

TRUE SCOTTISH HOSPITALITY

Excels That of the English in Cordiality.

According to Flax O'Brell, Neither Race is Swift on Jokes But the Sealed Humour is Honest.

People who are happiest in life are those who are amiable and enjoy the possession of a genial philosophy and a good digestion. There is nothing more catching than amiability; there is nothing more objectionable than people with constant grievances, mostly imaginary, who go through life grumbling, fidgeting and worrying.

The other evening I was in a London theater with a friend, and we were occupying two stalls marked respectively 23 and 24. In the middle of the first act, a man arrived with two young girls to occupy the stalls next to ours. He looked at the numbers, frowned, and placed his tickets under my nose, without saying a word, but looking at me with no worse an air than he could have assumed if he had suspected me of stealing his watch.

I looked at my tickets and discovered I was in the wrong. I ought to have occupied, with my friend, stalls 24 and 25, instead of stalls 23 and 24. We moved on, and apologized. All that man did was to throw a glance at me, as much as to say: "Don't you ever do it again, and during the whole evening he grumbled and spoke of his grievance to the two young girls who were with him."

I know what you Americans will say: "Just like an Englishman! Well, no, it isn't. I assure you that England possesses some of the most affable men in the world. But fancy life lived with that man."

I have a pleasant reminiscence on the subject, one of Scotland. And, speaking of Scotland, I should like to be allowed to make a little digression. Some 60 years ago, the great English wit, Sydney Smith, said that it required a surgical operation to make a Scotchman understand a joke—well, an English joke, perhaps. However, this saying was witty and very pitifully expressed. It was a good joke. The English people are stanch and faithful friends, and very conservative, or obstinate if you prefer, in their tastes and ideas. When they have heard a good joke, and seen it, it lasts them a good long time.

Personally, I have never experienced any difficulty in getting a joke into a Scotchman, and still less in getting one out of him. Whatever my English friends may think or say to the contrary, my modest personal opinion is that the Scotch people are brimful of humor—sometimes unconscious humor, I will admit.

But what I perhaps admire most in them is their genial philosophy, and that truly well-understood democratic spirit which is the cause of the charming relations that exist between masters and servants, for example. Let them be Englishmen and they won't even speak to each other, because they were not introduced.

This side of the Scottish character has been treated at length by the late nobleman Ramsay, and illustrated by him with the help of hundreds of anecdotes. If I name this Scottish writer, it is because I believe that I have at my readers disposal a little reminiscence, quite as good as any of those Ramsay's illustrations of Scottish amiability and genial philosophy, which I will give with all the more pleasure that I feel that it is a great treat to be able to tell a Scotch anecdote which you are sure has never been told before.

some three hundred yards from the castle. When we got down, he called Jimmie's attention to the state the horse was in, and asked him to attend to it at once.

Well, I will spare you the remarks that Jimmie had to make to his lordship for working that horse like that. "Puir beast, he said, striking the animal fondly and grumbling all the time. And, looking severely at his master, he added: "Ye ought to be ashamed of yerseel."

My friend knew he was in the wrong. He never said a word, but walked meekly away, Jimmie looking at him all the time. When we got inside the hall, we got rid of a few light wraps, and when my noble host and friend was perfectly sure that Jimmie could not hear him, all he said was this, which I thought was lovely as a specimen of Scottish genial and amiable philosophy: "I wadna hae Jimmie's temper for a' the world."

And much as I have always admired English hospitality, I must say that there is something still better in that line, and that is Scottish hospitality, the most simple, unaffected and complete. In a Scottish house, you don't feel or even realize that you are on a visit to a friend who entertains you, you fancy you are in your own house. Once a Scottish host showed me all over his house, and when he had finished, he said to me, rolling his eyes in good Scotch fashion: "And now be at home, or get home."

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AFFAIRS ON THE CREEKS

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey Entertain Friends at Their Home.

Messrs. Alek McDonald and L. R. Fulda were visitors to Grand Forks last Wednesday.

Mr. Swam, of Swan and Anderson, came to Grand Forks last Sunday to look after his new enterprise.

