous institutions.

Striking evidence was furnished of this peculiarity at the close of the war of 1870, when Germany imposed as one of the conditions of peace the payment by France of an indemnity of \$1,000,000,000. Prince Bismarck, whose means of information were superior to those of any other statesman, and who was advised in the matter Rothschilds, the Bleichroeders, the Menones under 7 years of age. During my delssohns, etc., had fixed upon that sum as being beyond the means of the French tary occupation, and as liable to lead to further territorial sacrifices, and as destined to cripple the resources and the

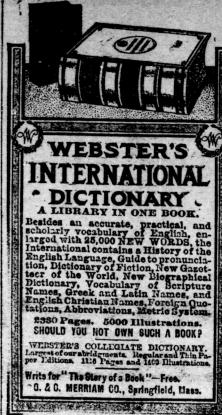
power of France for generations to come. GERMAN INDEMNITY.

In fact, when the amount of indemnity was first mentioned, people on both sides of the Atlantic gasped with astonishment. their hidden hoards of gold, not for the purpose of placing them in banks, but in order to patriotically place them at the disposal of the Government in return for state bonds

PAID OUT OF HOARDS.

In fact, it is a popular yet perfectly true saying that the war indemnity to Germany was paid by means of the savings which the French peasantry had hidden away in their stockings, and Bismarck, on least five times as large as the sum which believe that the French peasantry, who ous in the world, are again hoarding today, as they were in the habit of doing Tunisian ....

Among the minor industries that have been hurt by the cold summer, especially in England, is that ney-making. For example, in West Norfolk 32 hives that in average years produce about 1,000 pounds of new ioney this year yielded but 431 unds. In most cases there has been "Your excellency has been traveling a loss on the season's work.



GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION

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The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 8 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations. Depart for the west-\*3:25 a.m., 3:55 am., 7:40 a.m., \*11:18 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., \*8:05 p.m. The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m

trains stop at all stations. LONDON AND WINDSOR. Arrive-10:40 a.m., \*4 p.m., \*6:50 .m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m. Depart-6:35 a.m., \*11:27 a.m., 2:20 o.m., \*7:55 p.m. (International Lim-

STRATFORD BRANCH. Arrive-\*3:15 a.m, 11:15 a.m, 1:30 .m., 6:35 p.m., 11:10 p.m. Depart-6:10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2:50 p.m. LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

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