

AN AUTHOR'S WORKSHOP.

The Place Where Bulwer-Lytton Could Write at Ease.

When Charles Mackay was visiting Lord Lytton at Knebworth, he was impressed, he says in his "Recollections," with the beauty of the library. He remarked to the novelist that in such a cheerful room among so many books any author could get through a vast amount of labor.

"I cannot write so well in the library," replied Lord Lytton, "as in another place. Take a stroll with me, and I will show you my favorite study."

"They went for a considerable distance to the shore of an artificial lake in Knebworth park, and there stood a bathhouse. A small boat was drawn up on one side of it, and on the other, near a small window, stood a chair and a common deal table, on which was a pewter inkstand.

"Pulling open the drawer, Lord Lytton showed his guest a good supply of paper, pens and a blotting book. "I can write more freely here," he said, "than in the grand library. I will tell you how the habit grew. When I was a small boy, I was very ambitious to write and wrote an immense amount of trash. My mother thought that the occupation of so much time in writing would be injurious to my health and prohibited my writing in the library."

"I then had recourse to my bedroom, but was in due time banished from that and deprived of pen and ink. The more imperatively I was forbidden to write the more I indulged in the prohibited joy. I took refuge in the bathhouse and wrote for hours with a lead pencil, using the seat of the boat for my writing table. So I learned to write here, and I can do better work here than anywhere else."

Prospects For a Strenuous Life.

A well dressed lad, the son of wealthy parents, thought it would be quite easy to earn a few coppers for himself by selling daily papers, says the Chicago Journal. He stopped a tattered newsboy in the street and said to him:

"Do you think I should be able to earn money as you do if I bought some papers and came to this corner to sell them?"

"Why do you want to sell papers?"

"I'm tired of being idle."

"Well," said the philosophic little newsboy, with a serious air, "d'yer think yer can hold thirty-six papers in one hand, lick three or four boys bigger'n yerself with the other hand, while yer keeps two more off with yer feet and yells 'Evenin' paper' all the time?"

"No-o, I don't," replied the well dressed boy.

"Then yer are good in the news-boy biz," replied the tattered philosopher. "Ye'd better git yer people to 'prentice yer to somethin' light."

An Atmosphere of Happiness.

Happiness is, we maintain, a good end. The only question is, How much sacrifice is it worth? Well, certainly not the sacrifice of sincerity and certainly not the sacrifice of others, but surely the sacrifice of the habit of mental laziness, which is only self sacrifice. If by a little trouble we can create for ourselves a sweet atmosphere in which to live, we are surely doing nothing of which we need be ashamed. After all, no one breathes his own atmosphere alone; others breathe it with him. If happiness is a desirable object, let us face the fact sincerely and give up all the many things which we now do openly and exclusively to obtain it. If it is not, why should we not pull ourselves together, give our attention to the game and play up?

As to Printers' Marks.

The interrogation mark, or "point" (?) was originally a "q" and an "o," the latter placed under the former. They were simply the first and last letters of the Latin word "questio." So, too, with the sign of exclamation or interjection (!). In its original purity it was a combination of "i" and "o," the latter underneath, as in the question mark. The two stood for "io," the Latin exclamation of joy. The paragraph mark is a Greek "p," the initial of the word paragraph. The early printers employed a dagger to show that a word or sentence was objectionable and should be cut out.

The Motion Performed.

An old town official of the city of Macon, Ga., says in Short Stories that during the night of the earthquake disturbances of 1886 the city council was in session. When the quake shook the city hall from basement to attic, the councilmen ran out, thinking the house would topple over, whereupon the wag who kept the minutes of the meeting concluded his record with the following sentence:

"On motion of the city hall the council adjourned."

Breaking It to Him Gently.

Carrie—When that fat Mrs. Soper came in, there was a tall hat in one of the chairs, and she sat right down upon it.

Harry—By George, but that was a good one! If I'd been there, I believe I should have split with laughter.

Carrie—I don't think it Harry. You see, it was your hat.

She Might.

"I wonder if she regrets her marriage."

"Why should she?"

"Well, you know they are both literate, and now her husband thinks himself entitled to every bright idea she has."

