

BALZAC A PLAGIARIST? OR DID HE PLAY A JOKE?

Literary Scandal in Connection
With His Story Just Brought
to Light.

London, April 11.—Another literary scandal has come to light. It has recently been discovered that "L'Amour Masqué," a story by Balzac, only lately published for the first time, is almost identical in plot, detail and even phrasing with a tale called "Le Domino Blanc" by a certain Molière, which was published in the Mignot-Lit-taire in 1845.

The resemblance between the two stories is far too close to be accounted for by chance. The questions then arise, Was Molière a nom de guerre assumed by Balzac, or did Balzac steal from Molière? Or again, is the Balzac manuscript "L'Amour Masqué" presented to the Duchesse de Dino and embossed with her coat-of-arms, a literary forgery?

M. Pierre Lavedan, who found the Molière story in the old magazine, declares that Molière was a real person, who wrote plays and held a small public office. The Balzac manuscript, again, seems to be well authenticated. It came from the library of the Duchesse de Dino's son through one intermediary to the hands of its publisher.

Who then is the plagiarist, Balzac or Molière? The date of Balzac's story is not known, and it does not seem very likely that Molière could have plagiarized the unpublished work of the great man. The Journal des Débats fears that Balzac must have been the culprit. And indeed all the evidence points that way.

But it is difficult to imagine Balzac of all men so much at a loss for a plot as to copy another man's story, and that not a very good one. One thing may be said in partial extenuation. He did not publish the story, and apparently never intended to publish it. It is suggested that the great author may have been playing a rather laborious and cynical practical joke at the expense of the Duchesse de Dino.

ELECTRIC CURRENT AS CANCER CURE

Dr. Doyen Says Disease Can Be
Cured Without Resource
to Surgery.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, April 11.—In a paper read before the Physiotherapy Congress here last night, Dr. Doyen declared that it was now possible to cure cancer without a surgical operation by means of an electrical treatment, which he described as "thermic electro coagulation." In all the cases treated, said Dr. Doyen, the cancer was easily accessible. They included cancerous affections of the skin, lip, tongue, tonsils, larynx and other organs.

Dr. Doyen has been experimenting in this direction since 1907. In his treatment, which is the only external cancerous affection, necessitates special electrical apparatus, he depends upon the curative value of the penetrating heat produced by an electric current of high frequency and low tension.

Dr. Doyen promises to produce on Friday a number of patients who have been cured by his method and to demonstrate that even tumors of the breast can be successfully treated in the same way.

LOVER IN CELL

Charged With Abduction After Elop-
ing With Fifteen-Year-Old Girl.

Montreal, April 11.—The independent manner in which Thomas Laurin, aged 19, and Rosa Paquette, aged 15, conducted their love affairs has landed the young man in the cells on a charge of abduction. Laurin saw the Paquette girl first at her father's home near here, and after a week's courtship, proposed that they run away. The girl consented and the couple eloped to Ogdenburg, N. Y., to which place they were traced by the local police. The charge of abduction against Laurin was laid by the girl's father.

LAS VEGAS AFTER BOUT.

[Canadian Press.]
Santa Fe, N. M., April 11.—Representative Troup, from Las Vegas, yesterday introduced in the House a bill to permit boxing contests in the state under strict observation, for 45 rounds or less. It provides that the participants shall undergo a rigid physical examination before the contest by two reputable physicians. The bill is designed primarily to permit the staging of the Flynn-Johnson championship battle at Las Vegas on July 4.

TOO MUCH STARCH

A Food Problem.
An Asheville man tells how right food did that which medicines had failed to accomplish:
"For more than 15 years," he says, "I was afflicted with stomach trouble and indigestion, gas forming in stomach and bowels and giving me great distress. These conditions were undoubtedly due to the starchy food I ate, white bread, potatoes, etc., and didn't digest. I grew worse with time, till two years ago, I had an attack which the doctor diagnosed as appendicitis. When the surgeon operated on me, however, it was found that my trouble was due to the pancreas, instead of appendicitis."

