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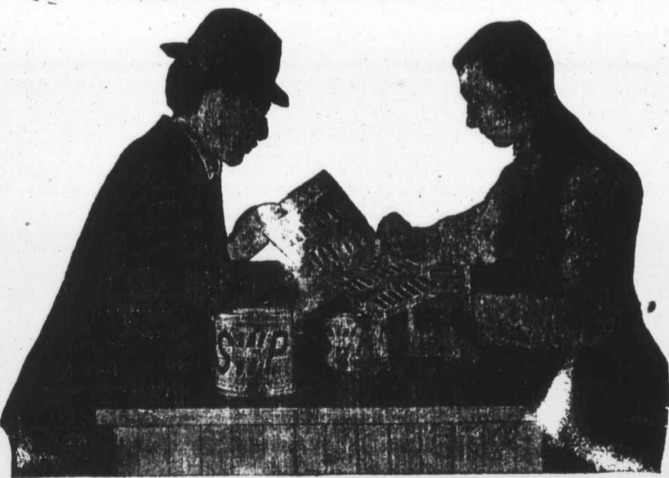
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Witty Remarks That Have Been Repeated Time and Again.

It was Steel who said of a certain noble lady—"To love her is a liberal education." It is common to apply this to sundry wrong ladies; but the real subject was, I believe, Lady Elizabeth Hastings; and I also believe that the vulgar—"to know her," instead of "to love her," is erroneous. It was Sir George Cornwallis Lewis who said that life would be very bearable but for its pleasures.

It was Bentham who said—"Boards are screens"—and he never said a truer word—because what the Board does is the act of no body, and anybody can be made to answer for it. Therefore, he argued, Boards are not a fit instrument for executive business. It was Sheridan who, in reply to a speech by Dundas, said—"The right honorable gentleman is indebted to his memory for his jokes, and to his imagination for his facts;" and who once alluded to "that easy writing which makes such uncommonly difficult reading."

It was Thomas Campbell—not Byron—who employed the expression as to Barabbas having been a publisher.

The sarcastic statement to the effect that the British shot Admiral Byng "pour encourager les autres" is, I think, frequently ascribed to Napoleon. The latter may have said it; but I think it was first said by Voltaire in the twenty-third chapter of "Candide."

It was Emile Ollivier who, on the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, told Napoleon III. that he entered on that contest "with a light heart."

The phrase "to end a thing, or mend it," was used by Gladstone in reference to the House of Lords; and has since that time been generally credited to his as his own idea. But this is a mistake. It occurs in "The Heart of Midlothian," chapter 4; and again in "The Monastery," chapter 19; and most probably it is pretty nearly as old as the hills; and when all's said and done there is nothing very wonderful about it.

There is a good saying ascribed to Mrs. Grote. That lady knew Louis Napoleon during his first exile in England; and she loved him not, nor was her love of him increased by his famous "coup d'etat" in 1852, and she always confidently predicted his speedy fall. Shortly after he became Emperor she was presented to him at Paris. He, probably knowing her sentiments towards himself, received her coolly, and asked her whether she was likely to make a long stay in Paris. She had her revenge, for she replied—"No, are you?"

Some sayings, though correctly fathered, have a way of getting applied to wrong subjects. Thus the phrase—"He could be silent in seven languages." This is commonly, but erroneously, said of Von Moltke, in allusion to his command of languages, and of his own tongue. But in point of fact it was originally said of Immanuel Bekker, the philologist, who, in addition to his own extraordinary linguistic attainments, was peculiarly taciturn and reserved.

On the premature enumeration of expected poultry—called by common people "counting your chickens before they're hatched"—there are sundry quaint sayings. Thus in "St. Roman Well," chapter 30, when Captain Jekyll says to old Touchwood that his memory has let slip Mr. Touchwood's name, the latter old nabob replies—"My name! Why your memory must have been like Pal Murtough's greyhound, that let the hare go before he caught it."

"Finally, there is the famous piece of advice to a lady whose ideas on the subject of matrimony proposals were inclined to be somewhat proleptic and sanguine—

"Don't you act like Nancy Baxter, who refused a man before he asked her."  
—From "Pribbles and Prabbles," by the late Major-General P. Maxwell, LL.D.

## Oldest Baptist Minister.

Rev. Evan Edwards, of Torquay, is now, it is stated, the oldest Baptist minister in the world, having been born in the year of Waterloo, and at that time he is still hale and strong, both physically and mentally.

Until quite recently he often occupied the pulpit, and is rarely absent from morning service at his old church. He began his ministry in 1838 at Beckington, in Somerset, and is, perhaps, the only man living who knew personally the three great evangelists of Wales—Christie Evans, John Elias, and Williams of Wern. Robert Hall he never met, but John Foster, the essayist, was one of his hearers when, as a young man he preached in Robert Hall's pulpit at Broadmead, Bristol.

## Strange Occupations.

Some strange occupations figure on an Indian census schedule. At the last census, in many villages of Hyderabad and the Central Provinces enthusiastic and devout enumerators returned the village shrines and temples as "occupied houses." The occupant was the idol whose occupation was stated as "granting boons and blessings" or "substance on contributions from the tenants." Other callings returned on the schedule include collectors of edible bird nests, roovers of stolen goods, witches, wizards, and cow-poiseners.

