GEORGE BERNARD SHAW: HIS BOYHOOD AND YOUNG MANHOOD

[By Gerald Cumberland, in T. P.'s Weekly.]

Dublin on July 26, 1936. He was one almost dishonest. He had his own way ed, and wouldn't he give Selina another of a large family, the head of which of spelling his words, his own manner circumstances. His father, George pressing himself: rightly or wrongly, Carr Shaw, an ex-civil servant, it was his way, and, being his, he recapitalized his pension, embarked on fused to change anything for all the The would-be poet grinned, and told flour milling, a business of which he wealth of Christendom. knew nothing, and promptly lost all his fortune. In desperation he turned to drink; this was the salvation of the family. His wife, an emancipated ing in the British Museum. He did woman, without the knowledge of what occasional work in the city, but soon emencipation meant, was clever, prac- wearied of this and threw it up in detical, and utterly regardless of appear- spair. He obtained an appointment as ances. Without waiting a moment, a musical critic on a weekly paper, but she threw herself into the midst of the his criticisms were so terrific in their by heart. But study did not occupy most arduous and unremitting labor, onslaughts on composers, vocalists and him all the time; he began to write made a position for herself in musical instrumentalists, that the circulation novels. In 1879 he perpetrated his first circles in Dublin, maintained that posi- of the paper began to decrease, and the work of fiction. "Perpetrate" is tion in spite of all competition, and as editor informed him that he could Shaw's own word. Fortunately for Mr. a result kept the wolf from the door easily dispense with his services. Oc. Shaw this work was never published, and made herself one of the happiest casional articles were accepted by Between 1879 and 1883 Mr. Shaw wrote women in Ireland.

School Days. convinced that his own way was infinitely better than that of anybody else he refused to learn useless lists of meaningless names. "I never learned anything at school," he wrote, some years ago. "It was a place where they pute 'Caesar' and 'Horace' into the hands of small boys and expected the result to be an elegant taste and knowl
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the reward offered was five ever, they were published, in inverse socialist and scoffer at sentiment consented, and produced some mock-heroic magazines, one of which was edited by lines on the premature death of a child Mrs. Annie Besant. They succeeded in with golden hair. It was an excellent attracting the attention of William between two men in the Glen of the ized that any sane man should have gospel of socialism Douns. One had a gun; the other was anarmed; the issue can be imagined His first appearance in print literally WORLD'S flabbergasted the whole family in general, and his "numerous uncles" in articular. It was a letter printed in Public Opinion" as a kind of mild rotest against the visit to Dublin of lessrs. Moody and Sankey, the evan-

An Attorney's Clerk.

At the age of fourteen, however, he left school and went to "business." He was engaged by a firm of attorneys, but he hated his work for it bored him. What he had to do he did well because his work was mere routine; but what came, however, when, at the age of sixculties at all. Finally he resigned his position and obtained an appointment elsewhere. And so the years passed. They were not wasted years, although they might have been spent to better purpose. His office work naturally exhausted the greater part of the day; but his evenings were his own, and he verythings that came in his way, wrote fugitive essays, thought a great deal, helped his mother with her work, dabbled in music and kent his and kent his area above any but the cultivaries are above are field of alfalfa. They ranged along with the and mixed for Thanksgiving and more definited and mixed in which may hand the world-wide reputation of Germany and the open for all things worth seeing. His attention had not yet been powerfully attracted by anything; he had no great and absorbing interest in any of the problems that were agitating men's minds. He was simply an intelligent the ancient German University of the but ignorant young man with impos-

sible theories about everything. A Free-Lance in London. In the year 1876 his mother went to

He was by this time twenty lived together. Now this settling down by 2,350 students. in London was a very risky undertaking. Mrs. Shaw had for some time recognized that Dublin did not afford sufficient scope for her talent and energy, and her son was naturally Scandinavian universities, those of anxious to gauge his powers by competing with other writers in the literary maelstrom of London. They had a but were friendless. Mrs. Shaw, however, soon found channels in which to work and earn money, but George could obtain no recognition whatever. As a literary free-lance he was an undisguised failure. His MSS, invariably came back "declined with thanks." And this was not to be wondered at. He was too clever, too brilliant. There was no market for his wares. He did not suit his writings to the tone of the various papers to which he wished to contribute. He refused to sacrifice even the most trivial of his principles. He



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George Bernard Shaw was born in was honest to such a degree as to be was a man in by no means prosperous of punctuating, his own way of ex-

Glosed Careers.