"Since that time I have had several such attacks, suffering greatly. The last attack was about three months ago, and I endured untold agonies."
"The doctor then said that I would have to eat less starchy stuff, so I began the use of Grape-Nuts food for I knew it to be pre-digested, and had continued same with most gratifying results. It has built me up wonderfully. I gained ten pounds in the first eight weeks that I used Grape-Nuts; my general health is better than ever before, my brain is clearer and my nerves stronger."

"For breakfast and dinner, each, I take four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts with cream, a small slice of dry toast, an egg soft boiled, and a cup of Postum; and I make the evening meal on Grape-Nuts and cream alone—this gives me a good night's rest. I am well again." Name given by Canadian Postum Company, Windsor, Ont.

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ITALIA GARIBALDI



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"Liberator" of Italy, who is a delegate
from the Methodists of Italy to the
Methodist General Conference, which
meets in Minneapolis in May.

THE ROBLIN BANQUET TO LAST ALL NIGHT

Eighteen Hundred Invitations to At-
tend the Complimentary Affair.
[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, April 11.—Eighteen hundred invitations have been issued to the complimentary banquet to be tendered Premier Roblin tonight, and three great rooms at the Royal Alexandra Hotel will be crowded. Hon. Robert Rogers is the chief toastmaster. The speakers are Hon. R. P. Roblin, Paul E. Lamarche, M. P.; J. A. Maitland, M. P.; Hon. Martin Burrell, M. P.; Hon. Dr. Roche, M. P.; Arthur McGehe, M. P.; George H. Bradbury, M. P.; C. P. Beaubien, Louis Coderre, M. P.; Hon. G. R. Caldwell, Hon. Colin H. Campbell, W. Stanford Evans, Thos. Sharpe, Hon. Robert Rogers (chairman), Dr. M. Simpson (vice-chairman).

The function will last all night. A special car with the Quebec statesmen arrived last night.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRESENTS PETITION

Asks That Healers Be Not Forced to
Qualify as Doctors.

Toronto, April 11.—That those practitioners who bring about cures through "appeals to Almighty God" should not be forced to qualify under the Ontario Medical Council's new bill is a widely supported request made to the special committee of the Legislature by the Christian Science Church.

Jameson, M. P., who has fathered the several changes in the medical act to provide for the admission of osteopaths under certain restrictions, explained to the press this morning that a special meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday next to consider the objections of the chiropractors and the Christian Science healers and others who assert that the bill deprives them from the right to practice in Ontario.
"It will probably be found," he said, "that the measure only restricts them from professional recognition in the courts of law should they attempt to sue for unpaid fees. I do not suppose that they could be prohibited from practicing their various methods of cure."
It was hinted, however, that when the committee meets, there will be suggestions made that the Christian Science healers be permitted to engage in cure through mental suggestion, but that the bill should make no provision for their right to compensation.

CALL PRINCE "CHEESE KID"

Paris Populace So Names Wales Be-
cause of His Incognito.

Paris, April 11.—Paris continues to be very interested in the visit of the Prince of Wales, and is finding it hard to realize that the programme for the prince has been restricted to that drawn up by the prince's French mentor, Prof. Escottier, of the School of Political Science, in which the only part of the programme is figuring in the panorama view from the Sacre Coeur Cathedral. This is accompanied with visits to the Arc de Triomphe, the Pasteur Institute, Versailles, Fontainebleau, Compiègne and Chantilly. Visits to the theatres are limited to the classics, with the Comedie Française carefully selecting modern pieces.
The prince's use of the name Earl of Chester as the incognito has earned him the nickname "Cheese Kid," as Chester is known here only as the name of an English cheese.

HUMORS OF COAL STRIKE

High Price Paid by a Thief—Boarding
School Girls Hire a "Bus."

London, April 11.—The coal strike has its humorous as well as its tragic side. A woman in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, had her entire stock of coal stolen, a wee bit to be sure, but precious. She felt that the joke was on the thief when she found a woman's purse, evidently dropped by the thief and containing four shillings and sixpence. At this rate of compensation coal in Kirkcaldy would cost about \$45 a ton.

