

port about fortifications, he said, turning to the duke; that holding in his hand the report made by the Board of Officers, he complimented the noble president on his talents, as an engineer, which were strongly evinced in planning and constructing that very paper.

"When Lord Mulgrave said, on another occasion, that any man using his influence to obtain a vote for the crown ought to lose his head, Sheridan quietly remarked, that he was glad his lordship said 'ought to lose his head,' not would have lost it, for in that case the learned gentleman would not have had that evening 'a face to have shown among us.'

"Such are a few of his well remembered replies in the House; but his fame as an orator rested on the splendid speeches which he made at the impeachment of Warren Hastings. The first of these was made in the House on the 27th of February 1787. The whole story of the corruption, extortions, and cruelty of the worst of many bad rulers who have been imposed upon their unjust oppression, only rendering it the more dangerous by weak concessions, is too well known to need a recapitulation here. The worst feature in the whole of Hastings' misconduct was, perhaps, his treatment of those unfortunate ladies whose money he coveted, the Begums of Oude. The Opposition was determined to make the Governor general's conduct a state question, but their charges had been received with little attention till on this day Sheridan rose to denounce the cruel extortioner. He spoke for five hours and a half, and surpassed all he had ever said in eloquence. The subject was one to find sympathy in the hearts of Englishmen, who, though they beat their own wives, are always indignant at a man who dares to lay a finger on anybody else's. Then, too, the subject was Oriental; it might even be invested with something of romance and poetry; the zenana, sacred in the eyes of the oppressed natives had been ruthlessly violated; under a glaring Indian sun, amid the luxuriance of Indian foliage, these acts had been committed, etc. etc. It was a fertile theme for a poet, and however, little Sheridan cared for the Begums and their wrongs—and that he did care little appears from what he afterwards said of Hastings himself—he could evidently make a telling speech out of the theme, and he did so.—Walpole says that he turned everybody's head. "One heard everybody in the street raving on the wonders of that speech; for my part, I cannot believe it was so supernatural as they say. He affirms that there must be a witchery in Mr. Sheridan, who had no diamonds—as Hastings had—to win favour with, and says that the Opposition may be fairly charged with sorcery. Burke declared the speech to be "the most astonishing effort of eloquence, argument, and wit united, of which there was any record or tradition." Fox affirmed that "all he had ever heard, or all he had ever read, when compared with it, dwindled into nothing, and vanished like vapour before the sun." But these were partisans. Even Pitt acknowledged "that it surpassed all the eloquence of ancient and modern times and possessed everything that genius or art could furnish to agitate and control the human mind." One member confessed himself so unbinged by it, that he moved an adjournment, because he could not, in his then state of mind, give an unbiased vote. But the highest testimony was that of Logan, the defender of Hastings. At the end of the first hour of the speech, he said to a friend, "All this is declamatory assertion without proof." Another hour's speaking, and he muttered, "This is a most wonderful oration!" A third and he confessed "Mr. Hastings has acted very unjustifiably." At the end of the fourth, he exclaimed, "Mr. Hastings is a most atrocious criminal." And before the speaker had sat down, he vehemently protested that "Of all monsters of iniquity, the most enormous is Warren Hastings.

Such in those days was the effect of eloquence; an art which has been eschewed in the present House of Commons, and which our newspapers affect to think is much out of place in an assembly met for calm deliberation. Perhaps they are right; but oh! for the golden words of a Sheridan, a Fox, even a Pitt and Burke.

It is said, though not proved, that on this same night of Sheridan's glory in the House of Commons, his "School for Scandal" was acted with "rapturous applause" at Convent Garden, and his "Duenna" no less successfully at Drury Lane. What a pitch of glory for the dunces who had been shamed into learning Greek verbs at Harrow! Surely Dr. Parr must have confessed that a man can be great without the classics—nay, without even a decent English education, for Sheridan knew comparatively little of history and literature, certainly less than the men against whom he was pitted or whose powers emulated. He was known to easy to his friends, when asked to take part with them on some important question, "You know I am an ignoramus—instruct me, and I'll do my best." He had even to rub up his arithmetic when he thought he had some chance of being made Chancellor of the Exchequer; but, perhaps, many a statesman before and after him has done as much as that.

No wonder that after such a speech in the House the celebrated trial which commenced in the beginning of the following year should have roused the attention of the whole nation. The proceedings opened in Westminster Hall, the noblest room in England on the 13th of February, 1788. The Queen and four of her daughters were seated in the Duke of Newcastle's box; the Prince of Wales walked in at the head of a hundred and fifty peers of the realm.—The spectacle was imposing enough. But the trial proceeded slowly for some months, and it was not till the third of June that Sheridan rose to make his second great speech or the subject.

