

## THE FIRST MARLBOROUGH.

His Was a Curious Combination of Contradictory Traits.

Herbert Paul in his book on Queen Anne of England paints a queer picture of the great Duke of Marlborough. He was not truthful. He was not straightforward. He was not honest. In his love of money and his capacity for hoarding it he rivaled those wretched misers who have done no more than contemplate their gains. And yet, such are the strange freaks in which nature indulges, this mean and selfish intriguer was endowed with perfect courage, with an irresistible charm of manner, with a temper which even his wife failed to disturb, with a brain that no sophistry could obscure and with a military genius before which criticism is humbly silent.

He was treacherous even in a treacherous age. Wholly devoid of cruelty and by nature humane, he is said never to have sacrificed an unnecessary life. He used his fellow creatures for his own purposes, and when he had no further use for them he forgot their existence. He made his plans and carried them out with the absolute efficiency of sheer intelligence and the serene implacability of impersonal fate.

## THE SULTAN'S SCREEN.

It is Made of Tanned Human Skin Elaborately Decorated.

There is a story told of a famous and curious screen which occupies a prominent place in the menage of the sultan of Turkey. It is made, so rumor hath it, of human skin, perfectly tanned and elaborately tooled and embossed, and it has been in the royal quarters for more than two centuries. This remarkable screen is not an evidence of cruelty or barbarity on the part of Turkey's ruler 200 years ago, but is a memorial to twelve faithful servants of a former sultan. At one time during the sultan's reign 200 years ago a wing of the palace caught fire, and during the conflagration a much loved member of the sultan's family was rescued by twelve servants. The twelve servants perished, some of them dying later of their wounds and burns, so his majesty had their skins removed by an expert and had them preserved in this touching though remarkable manner. The screen is now looked upon as a part of the ruler's inheritance, and it is said that every sultan cherishes it almost as he would his own royal skin.

## THE AGE OF FISHES.

Both Ear Stones and Scales Carry the Annual Tally.

It has been found by ichthyologists that the age of a fish may be read from its scales. These increase in size by annual growths, two rings being formed each year. The "otoliths" or ear stones, which lie in two sacs on either side of the base of the cranial cavity, afford another means of determination.

Like the scales, the otoliths increase by two rings annually. Each spring—that is, from February to June—a white ring is formed, and each autumn—that is, from July to October—a black one. Thus the number of either white or black rings in an otolith gives the age of the fish in years. In the case of flatfish the latter method has been found more reliable, whereas in the case of the cod the scales give a better result. Although varying much in size and shape in different species, the otoliths show a remarkable constancy in the same species; hence they are of considerable value in the diagnosis of a species.—London Globe.

## A Lesson in Philanthropy.

A whole souled resident of Harlem the other evening received the jolt of his career as a parent. While reading his evening paper the doorbell rang, and a parcel from a big department store was announced. The cost was 30 cents, and he gave his little bright eyes, a girl of six, a two dollar bill with which to pay the boy.

Half an hour later the subject returned to him.

"Here, Mabel," he said, "Where's that money I gave you for the boy?"

"Why, papa," was little bright eyes' reply, "I did the same as you did yesterday with the newsboy. I told him to keep the change."

## Belgium Shopkeepers.

Belgium shopkeepers generally are dealers in miscellaneous goods. One man in a small way, for instance, sells beer, foreign stamps, fruit, cotton, biscuits, penknives, cheese and second-hand hair. Everywhere one finds a mania for glaring lights. One evening when I was out I saw a tremendous light in the distance, and I thought it must surely be an advertisement for a music hall. When I got nearer, I found that the light merely conveyed the intelligence that sardines were sold on the premises.

## One Drawback.

"It's a good idea to have something laid by for a rainy day."

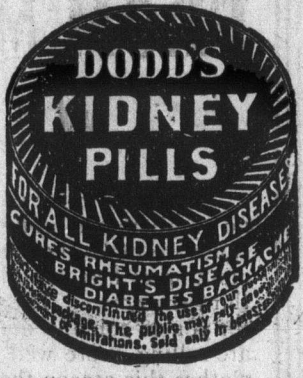
"Yep," answered Peter Cornstossel; "only that kind of cash is a good deal like a reg'lar umbrella. Some other fellow is liable to walk off with it jes' as the shower starts."

## Serious Business.

Gladys—I am going to buy an automobile, and I want you to go along and help me select one. Cousin Jack—Not for me, little girl. Why, I even wouldn't pick you out a husband—Puck.