His days were spent chiefly in readother papers, but the result in pounds, five novels: "Immaturity," "The shillings and pence was not very en- Irrational Knot," "Love Among the In the meantime, though his people were not Methodists, young Shaw had been sent to the local Wesleyan Connexional School, where he learned nextonal School, where he learned methodists. nothing. His master was not particutarly unintelligent, but the lad had his were issued in book form, with a few which were always coming back to me own way of doing things, and, fully convinced that his own way was inresult to be an elegant taste and knowledge of the world. I took refuge in total idleness." This confesion of total idleness is only partly true. He had already begun to write, and had a great the five shillings. He said it was real publisher would look at them! But, ambition to draw, Michael Angelo poetry, it had quite touched him, etc. at last, success did come, and Mr. Shaw being his boyish ideal. His first Would Mr. Shaw do him a dozen like was enabled to use his always increasliterary effort was a story about a fight this for three pounds? Utterly scandaling fortune for the furtherance of his

taken his verses seriously, and fearful orado, but one of the most valuable lest his career should be ruined by his becoming known as a minor poet, state has been the abolition of the young Shaw sat down, determined that this time at least he would write ballots. A man can't mark a ballot something worth reading. The first in Colorado unless he knows how to picture he had to write for represented read. a knight leaving his castle for the wars. Here was a splendid subject! I live, four of our polling places last Shaw felt quite an affection for that lusty warrior. He asked him, in solicitous terms, if he felt very frightenkiss before starting? The artist was furious. Not only was the five shillings refused, but Shaw was told "to keep his bloomin' doggerel to himself." himself that two careers - that of musical critic and that of poet laure-

ate-were for ever closed to him. Seeking a Publisher. History began to interest him, and so did music. He pored over the scores of Wagner in the British Museum, and before he was thirty knew them almost

LARGEST

Ranking of Europe's Seats of dents. Half a century before it numbered 200 students from Germany

Learning as Regards the alone. Gone By.

Although 22 German universities are his columns of figures represented he reported as having an aggregate of had not the ghost of an idea. A time more than 50,000 students only two or three of these universities exceed in teen or seventeen, he was appointed to size a number of the other great Cona higher position in the office. He was tinental schools. In fact, Berlin and now compelled to undertake responsi- Munich are the only German univerbility for which he was by no means sities that outrank in size the great

deal, helped his mother with her work, dabbled in music, and kept his eyes largest four in Germany.

Men Glad That

The University of Vienna comes next in size after Munich, and the Czech University at Prague is larger than any but four of the German universities. It has long surpassed in size

Budapest has a university ranking only just below the greatest German universities. Even the University of Athens ranks only just below Bonn London, and he followed her very soon with its 3,800 students and the Uni- He's Going to Spread the Gosversity of Rome, which is the third in Italy, ranks between Freiburg and years of age. They took rooms and Breslau, the latter of which has near-

> Denmark's one university, that of Copenhagen, ranks along with Heidelberg, which stands ninth in the list of German universities. Two other Norway, rank above the six smaller German universities, and the far northern University of Helsingfors in in politics.

Finland ranks with the first six.

drid there are two or three ancient frage. seats of learning in the world by rea- used to carry on in the home, and

eight of the German universities.

Four or five universities of the she is doomed." United States rank with the first three German institutions, but would hardly woman's vote on Colorado?" he was the seed crop by eating out a portion do so were the undergraduates counted out. In South America the University of Buenos Ayres stands with the one opinion about that," he said. ed out. In South America the Univerfirst four or five German universities has been admitted by experts that we section that several machines for and is growing. At least one other South American university ranks with tection of women and children in the My husband and several of our neighhe great schools.

Even the greatest of German universities, Berlin, with its 7,194 students, is small compared with some of the mediaeval universities. though communication was costly, slow and difficult in those days the appearance of a great teacher at any university would quickly attract students from the state of dents from other seats of learning, so that in numbers the mediaeval universities ebbed and flowed from year to

Sometimes, too, a quarrel of some kind with the Government or with the teaching force would bring about a sudden secession of hundreds or thous. ands of students along with part of the teachers. When Abelard lectured at the University of Paris, the number of students is said to have risen to 30,000.

Francis I., visiting the Spanish University of Alcala de Henares in the sixteenth century, found 11,000 students. Bologna University had 10,000 students at the early height of its resperity. It is now flourishing with

Padua, which owed its first succes to a schism at Bologna, was threat-ened with extinction almost immediately afterward, in the year 1228, because dissatisfied students received a proposal from Vercelli to give them 500 houses and other privileges and conveniences if they would remove to

Bologna in the early part of the eventeenth century felt itself in the lepths because it had only 1,400 stu-

Salerno, which had had a famous Number of Students-Enor-school of medicine, took on the character of a university for a time when mous Attendance in Ages the faculty of Naples came over to it, and was a great school. Naples had

> The German mediaeval universities did not rival the greatest of Italy.
> France and Spain in the number of

Women Vote

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth.

pel of Votes for Women All Around the Country.

