

grew worse, and began to show signs of sinking. As a last resource, the coachman, an American, suggested that two glasses of brandy with ginger should be administered every morning. The cure was most speedy; but ever since the horse, having been accustomed to stand at the door of a wine-shop to receive its matutinal beverage, now stops at every similar establishment it passes, and last week, angry at not being attended to, forced itself right through the window of a *marchand de liqueurs*. Such a thing could not have happened in England, for there is a clause in Mr. Bruce's Licensing Bill expressly forbidding this proceeding.

A certain French baron, whose scientific tastes led him to collect the skulls of celebrated persons, one day received a visit from a man with whom he was accustomed to deal.

"What do you bring me here?" asked the baron, as the man slowly unwrapped a carefully enveloped package.

"The skull of Shakespeare."

"Impossible!"

"I speak the truth, monsieur le baron. Here is proof of what I say," said the dealer, producing some papers.

"But," replied the baron, drawing aside the drapery which concealed his own singular collection, "I already possess that skull."

"He must have been a rogue who sold you that," was the remark of the honest dealer. "Who was it, monsieur?"

"Your father," said the baron, in a mild tone; "he sold it to me about twenty-nine years ago."

The broker was for a moment disconcerted, then exclaimed, with vivacity:

"I comprehend. Be good enough to observe the small dimensions of the skull on your shelf. Remark the narrow occiput, the undeveloped forehead, where intelligence is still mute. It is of Shakespeare certainly, but of Shakespeare as a child about twelve or fourteen years old; whereas this is that of Shakespeare when he had attained a certain age and had become the great genius of which England is so justly proud."

The baron bought the second head.

The following anecdote, told of Secretary Seward and President Lincoln, will be of interest at this time:—A lady once went to Mr. Seward's office with a note to this effect: "Let this woman have \$100 on account of the secret service fund, and send her on her mission." The note was signed "A. L." It is well-known that Congress votes the President from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually as a secret service fund, of this the Secretary of State is the custodian. He must countersign the President's order, or not a dollar of the fund can be used. But after the President receives the money nobody can inquire what he does with it. Mr. Seward inquired of the woman what secret service she was to perform that would justify his paying her \$100. "Well, she was going to England to create a public sentiment there in favour of our country." The case was what Mr. Seward supposed. The woman had been hanging round the White House, bothering the life out of the President, and to get rid of her he proposed to give her one hundred dollars. "I can give you no money for such a purpose," said the Secretary of State. "Your services are worth nothing." The lady was not only indignant, but astonished. "So you refuse to obey the President's order?" "I do." "And you are a greater man than Mr. Lincoln; and when he says let me have \$100 of his own money, you say I shan't have it." "Well, madam, if the President wants to give you \$100 out of his own salary, he has a perfect right to do it; but you can have no money out of the secret service fund for such an errand." "Give me my papers, Sir," said the excited lady; and off she started to find the President. Mr. Lincoln groaned as she crossed the threshold. "Well, what now?" "Mr. Seward won't give the money," and she told her story. "Well, madam," said the President, "I can do no more for you. I told you I had very little influence with this administration."

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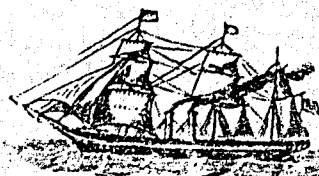
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