Then the girls of a fashionable school at Brighton have managed to overcome difficulties due to the strike in a way that has turned woe into enjoyment. Like the pupils in nearly all the boarding schools of the country they were confronted by the prospect that owing to the curtailed railroad service they would be unable to take their trunks with them when they went home for the Easter holidays.

Thirty of the girls have made a contract with a London omnibus company to place an extra large motor bus at their disposal for \$60, which includes sending the bus to Brighton and bringing the girls to London. Their trunks are to be put inside and the girls are to sit on top of the bus.

They think they are not only going to have a better time than they would on a train, but have the satisfaction of knowing that the share each will pay is less than the regular railway fare.

SAY PEKIN-TO-PARIS AIR TRIP FEASIBLE

Bleriot, Vedrines and Others
Believe Aeroplanes Can
Cover 7,500 Miles.

Paris, April 11.—The Matin's proposed Peking-to-Paris aeroplane flight is far from being dismissed as chimerical.

"You may rest assured," says Aviator Bleriot, "that the test is perfectly realizable. Where the automobile has passed, the aeroplane passes better." In this statement he referred to the automobile contest between autocars in 1907 over the 7,500-mile route between Paris and Peking.
Bleriot added that it will be necessary to find a man of enough resistance and energy to complete the journey. He declared that among his pilots he has two men who are capable of reaching the goal.

M. Deper-Dussin, the aeroplane builder, concurs in the opinion that the flight is feasible, but asks when the contest is to be held. Aviator Vedrines, well known for his long journeys in the air, writes to the Matin declaring that he is prepared to participate in the epoch-making aerial flight, and that he has already found a companion who will accompany him. Aviator Morane, after studying the map of the route and the possibilities of obtaining supplies along the Trans-Siberian Railroad, has changed his opinion on the proposal, and is now convinced of the possibility of the contest being successful. Aviator Borel is more affirmative in his opinion, and is prepared to enter, and if the race is held in 1912 he will start Aviators Ehrmann and Verret.

ENGAGE INVENTORS

Autos and Aeronautics to the Front in
British Patent Office.

London, April 11.—In 1911 the number of applications for patents at the British patent office was 38,186, of which 598 were made by women. The report of the Comptroller-General, touching on the trend of invention during the year, says:

"The ever-increasing importance of means of locomotion is demonstrated by the prominence this subject takes under an analysis of the whole field of inventive activity. The internal combustion engine, an important factor in the science of locomotion, is greatly in evidence, particularly in connection with the revolving cylinder type, and the so-called valveless engine."

"Wheels for vehicles are a still more prolific source of invention. Motor vehicles and motor cycles maintain their claim to attention, variable speed gearing, clutches and engine starting devices being especially noteworthy."

Aeronautics shows a considerable diminution in comparison with the previous year, but the number of applications is still sufficiently great to make the subject one of the outstanding features of the year. The report notes that efforts are being made to utilize aeroplanes as auxiliaries in naval warfare by contriving means for launching them from the decks of battleships. Increasing attention is being given to the utilization of the characteristic properties of the gyroscope, more particularly in its application as a substitute for the magnetic compass and in its use as an anti-skidding device for vehicles and as a stabilizing means for flying machines."

NEW PLAY BY BERTON

His Drama Shocks Audience, But He
Insists on Grisly Scene.

Paris, April 11.—Pierre Berton, the septuagenarian author of "Zaza," has a new piece called "Mioche" at the Vaudeville Theatre which has occasioned an unprecedented legal action.

Mioche, which is Mlle. Polaire's role, is a Montmartre born opera singer and dancer returning from a tour of Indo-China who dies of consumption aboard a steamer on which the entire action of the play occurs. The last scene, or rather the play shows the burial at sea, and this effect so shocked the audience at the dressmakers' rehearsal that Director Porel of the theatre invited Berton that he intended to cut it off at the regular dress rehearsal. Berton, however, would not agree to this.