The first cannon was carried by soldiers, and one man held it in both hands while the other fired it.

Baby's Own Tablets.

For Weak, Sickly and Fretful Children of All Ages.

If the children's digestive organs are all right, the children are all right. They will be hearty, rosy, happy—and hungry. Get the little ones right and keep them right by the use of Baby's Own Tablets. This medicine cures all stomach and bowel troubles, nervousness, irritation while teething, etc. These Tablets contain no opiate or poisonous drugs, and mothers who try them once will not be without them while they have little ones. Mrs. D. E. Badgley, Woodmore, Man., says:—

"When our little girl was about six months old she caught a bad cold, and was much troubled with indigestion and constipation, and very restless day and night. One of my neighbors brought me some Baby's Own Tablets, and in a few days my little one was regular in her bowels and rested well. I found the Tablets so satisfactory that I now always keep them in the house, and have since found them valuable when she was teething. I can truly recommend them for the ills of little ones."

Children take these Tablets readily, and crushed to a powder they can be given with absolute safety to the smallest infant. The Tablets can be obtained at all drug stores, or you can get them post paid at 25 cents a box by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y.

Familiarity.

"It isn't true in all cases," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "that familiarity breeds contempt. The more you know about the hind feet of a mule the more respect you have for them."

NEW TOURIST SCHEME.

One Ticket to Canada and Back to Cover All Expenses by Sea and Land.

London, Sept. 9.—Sir Alfred Jones, an ardent Imperialist, is working out the details of a scheme for circular tours of an inclusive price between Great Britain and Canada. His idea is that a passenger ought to be able to go to a tourist agency and pay for a ticket which would cover all expenses, including those by sea and land, both traveling and hotel. He has tried the scheme with the West Indies and the Canary Islands, and travel to these places has been greatly stimulated.

OMINOUS POSSIBILITIES.

But No Likelihood of Serious Developments From German Panther Action.

London, Sept. 9.—Intense interest has been evoked here by the sinking of the revolutionary gunboat Crete-A-Peiron at Gonaives, Hayti, by the German cruiser Panther, and the morning papers devote lengthy editorial articles to the incident. A majority of the papers agree that there is no likelihood of serious developments from the occurrence, but they expatiate upon the ominous possibilities which the affair has evoked.

EARTHQUAKE IN BENGAL.

Terrible Convulsions of Nature Are Prophecied For That Country.

London, Sept. 9.—A despatch to a news agency from Calcutta, says that an earth shock has been felt throughout the Province of Assam, and the Chittagong division of Bengal. The inhabitants were panic-stricken. Terrible convulsions of nature are prophesied.

Premier Seddon's Farewell.

London, Sept. 9.—The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Seddon, delivered a characteristic farewell address to the Parliament yesterday upon his departure for home. Mr. Seddon declared that he believed the people were prepared to go further than were their representatives in the recent colonial conference or the Imperial Council for colonial affairs, and advised Colonial Secretary Chamberlain that the leaders of the opposition were visiting all of the colonies. Mr. Seddon said the cheering of the Boer generals was not consistent with British dignity, and that it would not commend itself to the colonies.

Anglo-Iris Will Retain Name.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—Yesterday in the Lower House of the General Synod, a most interesting discussion took place on a motion of Chancellor Worrell, that the name of the Church of England in Canada should be altered to one of a national character. Judge McDonald strongly opposed the resolution, which was defeated by two votes.

A Sensational Suicide.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 9.—A sensational suicide occurred here at 11 o'clock last night, when an unknown man jumped from the forward rail of the ferry Dartmouth into the harbor and ended his life. The man was a stranger to those on the boat. He was well dressed and about 23 years of age.

Judge Knocked Down.

London, Sept. 9.—Judge Duncan McMillan of Cayuga was painfully injured by a bicyclist yesterday morning. He was crossing Dundas street, west of Richmond, when a careless wheelman struck him, knocking him over.

Will Look Into This.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 9.—The receipts of the Exhibition here show a surplus of only \$2,000, and the City Council will make an inquiry into the accounts of the Fair board.