New York Sun: The Rev. Dr. Bur-

son of its clinging to mediaeval dress haven't we also thrown open our secversities of France rank with the first it seems to me and to most of the ten universities of Germany, and the men of my state who have given the gium, that of Louvain, is of about the that an intelligent interest in public same rank. The Italian University of affairs affords a natural outlet for the Turin stands above Freiburg in num- trained energies of the modern woman. If we don't give her the ballot grating hopper. It is a native, and the proved methods of apple culture. "What has been the effect of the

> asked. have the best set of laws for the prolegislation has come about as a direct ter than any of these machines, besides result of the efforts of our women vot- having the advantage of being money-The juvenile court and the girls' producers. industrial school are perhaps the great-

is the original—has been the standard for thirty-five years.

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"In the town of Fort Collins, where churches, and the fifth one was in the basement of one of the buildings of Five Cents. the agricultural college of which I am president. Election day is a very quiet holiday with us. There is no drinking or swearing about the polling places.
"But hasn't voting made the wo-

The Rev. Dr. Aylesworth looked hor-

"I defy you to find in any state women who are better gowned, more home-loving or more orderly than our Colorado women," he replied empha-The Colorado women seem to have acquired an additional grace and dignity since they were made real citizens, and the increased respect in the colorado were anxious to hold office Dr.

and country—seem to have lost entirely, and that is sex consciousness. So have the men. When a group of women go to the polls the men do not stare at them and laugh at them.

"They work for good men and good laws," he said, "for their homes and the ho

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men bold and masculine?" asked some- The Candy Cure Made by Paterson of Brantford

"When I say this I am not tional amendment eight years later it speaking for Denver particularly, but won by a majority of 30,000. If the for the various rural communities question were to be submitted to the which I have visited on lecture tours. male voters now I do not believe that

which they have been held by men for the last fifteen years has given them a poise and self-confidence which they didn't have before.

Aylesworth replied that they were altered the self-confidence which they showed a disposition to seek some of the higher educational offices, notably "You will find the mental and moral that of state superintendent of public standards very high in our rural instruction, he said; but in the whole communities. There is one thing that sixteen years that women had been the women of Colorado-both in city voting there had been only nine elect-

"It has become a matter of course children and for the unfortunates."

DOUBLE USE OF

Fill Their Owner's Purse.

Observed.

struck a gold mine.

their students and their great growth in that respect has come with the re-

termined to deny ourselves at Thanksour next season's crop of alfalfa.

soon as the young poults were able to and only the mixed grain remains. eat up clean.

"After a week or so it was never neton Aylesworth of Colorado saw re- cessary to drive them out in the mornfort to answer every question that was the entire day was to be had in the asked him about the effect of woman alfalfa fields, they proceeded there on settle in them. leaving their perch Dr. Aylesworth said, however, that "Our experience that year was so

ality of political opinion have as nervous, but he didn't for a moment after that to sell the increase. We calwe had always believed that turkeys schools of Spain with from 1,800 to more than 3,000 students, and the single Portuguese university, that of Colmbra, one of the most picturesque factories most occupations that she that one bird pays the cost of raising ton, with its accompanying lectures, and customs, ranks above seven or ondary schools and our colleges to be so large. Women from other section; but will it? The inertia of the

> ncrease from year to year in the alfalfa fields is wonderful . It destroys of the slender ,juicy stem supporting than the tiny curled seed pod. So great a "It pest has the grasshopper been in our world, and the greater part of this bors now believe that turkeys are bet-

"Turkeys in our section have two emies. The first is the coyote, which fortunately can be seen at a considerable distance. At the sight of this enemy a flock of turkeys will rise as one bird and fly towards the house. During the time that we have been turkeys I have lost only seven

from he raids of coyotes.

"he other enemy is the disease snown as the blackhead. This disease is due to a germ that enters the body of the turkey through insanitary food or drink. So far as I know there is no cure once the bird becomes infected. As with many other diseases in the poultry yard, one ounce of prevention pest preventive so far as I have been able to judge from my experiences is a strong constitution. Perhaps the best way to supply this strong constitution is to avoid inbreeding.

"For my purpose"

"For my purpose I prefer the bronze turkey, and I am doing my best to get rid of the white stock with which I started out. I have found the bronze better foragers, hardier as young poults, easier to fatten and heavier for the size of the frame. "I have found turkeys about as easy to raise as chickens, provided one or two simple rules are observed in the care of the young. For the first two weeks I confine my hens in dry, roomy coops so arranged that the young birds

They Kill Grasshoppers and has dried and when it rains. I believe that more young turkeys die from getting Wet, either from dew or rain, than from any other cause.
"After the second week I cut one

Kansas Woman's Experience wing of each mother hen and turn her and her poults into a small alfalfa field With the Thanksgiving Bird near enough to the house to have them driven into their coop should there be on a Farm—Easy to Raise, an appearance of rain. When the She Finds, Provided Certain poults are three months old they are able to look out for themselves, and Vital Rules Are Carefully can be allowed to follow the hen with the flock. After the third month a turkey is about as healthy as any fowl I have ever raised.