His health not permitting him to attend the theatre his wife, who was last before the public life through acting in the public two years ago her son Claude's American wife, nee Phipps, was present attempting to poison her, was present with a sheriff's officer to establish the fact that the author's will had been ignored. The rehearsal finished Berton obtained an injunction preventing Porel from again playing the piece. M. Porel then undertook to play the piece as accepted, though he said he was convinced that it was contrary to the author's interests as well as to his own.

MARRIED AT STRATFORD.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Stratford, April 11.—The wedding took place in Trinity Church rectory of Miss Lillian E. Lashbrook, of Goddard, and Mr. William L. Lashbrook, of Harriston. Rev. Mr. Charlton officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Lashbrook will reside in Harriston.

Gorging Is Suicide

In these words a prominent graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. R. Moras, M. D., calls attention to the habit of "overeating," which is resulting in the shortening of so many lives.
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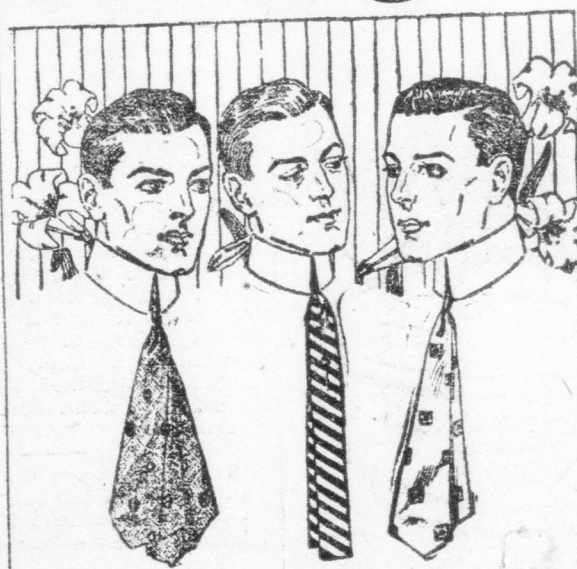
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NOBLEMEN TO FARM.

New York, April 11.—Lord Somers and Lord Hyde, both young men, came over on the Olympic to start their 200-acre truck farm at Pickering, near Toronto, Ont.

Lady Hyde came with her husband, bringing her three children. They will spend their summers on the farm, and their winters in England. Lord Hyde said his becoming a truck farmer is an experiment, and that of it proves successful he and Lord Somers may enlarge their holdings.
Lord Hyde is the only son and heir

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THE DESKLESS STATESMAN

Advantages of the English Way of Seating Members of Parliament.

London, April 11.—Do English people who enjoy the parliamentary cartoons of E. T. Reed in Punch and Sir F. C. Gould in the Westminster Gazette realize how much they owe to the furnishing of the House of Commons?

It may not seem at first glance to make much difference that there are only benches in the House of Commons, instead of the chairs and desks of the House of Representatives at Washington and the House of Commons at Ottawa. Yet a Congressman or a member of the Canadian House of Commons seated at a desk and occupied with a newspaper or a book or busy with his correspondence does not lend himself to successful caricature like the party leaders sitting or sprawling on the front benches of the

House of Commons. Even when a member of Congress is speaking his legs and feet are hidden from view behind his desk and he is surrounded by fellow members all occupied at their desks.

Away back in the '90s Sir George Trevelyan in the House of Commons once expressed his admiration of the plan of seating members of the House of Representatives and wound up his eulogy of the Washington plan "by suggesting that if there were desks in the House of Commons each could be fitted with an electric button by means of which members could record their votes in divisions without leaving their seats. It is well for popular political education in England that Sir George Trevelyan's time-saving device found no favor, for besides spoiling the opportunities of the cartoonists, desks have had effect on debating, many Englishmen believe.

Wearisome long speeches, they say, are tolerated at Washington and Ottawa because the other members can read or write and get on with other work while a long speech or poor debating is that neither in American nor Canadian newspapers are debates nearly so well reported as in England, and that is so much the worse for political education.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, April 10.—Arrived: Trent, from Colon; Newton Han, from Hull; Montserrat, from Cadiz.

Italian factories are extracting an oil from tomato seed that is somewhat like cotton seed oil. The tomato seed oil is used in making soap and in other industries where cottonseed oil has been employed.