## He Did Not Need It.

Buckin—I can't go on. I haven't a make-up. Manager—What are you playing tonight? Buckin—The fool in Manager—Go right on. Never mind the make-up.



## RICH IRON FIELD.

Large Area of Hematite Ore Discovered—Many Claims Staked.

Vancouver, B.C., April 2.—A huge deposit of bog iron ore hematite has been discovered in Quatsino Sound. One hundred and eighty claims have already been located. The ground covers 5,600 acres and is believed to be one of the richest iron deposits on Vancouver Island.

## RHEUMATISM ALMOST KILLED.

For years Mrs. S. Stahlschmidt, of Humboldt, Ont., was a martyr to rheumatism. "I was so stiff and lame I could scarcely walk," she writes. "An attack striking my limbs made walking impossible. Friends and doctors gave prescriptions but I only got relief from Ferrone. I took twelve boxes and gained from the first. To-day I am well, feel stronger, weigh heavier and look the picture of health." Whether muscular or inflammatory, chronic or otherwise, Ferrone does cure rheumatism and sciatica. 50c. per box at all dealers.

## 2,000 Cross Line for Papers.

Windsor, April 2.—It is estimated that 2,000 subscribers of the Detroit newspapers crossed the ferry on Sunday for papers from this city. Wellsville and Sandwich, the authorities having served notice that the Sunday papers would not be allowed across the line until Monday.

The movement was so pronounced that Hon. Dr. Reaume left for Toronto yesterday to persuade the Government to grant some relief in the situation in the border towns at least.

## Ontario Man's Suicide.

Vancouver, B.C., April 2.—News was received here Sunday night that Lee Wigle, a well known Ontario man, had committed suicide by shooting at Dawson. He was 35 years old and married.

## DIET NOT THE WHOLE THING.

Your table is loaded with food—digestible and wholesome, yet you never gain strength. What's the trouble? Look within, and what do you find? A lazy liver, stomach overloaded with work—useless work because the bowels and liver are not sufficiently active. Relief is quickly supplied by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They make weak folks strong by removing the cause of the weakness. Digestion improves, constipation leaves, liver takes new life, kidneys wake up—the whole system is enlivened by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. No better medicine for the sick or well. 25c. at all dealers.

## Borden Decides To Go.

Ottawa, April 2.—The report that Sir Frederick Borden has cancelled his arrangements to go to the Colonial Conference is incorrect. He will sail from Halifax on April 6, going by the Empress of Britain along with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Brodeur.

## OPEN PUBLICITY THE BEST GUARANTY OF MERIT.

When the matter of a medicine, sold through druggists for family use, takes his patients fully into his confidence by frankly and fearlessly publishing broadcast as well as on its bottle wrappers, a full list of all its ingredients in plain English, that is, from July to October—a black one. Thus the number of either white or black rings in an otolith gives the age of the fish in years. In the case of flatfish the latter method has been found more reliable, whereas in the case of the cod the scales give a better result. Although varying much in size and shape in different species, the otoliths show a remarkable constancy in the same species; hence they are of considerable value in the diagnosis of a species.—London Globe.

A glance at the published ingredients on each bottle wrapper, will show that it is made wholly from native, American, medicinal roots, that it contains no poisonous or habit-forming drugs, no narcotics or no alcohol—pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength, being used instead of the commonly employed alcohol, both for extracting and preserving the active medicinal properties found in the roots of the American forest plants employed. If interested, send name and address to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for his little book of extracts from the works of eminent medical writers and teachers, endorsing the several ingredients and telling just what Dr. Pierce's medicines are made of. It's free for the asking.

Some folks have so much dignity that it makes them weary to bear it.

A man can never make money enough to maintain a reputation for being a very good fellow.

## Minard's Liniment for Sale Everywhere.

The only way some fellows shine in society is with their coat sleeves.

Minard's Liniment cures Colds, etc.

## A POCKET ADONIS.

Sobriquet Still Clings to Lord Buchan, Who is Now 56—About to Start On Tour of South America.

Lord Buchan, the "Pocket Adonis" of society, is just about to start on a tour of South America. He is now 56 years old, but the nickname, which was applied to him in his young manhood, because of his good looks and diminutive stature, still sticks to him, for he has always lived up to it.

He is a dapper little man, exquisitely groomed, and the mirror of fashion at all times, but he is far from being a mere dandy. He is a good shot and a keen yachtsman. As a Scotch peer, the Earl is freed from all the



LORD BUCHAN.

legislative responsibilities that attach to members of the hereditary chamber and can devote himself solely to getting all the enjoyment possible out of life. In that he succeeds.

