

HE CARTOONED INGERSOLL.

In the Act of Registering at Hotel De Inferno.

The Great Agnostic Complimented the Young Artist on His Clever Production.

A New Orleans artist tells this interesting little story of the late Col. Robert G. Ingersoll: "Over 20 years ago, when I was a boy between 14 and 15, Col. Ingersoll was creating great excitement among the devout by his first assaults on orthodox religion. I always had a knack for pen and ink sketching, and one day I drew a cartoon representing the great agnostic registering at the Hotel de Inferno. The devil was behind the desk as clerk and was supposed to be saying: 'Front! Make up a nice bed of coals in No. 114 for Col. Ingersoll!'"

"Without telling anybody of it for fear of being laughed at, I sent this not very brilliant production to the New York Daily Graphic, which was then at the zenith of its career as the only illustrated daily in the world. My father subscribed for the Graphic, and you may well believe that I scanned it with feverish interest every evening when it arrived at our home. Finally, after the lapse of a couple of weeks, I was struck dumb one day to see my cartoon on the front page. It had my name in bold letters across the corner, and I am certain there was no prouder or happier boy in the whole country I never got any pay for the drawing, but I basked in local fame and was fully satisfied.

"It so happened about a month later that Col. Ingersoll came to town to deliver his then famous lecture on 'The Mistakes of Moses,' and he was standing in front of his hotel chatting with some gentlemen when I passed by and was pointed out as the author of the recent cartoon in the Graphic.

"What! that boy!" exclaimed Ingersoll. "Call him over."
"They did so, and when I was told that the jovial, portly stranger was really the redoubtable agnostic whom I had pictured in the infernal regions I was ready to sink with embarrassment. Col. Ingersoll observed my confusion and put me at ease by declaring the cartoon had amused him immensely. Then he inquired kindly what instruction I was receiving in drawing and ended by sending to his room for a copy of his printed lectures, which he presented to me, after writing his name on the fly leaf.

"I was a grown man when I met him again and must have changed greatly, but he gave me a quick, keen look when we shook hands and asked me whether we had not encountered before. 'I seem to have you associated with something,' he said, 'some incident, I cannot remember what.' The episode was rather awkward to recall, so I made an evasive reply and after chatting a moment passed on." — New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Boer Trust in God.

An example of the religious devotion of the Boers is related in a letter of G. Lynch, a British war prisoner of the burghers, to the London Sketch. Mr. Lynch sends a drawing illustrating the strange scene he describes. He writes: "Walking after midnight the second night I spent with the Boers, I was surprised at the curious scene in the tent. It was a fine bright night outside, every bush and rock showed clear and sharp on the steep side of Isambulwana. All was quite still in the tents outside. The other occupants of my tent were lying around wrapped in their rugs fast asleep, except the old fellow who had been put to guard me. He was kneeling at the little table, on which his big horny hands rested. He had laid down his pipe and rifle, and was saying his prayers."

Tommy's Contempt of Bulls.

I hurried on to catch the Coudstreams who were nearing the crest of the kopje. It is safer in a crowd. But the hill top was cleared. An occasional shot was sent by a flying Boer from a kopje a few hundred yards in the rear, and I reclined quietly and unobtrusively behind a boulder. You see I was tired and that was a nice friendly shade on that side of the rock. Tommy didn't. His eyes were glistening and he was looking for pot-shots at flying Boers. I like Tommy, God knows I have reasons to, but his contempt for bullets is something that I cannot admire. It shows a lack of intelligence. If there is any thing I have respect for it is a Mauser bullet with a business move on. It shouldn't be interfered with. But

Tommy is such an absent-minded beggar. A chance shot went through the helmet of the fourth man from me and he had the effrontery, the cool, calm effrontery to take it off, look at it for a few seconds and cheerfully quote the London popular song, "Only a little bit off the top." — Charles Lewis Shaw in Toronto Telegram.

Killed Without Wounds.

At the battle of Sedan, in the Franco-German war, one man was picked up whose achilles tendon—the strong tendon which runs down to the heel—was torn in two, but who had not any sign on his skin of having been hit. A big piece of shell broke another man's leg, but did not even raise a blush on his skin. Another soldier had his skull broken into a dozen pieces, but the scalp was quite uninjured. And the whole shoulder of another was simply pulverized, yet the skin over it had neither scratch nor bruise.

When a shell glides along over the heart, liver, stomach or any other internal organ, it bruises and tears it, causing instant death, but the most powerful microscope would not reveal a trace of damage to the skin.

MEN OF MARK.

William Jennings Bryan when asked recently what was the secret of his health and endurance replied, "Activity."

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has gone to Cuba to study industrial matters there, with a view of forming unions.

Lord Dalmeny, Lord Rosebery's eldest son, has just passed the Sandhurst examination. He is 19th out of 29 for the cavalry and foot guards.

Isaac Cutler, of Boston, is to give \$10,000 to the town of Farmington, Me., for a public library. He is a native of Farmington and spent his early years there.

A contract has been signed for Maitre Labori, who was counsel for Alfred Dreyfus during the trial at Rennes, to lecture 13 weeks in the United States next autumn.