## Caesar at Large.

The late King's dog Caesar made his escape from the gardens of Marlborough House, a few days ago, and his disappearance caused the greatest concern. Caesar still wears on his collar the badge inscribed "Caesar, I am the King's dog," and he had not been long away when he was recognized in Bridge street, Westminster, and promptly returned to his royal mistress.

## One-Fifth Save.

Something like one in every five of Great Britain's population is a depositor in the post-office savings bank, the average deposit being about \$25.

## THE KING AS A LADY.

When King George Lost the Handkerchief That Classified Him.

From the "fixtures" that have been made already it becomes more and more apparent that this is going to be a "dancing season," as King George and Queen Mary themselves are very fond of dancing.

King George in the lancers recalls a very merry dance when His Majesty was Duke of York. It was at Malta, and a dance was organized, literally on the spur of the moment, on board one of the ships. The duke was always willing to join in anything that promised a bit of fun, so in record time a ball room was rigged up on the quarterdeck. It was agreed, since there was not a girl in the whole party, that those who were to take the ladies' parts should wear white handkerchiefs on their left sleeves.

Presently a "lady" approached the present King, and with what was meant to be a demure simper asked for the pleasure of a dance. "Go away, you juggins," was the royal retort; "I'm a lady myself, but I've lost my blessed handkerchief. Have a cigar?"

Another amusing story, in which Queen Mary figured, is recalled. It was at a state ball at Buckingham Palace a few years ago. The late Prince Francis of Teck, the Queen's brother, went up to a room of a noble house, and, remarking that he was not dancing, asked if he could find him a few partners. "No, thanks, old chap," was the reply, as the man stifled a yawn; "dancing is such a bore, I think I will rest a little longer."

Presently the man in question—he is now a full-fledged peer—ventured to approach the present Queen, and request the honor of a dance. Her brother "Frank," however, had been before him.

"Thank you," was the reply of the Queen, with a cool glance at him, "but dancing is such a bore, is it not?" His lordship went home.

## Florence Nightingale Status.

The memorial in England to Florence Nightingale is to take the form, first of a statue to be placed where all may see it, perhaps in Pall Mall, opposite to the Crimean Memorial; next, of a fund to provide annuities (to be known as Florence Nightingale annuities). It trained nurses who, while devoting the best years of their lives to following their vocation, have been unable to provide adequately for their old age or infirmity. Their Majesties the King and Queen have graciously given their approval to this fund. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. G. Q. Roberts, at St. Thomas' Hospital, London. At almost the same time, a mural tablet is to be erected to the memory of the late Florence Nightingale in the Choirs of Santa Croce at Florence. It may be remembered that Florence Nightingale was named Florence because she was born in that city, and the house in which she was born, the Villa Colomba, still stands there; it is owned by Herr von Kaufmann, who has given his consent to have a tablet set up over the door in memory of the event.

## Suitor Has Disappointment.

The Marquis of Northampton, who has celebrated his sixty-first birthday, is a Knight of the Garter, and one of the highest nobles in London, owning extensive properties in the Clerkenwell district. He is well-known as a philanthropist, and takes great interest in various religious enterprises. He is not fond of politics, but is a keen student of the social problems of the day, and is an accomplished musician and a great lover of art. The marquis is a widower, his wife, who was a daughter of the second Lord Ashburton, having died in 1902. It is said that this lady might have contracted an alliance with a member of the royal family, and Queen Victoria was supposed to have interested herself in the matter, but her affection for the future Lord Northampton overcame all else, and they were happily united in 1864. Castle Ashby, Northampton, one of his lordship's country seats, is a magnificent place, famed for its library and collection of family portraits.

## Bricks They Use In London.

Something less than a century ago there used to be a tax on building bricks in England, and in order to evade it the bricks were made of larger and larger sizes. These were used for cellars and other concealed places. To stop this fraud an act was passed in the reign of George III, fixing the legal size of bricks. Early in Queen Victoria's reign the tax was taken off, and bricks may now be legally made of any size whatever. But any change from the standard size would bring about great inconveniences. All calculations are made for building on this standard size, and the London building acts have practically fixed it at 9 by 4.12 by 3 for all time.—London Standard.

## Will Be Grand Affair.

The ball which the Duchess of Sutherland will give in June will be a very important social function, for the King and Queen have notified their intention to be present. For this reason the ball, which is to celebrate the debut of Lady Rosemary Leveson-Gower, the only daughter of the Duke and Duchess, is to take place on the night following the Coronation Day, instead of Coronation Day itself, as at first contemplated. Most of the royal and other distinguished guests then in England are expected to be present.

## Manuel Plays Golf.

King Manuel of Portugal, who now, it will be remembered, lives at Richmond, has developed a great liking for golf, and plays on the Mid-Surrey Club links. He also goes in for fishing. He is extremely nice to all with whom he is brought into contact, as it is said, and is very popular.

## Two of a Kind.

"Oh, George," sighed the lowly maid, "I'm sure I'm not worthy to be your wife."  
"Well," replied George wearily, "I'm not worthy to be your husband, so we're just about matched."

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