Curiously enough, although his earldom is one of the oldest in Scotland, dating from 1489, his chief country seat is in England. It is situated in Cambridgeshire. It is called Gogmagog hills, the why and wherefore of which singular designation no man knows. The "hills" are an offshoot of the Chalk range, and would scarcely pass by such a name in a country less notoriously level than fenry Cambridgeshire.

On their summit are the remains of an ancient camp known as Wandlebury. Associated with it is a weird legend which was the chief source of the "Host's Tale" in Scott's "Marmion." It concerns a certain knight named Osbert and a ghostly opponent with whom he did battle in the lonely spot.

Osbert, who probably was staying at the castle, heard among other ancient traditions of the place that if a knight entered unattended the camp at Wandlebury by moonlight and challenged an adversary to appear, he would encounter a spirit in the shape of an armed horseman, with whom he would have to do battle. Osbert determined to put the story to the proof, and one night he sallied forth, accompanied by a single squire, whom he bade stay without the intrenchment while he himself entered the haunted ground and bravely spoke forth his challenge to the night wind and the moonlight. Scarce were the words out of his mouth when the ghostly knight seemed to spring from the ground, and in a moment man and specter were riding at each other with spears at rest.

It was to Osbert the fortune of the day—or of the night—fell, for he soon succeeded in dismounting his antagonist and gripping the reins of the latter's steed. As he did so the dismounted specter arose and hurled his javelin, wounding the victor in the thigh, but of this Osbert took no notice, and having led the horse to the outer part of the earthworks he trusted it to his squire. Once inside the court of the castle, the steed, a strong and mettlesome black beast, with harness of a like hue, was secured by strong ropes, but when, with the first gray hint of dawn, the crowing of a cock was heard below, the charger sprang into the air and vanished from sight.

For Osbert the adventure had one unpleasant consequence. Wandlebury camp might be rid forever of its ghost, but, according to the story, as long as he lived the wound on his thigh re-opened on every anniversary of the night when it had been inflicted.

Lord Buchan's only unmarried daughter, Lady Marjorie Erskine, takes life seriously. She went through a training school for nurses, and was for some time attached to the children's hospital in Great Ormond street.

## Frenchmen Balk At Checks.

Frenchmen have never cared for checks. They do not understand them. A few days ago a French journalist who had received a check on a well known London bank showed it to me and asked me what he ought to do with it.

"Has it any value?" he asked.

"Why, certainly," I said. "You simply endorse it on the back, take it to your banker, and he will give you the amount written on it."

But he seemed somewhat skeptical, and I could see that he would much have preferred a postal order. But at last a serious attempt is to be made by Parliament to teach the Frenchman how to make use of the check. It will, however, require the sanction of a special law before the masses will believe that there is any real good in the system. It is proposed to introduce the check with the assistance of the postoffice and to issue check books for a sum not inferior to \$20.—Paris Letter.

## A Boer Water Finder.

In South Africa a cousin of General De Wet has been performing wonders in locating water. The Boer had been steadily building up a small fortune as a water finder before the war broke out and at the outbreak of hostilities had on hand an order respecting ten farms in General Botha's district. He fought in the war and was taken prisoner and deported. During his term of captivity he earned \$1,500 in finding water for the British Government. The medium employed is his own secret. He first tried all sorts of tricks, but found none successful, so he set to work and built himself a little contrivance of his own. It is with this that he locates a spring.



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## An Earthquake in Persia.

Professor Vambury, the Hungarian orientalist, was in Shiraz, Persia, at the time of one of its devastating earthquakes. The shock was terrible, throwing great houses about like shuttlecocks and splitting the hills beyond the town. When the very earth seemed in process of disruption and men and women were weeping and tearing themselves in agonies of fear two mad fanatic priests dashed through the tottering city crying aloud that the foreigners sojourning in the place had brought on the calamity. And the people took up the cry "The Frangis are unclean!" and made a rush for the house in which the professor had been staying. Only the entire collapse of the property adjoining beat off their attack and enabled him to make his escape from the city.

## WEAK HEART SYSTEM WAS RUN DOWN

When the heart is healthy and performing its functions naturally, it should beat regularly seventy-two times a minute, without causing its owner the slightest inconvenience or distress.

When it begins to beat irregularly or intermittently, palpitate and throb, skip beats, beat fast for a time, then so slow as to seem almost to stop, it causes great anxiety and alarm.