The excitement was then at its highest. Two thirds of the peers with the peeresses and their daughters were present, and the whole of the rest hall was crowded to excess. The sun shone in brightly to light up the gloomy building, and the whole scene was splendid. Such was the enthusiasm that the people paid fifty guineas for a ticket to hear the first orator of his day, for such he then was. The actor's son felt the enlivening influence of a full audience.—He had been long preparing for this moment, and he threw into his speech all the theatrical effect of which he had studied much and inherited more. He spoke for many hours on the 3d, 5th, and 6th, and concluded with these words:—"They (the House of Commons) exhort you by everything that calls sublimely upon the heart of man, by the majesty of that justice which this bold man has libelled, by the wide fame of your own tribunal, by the sacred pledges by which you swear in the solemn hour of decision, knowing that that decision will then bring you the highest reward that ever blessed the heart of man; the consciousness of having done the great act of mercy for the world; that the earth has ever yet received from any hand but Heaven! My Lords, I have done."

Sheridan's valour was very proud of his master's success, and as he had been to hear the speech, was asked what part he considered finest. Plush replied by putting himself into Sherry's attitude, and imitating his voice admirably solemnly uttering, "My Lords I have done! He should have added the word 'nothing.' Sheridan's eloquence had no more effect than the clear proofs of Hastings' guilt, and the impeachment, as usual, was but a troublesome sham to satisfy the Opposition and dust the eyes-balls of the country. Oh! Sham, Sham, Sham! if you are ever deposed and want a kingdom in a quiet corner

of the globe, come to this island.—We have long honoured you here, and sacrifice to you, at every general election and in every parliamentary Commission, Sham, you will be always welcome to the land of Johannes Bull.