"Last year my crop of turkeys num-ered 300, with an average weight of many of the poults are not up to the bered 300, with an average weight of mark in health and appearance it is twelve pounds, and sold at an average best to kill them off or at least separcents a pound," a Kansas ate them from the flock until it can be woman in New York told a reporter, proved that they are worth keeping, which is four years now since I began "The best food for young poults dur brief revival, a tremendous reputation, and a great roster for two or three years after 1272 because Thomas have done so well in supplying me has been soaked in milk. The first Aquinas was one of the lecturers. The University of Salamanca had 6,000 students in the sixteenth century.

In the sixteenth century. hoppers, that I feel almost as if I had struck a gold mine.

times a day, with a midday meal of well-baked corn bread crumbled fine at was about six years ago that I and mixed with chopped hard-boiled

roam further than other poultry we de- young birds pot cheese in place of the chopped eggs. The eggs and cheese take giving and Christmas for the sake of the place of meat, which is as necessary with turkeys as with chickens. From three my flock had increased After the first week I begin to mix a to twenty-three, each of my two tur- small portion of mixed grain with the key hens having hatched and reared wheat bread, and day by day increase That Is, Out in Colorado, Says ten young poults. The second year, as the ration until the bread drops out "My favorite mixture is cracked

fly to their roost, my husband would have the flock driven to the alfalfa wheat, hulled oats and cracked corn. fields away from the house in the for market and after the birds. morning. For the first few nights it for market, and after the grasshoppers was necessary for someone to go out have ceased to be bountiful I add and turn their heads homeward, where about 10 per cent meat scraps. As long on their arrival we gave them as much as the grasshoppers last the turkeys whole and cracked grain as they would much prefer to gather their own meat.

"To persons beginning the business I would give the advice that they start porters yesterday afternoon at the Na- ing, and seldom necessary to start on a small scale and learn from extional Suffrage headquarters at 505 them back at night. Having found out perience. In addition to the rules al-Upsala in Sweden and Christiana, in Fifth avenue, and made an honest ef- that their breakfast as well as food for ready given, they should take care to place the coops so that water will not These coops should be made so that they can be moved from place to place, and should never be al-Several of the Russian universities he wasn't accustomed to being intersuccessful that my husband and I delewed to shelter two hatchings of eggs when they are not shut up for liber-viewed and that it made him horribly cided to increase the flock to 100, and on the same spot in the same year. My husband has a succession of cow pens many students as any but the four or lose his appreciation of the value of five greatest German institutions.

Below the great University of Mathematical description of the value of culated that 100 birds would keep 200 using one one year and planting in it acres of alfalfa free of grasshoppers. "Until taught by our own experience with my turkey pens."

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The New England fruit show in Bos twenty. Where all the food has to be speeches and literature, should give bought, of course, the profit would not orcharding a mighty impulse in this At least two of the provincial unition in our civic and political affairs? of Kansas assure me that a turkey is farmers is hard to start. We have in Since it is so much larger and the logical society, whose papers form one great Catholic university of Bel-matter their thoughtful consideration gium, that of Louvain, is of about the that an intelligent interest in public be greater. "The grasshopper that we have to like Dr. Twitchell who in season and fight in the alfalfa belt is not the mi- out of season have been urging im-

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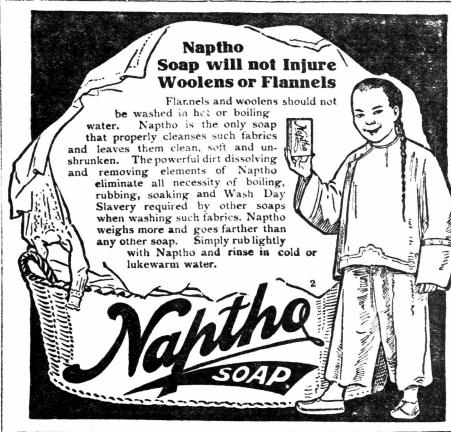
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forts have been made in other ways to jon every hand, but it has been hard work up interest and give instruction. to arouse the people to these oppor-Notably there is the new state experi- tunities. The Boston show is proment farm in Monmouth, which has nounced the largest and finest of the just been established, and is to be de-kind ever seen in New England, and voted largely to the making of exper- the prominence of Maine it is gratiiments and the giving of object lessons fying to local pride. It all goes to show the possibilities in the rocky acres of