Col. George T. Perkins, of Akron, O., has presented to that city 80 acres of land to be used for park purposes and children's playgrounds. The property is valued at \$100,000.

Work has proved beneficial for Senator Hanna, and his rheumatism does not trouble him as much as formerly. He still uses a cane, but gets over the ground in a pretty lively manner.

Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, now in Africa, is an unusually large man, a good orator and but 30 years of age. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he took high honors.

Judge Taft, who has been made the head of the Philippine commission as successor to President Schurman of Cornell, is, comparatively speaking, a very young man; being but 42. He has long been known as one of the ablest lawyers in Ohio.

William L. Hawkins, colored, of Milwaukee, who has been appointed to a clerkship in the census bureau, is a graduate of one of the high schools of Milwaukee and will attend the night sessions at Howard university while in Washington.

Senator Warren, of Wyoming, is said to be the only open advocate of unrestricted woman's suffrage in the senate. His bill to give the right to vote to all women is merely the outcome of his views. He says that for three generations his family has worked for the cause.

Gen. Jamont, the French commander in chief, when on a recent tour of inspection along the coast narrowly escaped drowning at Ouherson. In the dark and fog he waded over the quay and fell into the sea. His aid-de-camp and orderly sergeant at once plunged in after him and succeeded in bringing him to land.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has sailed for Europe to join his former traveling companions, whom he left when his tour of the world was interrupted by his father's death. He does not intend to resume the tour, but he will stay abroad about six months. He expects to go to Cairo and to do some traveling in the Holy Land.

China.

Amid the wreck of empires and the swapping of emperors Li Hung Chang retains a firm grip on that yellow jacket and peacock feather. — Baltimore Herald.

The dead emperor of China continues obstinately to issue edicts in his own name and conduct himself with total disregard of the properties of the grave. — Newark Advertiser.

If, one of these days, China should wake up and discover a modern Genghis to lead her armies, Europe might wish that open door had been left closed. — Ridgewood (N. J.) News.

Russia's Great Library.

Russia's imperial library dates back to the year 1700 and has today about 1,155,000 works in it, as well as over 26,000 manuscripts. This cannot be considered bad for a "benighted country." And it is noteworthy that every facility is given for the use of these by the people of St. Petersburg, who use the library in no small measure. The czar and zarina take much interest in its increase and progress and often give their advice and help in connection with it.

So advanced has Russia become under the beneficent reign of the present czar in respect to such educational pro-

jects as this library that there is a regulation that the imperial library is to be open to any Russian boy over the age of 12 years who may wish to avail himself of its help. Even the British museum has not so far arrived at this stage of encouragement and trust for youthful students. — Chicago News.

Adair's Big Outfit.

The big outfit of Adair Bros., Thomas and James, arrived at 8 o'clock this morning about four weeks over the ice from Bennett. Six horses and sleds of the advance guard got in last night and this morning 32 horses and 24 sleds arrived. White, the packer and freighter, owns the horses and sleds and brought the goods in under contract with the Adairs. In the party were 24 men, and, strange to relate, the long, hard journey from Bennett to Dawson was completed without accident to man or beast.

The recent arrivals report the latter part of the trip as having been most hazardous, owing to open water in the river, surface water on the ice and rotten soft ice; and when it is considered that the trip was made without injury to a man or the loss of a single animal, it is almost phenomenal.

Information Wanted.

A small boy living in Mount Salem, Mich., was asking his father questions the other night.

"Pa," he said, "what is deborning?"

Father—Why, it's cutting the horns off cattle.

Boy—after reflecting—Pa, what is detailing?

Father (growing irritated)—What in the world are you asking so many questions for?

Boy—Well, I saw in the paper the other day where a general detailed a whole squad of his men. — Detroit Free Press.

The Royal Box.

The queen of Roumania (Carmen Sylva) is so passionately fond of flowers that she is positively unable to rest happily in a room where there are no blossoms.

The heels of the shoes of the sultan of Turkey are made five inches in height in order to give him the appearance of a tall man. He dyes his head of hair and beard, is hard of hearing and has a bad temper.

One of the many hobbies attributed to Emperor William is the collection of playing cards. It is said that his collection is one of the most complete and exhaustive in existence and that he has samples of many of the rarest of the old cards, besides specimens of all those that are in common use today.

Women's Ways.

When a woman suffers untold agony, it is usually because she has no one to tell it to. — St. Paul Dispatch.

New wrinkles in dress please a woman, but a new one in her face has the opposite effect. — Chicago News.

A Pittsburg woman waited 20 years for a man. It often requires time and patience and great mental anxiety, but the dear creatures will have us just the same. — Denver Post.

Romance of a \$50 Bill.

In the Canadian Bank of Commerce this morning a man who alternates between the dealer's chair and the look-out related the following history of a \$50 bill:

"The night before last 'fine' day, which by the way, cost me the usual \$50, a fellow walked up to my table and played a \$50 bill on the high card; he lost and the bill came off from my side of the table. I paid my fine next day with that bill, which I distinctly remember had a peculiar stain upon its face. Three nights later while I was dealing that same bill was again played on the high card and won. That was nearly two weeks ago; since which time I have seen it on three different occasions, the last time being last night, when a fellow threw it on the table and called for \$50 worth of checks."

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