WONDERFUL OIL SPRINGS OF PENNSYLVANIA.—Oil springs have for a long time been known to exist in the western part of Pennsylvania; but when, a few months since, the fact was announced that a well had been opened from which good burning oil could be pumped in apparently inexhaustible quantities, many smiled incredulously, while others gave the item a turn or two in their mind, and then passed it as of little consequence. Having recently visited a portion of the oil regions, we drop a few observations. Titusville, where the first well was opened, is in Crawford county, Pa., situated in Oil Creek, about 40 miles south-east of Erie, and within about twenty-four hours ride of New York. The pioneer well was opened by Mr. E. L. Drake in the fall of 1859. He sunk a shaft four and a half inches in diameter through 29 feet of earth, and thirty feet of rock. The result was, that instead of a daily yield of from 12 to 15 gallons as obtained from the spring he struck a vein or crevice from which he readily pumped from 25 to 30 barrels per day. From the date of this discovery the excitement commenced. It was at once concluded that Drake's success was an indication that under all that region was one vast lake of oil, and that all a man had to do was to bore his hole, and he would have a source of wealth more sure and valuable than a gold mine. The more sanguine owners of land resolved not to sell at any price, although they could readily have taken for their farms, five times the amount at which they previously held them; while a few, dazzled by the tempting offers which so much exceeded all former bidders, exchanged their lands for gold. Those who were the owners of the bottom lands leased out small portions of them on condition that the tenant should bore for oil, and, if successful, should pay as rent from one-third to one-half of all he might obtain. Many took leases of this kind, and were more or less successful; while others, after spending their money and their efforts in vain, were compelled to give up for the want of means, yet fully believing that if they could have gone a little deeper, their fortune would have turned. Indeed, there is no limit to the poor driller's hopes but his pocket, as oil has been found at all depths, from 70 to 500. Sometimes, however, courage and perseverance would carry a man through when money was very hard to get. As an instance, a man named Williams, having failed in business at Warren, Pa., leased a well-site among the first after Drake's discovery. He got a little money from friends, and with a trifle of his own, purchased the tools and commenced boring. After going down over 100 feet with no success, and having exhausted all his resources he concluded that he had best take up his tools and try again in a new place. With some difficulty he effected another lease within some thirty rods of the celebrated Burdette well, which was then producing 15 barrels per day, and so promising and eligible was the situation, that, by pledging five-sixths of the oil he might find, he secured money enough to sink his shaft. At a depth of a little over 100 feet he obtained a flow of oil which ran over the top of the tube, and for several days discharged the pure oil directly into barrels filling one every two hours. This being the first manifestation of this kind, Titusville was in a blaze of excitement, and the news spreading over the country, thousands came to see the wonderful curiosity of the fountain well. We had an interview with Williams at this time. He sat on a log near the well whittling, and a happier man we have seldom met. He said, however, that he was not yet satisfied, but as soon as he had replenished his purse he should go deeper, as he meant to have a thirty barrel well. In the course of ten or fifteen days he did so, and after sinking his drill some four or five feet deeper, the gas blew out, and the oil poured out over the top at the rate of ten barrels per hour, and continued so to run for some twenty four hours. When it subsided he rigged up a pump as soon as possible, and for a long time the yield from 50 to 70 barrels per day. These fountain wells are no longer a novelty. At Tidonite, on the Alleghany, as well as on Oil Creek there have been several astonishing manifestations. In some instances the oil would shoot in a solid column from twenty-five to thirty feet into the air, and run over hundreds of barrels before it could be controlled. But these wells seldom flow so freely for more than one or two days. In the last Titusville Gazette, however, are the following items:—"Dobbs, Knapps & Co.'s oil wells have flowed about \$4,000 worth of oil in four weeks; Curtis & Hickock's well of oil nearly or quite \$7,000 worth in two weeks." Oil at the wells now sells readily at twenty-five cents the gallon cash, by which any one can find the quantity these two fountain wells yield. Most of the oil is obtained by pumping, and a steam engine is required for every pump. Large quantities of salt water are usually raised with the oil and discharged into a large vat; the water runs out at a hole in the bottom, the oil runs off into a smaller vat through another orifice at the top, and from thence is drawn directly into barrels. A recent number of the London Times speaks of this oil as a new article of American commerce that has found its way to England, and met with much favor. We know of no new article in the history of recent discoveries that has so readily found an unlimited market. Some of the land owners around Titusville have already achieved incomes of \$100,000 per annum. As to the origin of this oil there are many theories and conjectures. Its geological position is beneath the bituminous coal-beds, and above the anthracite. The petroleum is probably derived from the natural separation of the bituminous from the carbonaceous portion of the coal, which coating upward from faults and fissures in the coal seams, drains off between the strata, and follows the inclination of the latter, until it reaches the surface in some denuded portion of the coal bed. This gradual oozing, over extensive surfaces, yields a large supply of liquid, and it is supposed that any one sinking a well deep enough to reach a thick stratum of petroleum, will obtain an abundant and constant yield. Similar oils have been obtained in Canada, in Kentucky, and in Ohio. In the Burmese Empire, similar wells exist, from which the oil is drawn in buckets. There are about four hundred wells over the space of some twenty square miles, which are the property of the Government. They have been steadily worked for a very long time. The oil is thicker and much heavier than the Pennsylvania oil, and since it has found its way to Europe it has quadrupled in price. A cotemporary remarks:—"Hades' Coming.—The sudden appearance of oil in such immense quantities in regions where it could not have existed but a short time, has given rise to a very alarming theory, alarming to some people as to its cause. The latest and most feasible is, that the internal fires of the earth known to exist are making their way to the surface, where, in accordance with the prophecy, 'the elements are to melt with fervent heat.' The calorific from these subterranean fires has just reached the coal strata, and the oil which forms the igneous portion of that carbonic compound is driven from it, and forced by superincumbent pressure to occupy fissures and the softer formations of the earth below, until relieved apertures from the surface. Those living in the coal regions and nearest Hades, of course, find oil first.—Watch and pray.

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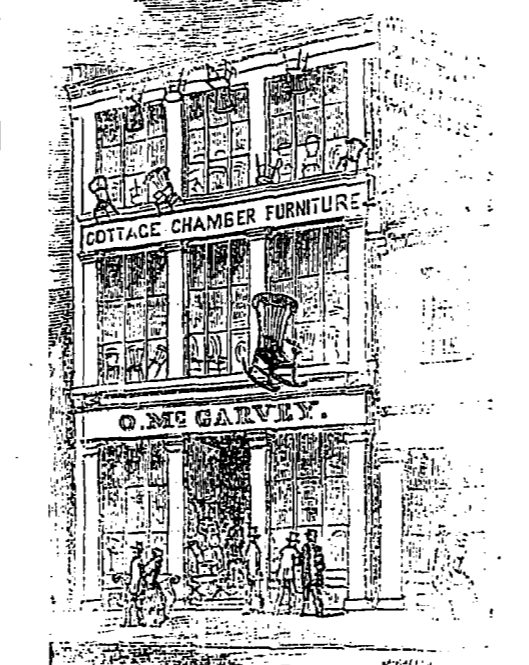
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