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Many people are kept in a state of morbid fear of death, because weak, worn and miserable, and are unable to attend to either social or business duties, through unnatural action of their heart.

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Price 50 cents per box or 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct at special price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

## Dress Millennium.

When the dress millennium arrives and every woman wears herself a thing of joy to look at, able to walk in comfort and with a pocket for her purse, it will be the result of an elementary training in dignity, comeliness and common sense.—Reader.

## Wanted a Second Trial.

"You were guilty of one matrimonial mistake. I shouldn't think you would marry again."

"Oh, but you know a verdict of guilty usually leads to a second trial," replied the gay grass widow.

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## Gastric.

"Yes," said the bride of a week, "Jack tells me everything he knows, and I tell him everything I know."

"Indeed!" rejoined her ex-rival, who had been left at the post. "The silence when you are together must be oppressive."

## Preliminary.

Stella—I wonder why sentiment attaches to a first kiss? Bella—It's like the first tooth. You've got to have it before you get the second.—Brooklyn Life.

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## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

## PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Candidates are engaged in knocking the snow off their boomlets and getting ready for spring.

When a pretty girl is indignant all the men in her vicinity sit up and take notice.

We all feel that it is a blessing to have tactful friends.



Seeing an old duffer skate is more fun than a debating society.

You wonder if there are ethics of the dust on a dusty day.

Do you notice that it never makes woman feel bad to have man write a book proving that he is superior to her?

Anybody can grumble, but it requires some understanding to avoid the necessity for grumbling.

If a young man mixes dates with his boss and his girl he may have to fall back on prunes.

The average man is optimistic for himself and lets his wife be pessimistic for him.

Being cowardly is the only salvation of lots of folks.

The rubbish heap in the alley is the answer to the question why so many people are hard up in January.

## Absence of the Head.

When mother is away from home To stay a day or so The others notice pretty soon That several things don't go; At least, not in the channel smooth In which they lightly glide When she is home and running things And sewing on the side.

The family says she needs a rest, And so they pack her grip And send her off to Cousin Jane's Just for a pleasant trip. They say that they can run the place Without her standing by, And so they really think they can Until they come to try.

It's all right for a half a day Till something goes awry, And then there's several things to pay At which the printers sigh. Some one can't find his overcoat, Some one has lost his hat, And there is no one round to ask, "Ma, where is this and that?"

The family really is a sight To see when she gets back, With almost dead and dying plums And tempers out of whack. Though topsy turvy in the house, Upset and hopeless quite, It only takes her half a day To get things running right.

## The Ruling Passion.



"Do you know what that fellow would say if he were invited to take St. Peter's place as gatekeeper?"

"No; what do you suppose he would say?"

"What's the salary, and is any commission allowed?"

Chance For Him.

"It is never too late to mend," said the sentimental one.

"Mend what?" asked the jester.

"Socks!"

"No; your manners."

## Good Kind.

"What is your idea of a good wife?"

"One who can make her last spring's wardrobe blossom as the rose and can make two hats grow where one was before."

## May Be Superstitious.

"I wonder why so many of our soldiers desert?"

"Perhaps they consider \$13 a month an unlucky number of dollars."

## Getting Even.

"How do you like my new suit?"

"Fine. Introduce me to your tailor."

"You bet I will. I have a grudge against him."

## Matrimonial Disturbance.

"They have just quarreled."

"How do you know?"

"Because they are so polite to each other."

## Up to Date Surgery.

"What makes you so contrary?"

"Just my disposition."

"Take an anesthetic and have it out."

## Made Him Over.

"He is a perfect stick. So she gave him his walking papers."

"Ah, a walking stick!"

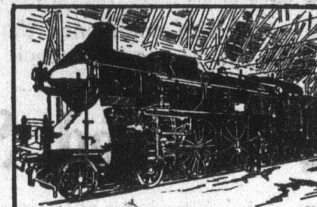
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25c. and 60c. a bottle. At Druggists.

## The Latest in Locomotives.

The locomotive here shown was exhibited recently at the Lands and Industrial exposition at Nuremberg, Germany. It differs from the ordinary railroad locomotive in several particulars. It is provided with a curious pointed



## THE LATEST LOCOMOTIVE.

boiler, to offer less resistance to the air. The driving wheels are nearly seven feet in diameter. It is believed by German railroad engineers that this is the locomotive of the future. It is capable of attaining a speed of ninety miles an hour.

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## Specimens.

Mrs. Newedde—Certainly, you may take some of those biscuits to your friend. Is he hungry too? Weary—No, mum; he's a geologist!

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