Cranberry Crop Destroyed.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 9.—Frost Sunday night destroyed nearly the whole cranberry crop in Annapolis Valley. The loss will be heavy.

80,000 SOLDIERS IN CAMP

Emperor William Prepared For Four Days' Mimic War.

The Kaiser Himself Will Lead the Cavalry Into Action on Thursday—Roads Are in a Wretched Condition and the Manoeuvres Will Not Be Light on the Soldiers—Earl Roberts at the Emperor's Banquet.

Frankfort-on-Oder, Sept. 9.—Eighty thousand soldiers camped in the open air last night, and 12,000 more are quartered in farm houses. The troops were waiting for the four days' sham battle on an immense scale, that began at dawn to-day. Emperor William left Potsdam at 4 o'clock this morning, in order to be early on the field. A great blue and white pavilion, fringed with gold hangings, has been pitched on the southern shore of the Weissensee and here Emperor William will bivouac Wednesday night. He will lead the cavalry down into action on Thursday. There was some slight skirmishing by the cavalry yesterday. The roads about here are in wretched condition, having been cut up by the recent rains. Banqueted 110 Notable Guests.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Emperor William entertained 110 guests at dinner last night in the new palace at Potsdam. His Majesty's guests were nearly all visitors who have come to attend the manoeuvres, and they included Earl Roberts, chief of the forces of Great Britain, Mr. Brodrick, British Secretary of War, and the British generals who are here for the manoeuvres, the visiting German Princes and the commanding generals in charge of the manoeuvres. The Emperor of Germany was present, sitting opposite the Emperor, with Earl Roberts at her right.

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LOST HIS FOOT.

Accident to a Young Man at Peterboro on Monday.

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Beaten and Robbed in Toronto.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—John Hagan, who says he belongs to Carleton, N. Y., is in the General Hospital suffering from a wound in his right eye, which has affected the pupil, and several bruises on his body. Hagan, who is a middle-aged man, was taken to the hospital shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday. He claims to have been robbed of a sum of money and several articles of value. How he came by the injuries he does not know. He says he reached the city from Rochester, and with a friend went for a car ride. He remembers going into a saloon, but what followed he does not know. When he came to his senses he found he had been robbed and beaten. A policeman directed him to a doctor, who sent him to the hospital.

Woman's Body Found.

Parry Sound, Sept. 9.—The body of a woman, afterwards identified as Mrs. C. L. White, wife of C. L. White, lighthouse-keeper, was found on the shore, about a mile from here, yesterday morning. Mrs. White and her son, Jackson, left here Saturday evening in a sailboat for the lighthouse, and, it is supposed, a small capsized their boat. No trace of the body of the boy or the boat has yet been found.

TRIPLE DROWNING.

A Farmer and Two Sons Perish in Lake Chemung.

Peterboro, Sept. 9.—A triple drowning accident occurred in Chemung Lake Sunday evening, resulting in the death of Mr. J. M. Roberts of Smith Township and his two sons, aged 10 and 12 years. The three had crossed the lake in a canoe to attend a church service at Indian village, on the reserve on the opposite side of the lake. They left the village to return home at 8.30, and that was the last seen of them. The drifting canoe they had used is regarded as evidence of the drowning. It is supposed that the father, who was a good swimmer, perished in his efforts to save the two lads, who were unable to swim. Mr. Roberts, who is forty-five years of age, and a son of the late Rev. E. Roberts, formerly Baptist minister of Smith, was a very highly respected resident. He was a prosperous farmer, but took a most active interest in church and temperance work.

DEADLY GERMS.

Reported Discovery of the Mierche of Summer Complaint.

New York, Sept. 9.—The death of John D. Rockefeller's grandson "Jack," two years ago, has enabled two students, one at Johns Hopkins, and the other at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Schools, to discover what is believed to be the organism or germ of disease that carries off so many little ones every summer and which is commonly called "summer complaint," says a Baltimore special to The World.

When little Jack died, two years ago, Mr. Rockefeller is said to have offered a fund of \$200,000 to be devoted to research. The outcome of this offer is the reported discovery of the fatal germ. In forty-two cases the organism found is nearly identical with that which produces dysentery in adults.

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