Mr. Wm. Stephens bought Mr. Athow's interest in 66 below Bonanza roadhouse and had a grand reopening last Friday evening.

Mr. J. Day, of Chechako Hill, is confined to his room with erysipelas of the face.

Mr. C. J. Olsen, of 11 Eldorado, has been troubled with inflammation of the eyes the past week, and obliged to wear glasses.

Quite a stampede took place last Tuesday evening to Little Blanche, 25 cents to the pan being reported.

Mrs. Hafsted of 37 Eldorado, who was under the care of physicians at St. Mary's hospital for the past ten days is home again, having recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. C. N. Williams formerly of 30 Eldorado has purchased Alex McDonald's interest in 27 Eldorado and will work the latter claim this summer.

Mr. E. Floding, Charley Anderson's foreman on Eldorado, has a great pet in the shape of a horse. This fact is easily verified from the hoofbeats marks on his cabin floor.

Potatoes at 30 cents per pound in the middle of the navigation season is a mystery to most people on the creek, when but half that sum was paid in the middle of the closed season.

Mr. Hammer, of 24 above Bonanza sent his 10-year old son Herbert to California last Monday to attend school the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stanley, of 26 Eldorado are in town today visiting their numerous friends.

man, that the market affords. From 9 p. m. until midnight the violin and banjo were heard, and after a sumptuous lunch, another set of musicians were introduced and the sweet strains of the mandolin and guitar were heard until the guests departed. Messrs. Kinsey and Kinsey are two of the most popular young men on the creeks, with A. J. Johnson the photographic invincible a close second. Never before was a home so thoroughly taken possession of as was the Kinsey home on the above occasion, and many were the expressions of delight and pleasure heard on all sides during the departure of the guests.

The invited guests and those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Gosh, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Kinsey, Misses Johnson, Lewis, Anderson, Deering, Ruthstrom, Langsett and Kulhan; Messrs. Ohman, Clarence Kinsey, Farnell, Anderson, Flannigan, Van Hook, Paris, Vincent, Woods, Link, Everall and Gowans.

Hippodrome for Easy Money.

The Case-Kelly fight at the Standard theater last evening was won by the former in the fifth round. A spectator present offered to bet \$500 on Case. A million dollars to a sour dough flapjack was about the rate of odds in Case's favor.

Why the management of this resort bring such unevenly matched men together, no one knows. It is an outrage on public confidence and seems like a scheme to get easy money—legitimately, if possible, but to get it at the cost of the sport loving community of Nome. The principals are in no way to blame for this fiasco.—Nome News, July 20.

R. F. Stupart, director of the Canadian Meteorological service, having arranged for an observatory here, to telegraph the state of the weather to Toronto, left on the Whitehorse Wednesday for Port Simpson, where another weather station is to be established.

Any kind of wine \$5 per bottle at the Regina Club hotel.

Visit of the Duke.

Victoria, Aug. 8.—Some apprehension was felt a little time ago that the original programme mapped out for the official tour of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, whereby three days were set apart for the royal visit to Victoria might be altered to one day. Keen disappointment was felt on this account, as Mount Baker hotel had been rented for three days and all arrangements made for a visit of that duration.

Since that time, the suggested program of the stay in Victoria has reached Ottawa, and although his excellency the governor general is on a tour of the maritime provinces and cannot be reached readily, letters received by his honor the lieutenant governor from Major Maude, his secretary, lead to the hope that the original program will be followed.

The authorities recognize the inconvenience which would be caused by an alteration of the original draft program, and give every assurance that no effort will be spared to insure its being carried out.

In addition to the large suite who will accompany their royal highnesses, accommodation will have to be provided at Mount Baker hotel for 14 chargers and for two carriages, which will be at the disposal of the heir apparent during his visit to the capital.

A guard furnished by the local militia, under the command of an officer, and with a number of non-commissioned officers will also be stationed at Mount Baker during the visit.

An extensive family of small eels about six inches in length disporting in the shallow water adjoining one of the docks this morning proved highly interesting to a crowd of small boys.

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