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FAMOUS "WITS" OF HISTORY

Little Stories of Men and Women Whose Sayings Are Still Remembered
By MARK STUYVEBANT

HOW EUGENE FIELD "FOUND" CAMILLE

With an unusual capacity for appreciation of the dramatic, an unusual and whimsical imagination, and the gift of mimicry, Eugene Field the poet, would have gone far as an actor. In fact, when he was 21 and inherited some money, one of his first purchases was a complete set of theatrical costumes. They included costumes for the characters of Hamlet, King Lear, Othello, and many other famous personages of the drama.

Field organized a company of his own, wrote a comedy, and played the woman's parts, while the other sole member of the company—a lady—played male roles. He always saw the ludicrous and any possible way of twisting a condition or situation to make it absurd.

The spontaneity of his fun and his love of impersonation often afforded him the opportunity of making the most commonplace occurrences a record of humorous history.

When a very young man, Field was one of the journalists appointed to accompany Carl Schurz, the German-American patriot, on a lecture tour. Field I knew," tells us:

"At one of their halting places the gentleman who was to introduce Mr. Schurz did not put in an appearance. It was suggested that Field make the introductory remarks. The audience was large, and expectation ran high. Field puffed out his chest, and, assuming a super-dignified manner and a strong German accent, addressed the meeting as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: 'I have such a severe cold that I cannot make a good speech tonight, but I had the pleasure of introducing to you my brilliant young choralist-le companion, Mr. Eugene Field, who will speak in my place.'"

"With this, Mr. Schurz was presented. It is said, in no very pleasant frame of mind. The explanation which

If cigarettes really affect the brain no one should be permitted to smoke them except lounge lizards.

Some men never know what it is to have a master and some marry for money.

The man who has nothing to regret probably has very little fun to remember.

The world is getting better all the while. Very few people now say "as it were."

And another reason why grocery bills remain unpaid is because bootleggers won't charge it.

Democracy is a wonderful institution, but you don't hear anybody yelling "Long live a senator."

As one paces the board walk at the seashore and thinks of his hotel bill, he is reminded of pirates and those who walked the plank.

Negotiations reach the critical stage so more frequently than they reach the hypocritical stage.

followed caused uproarious laughter. Field could turn an embarrassing situation into a delightful and amusing one. On one occasion he had invited several friends for Sunday dinner. Unfortunately, the maid did not appear, and Mr. and Mrs. Field were on the verge of a family jar. Before they went into dinner, Field made several allusions to "Camille," the maid.



The Day Was Saved.

When the guests sat down the soup was already on the table. After they had finished, Field called several times for "Camille," each time Mrs. Field becoming more nervous. Finally, Field jumped up and carried out the soup plates himself.

In a few minutes the door opened—the roast beef appeared, carried by Field dressed as "Camille," with a cook's cap on his head, a foreign smile and French accent.

The day was saved. The dinner was served entirely by Field, the guests bursting with laughter at his acting, and Mrs. Field was put at ease.

Years after, in a letter to one of the friends then present, Field wrote: "I will now repair to the kitchen and help 'Camille' bail soup for the vegetable meal."

The melting pot is like hypnotism. It can't get results without the consent of the other fellow.

When the loser smiles, it does not mean that he is a good loser. It means that he is a good actor.

If you are neither clever nor rich, you can cultivate the same feeling of superiority by being good.

To keep fresh kindnesses upon ungrateful men is the wisest but without the most cruel revenge.

A wise man knows his own ignorance, a fool thinks he knows everything.

Man is ruler of the world, but he doesn't feel conceited about it when outworn get at his tomato plants.

Man is superior to woman in some ways, but he can't pay a compliment that will make the recipient squirm in impotent wrath.

When one sees a girl painted like that, one can't help yearning to take her to some quiet place and show her how to put the stuff on.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON AMENDMENTS

Woodsworth Bill Passes the Special Committee of the Commons. Close Vote.

The Woodsworth bill to amend the Criminal Code in regard to sedition was reported favorably to the house of commons Thursday, by the special committee which has had it under consideration. Two amendments were made but they were for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the bill.

The first section of the bill was carried on a close vote, four to three. This section proposes to repeal the section added to the Criminal Code in 1919 during the Winnipeg strike. It defines seditious associations. The majority was composed of Messrs. L. H. Martell and E. J. McMurray, Liberals; Sexsmith and Stewart of the Conservatives. The minority were E. B. Rickman, W. G. McQuarrie and Gen. Ross, Conservatives.

To Preserve Authority. On the second section, which proposes to bring back the old section in the Criminal Code exempting criticism of the King in good faith from the scope of sedition, Chairman Archambault said that he had always been opposed to the repeal of this section of the code. The clause carried with the dissent of Mr. McQuarrie, who registered an emphatic protest.

"I am voting against this bill," he said, "because I believe such provisions as we are repealing are necessary to preserve constituted authority."

Messrs. Rickman and Ross were absent when this vote was taken. The last section of the bill was also carried. This section returns to the old penalty of two years for seditious words, seditious libel or seditious conspiracy in place of twenty years as enacted in 1919.

The bill was then reported and the committee rose. Under the rules of the house, this bill now goes to the foot of the list of public bills and orders. It has little chance of being reached this session unless by special arrangement.

Feminism advances rapidly, but we shall be spared the sight of woman pulling on a cigarette while darning the children's stockings.

Much of the "higher criticism" is done by people who think Deuteronomy was a prophet.

The man who doesn't know what he is talking about usually talks about an hour too long.

Another good way to save daylight is to depend on the products of a farm for a living.

There are many ways to solve our problems, but experience indicates that killing those who offend the majority isn't one of them.

PETTICOAT LANE

The wonders of London belong to the present as well as to the past. Things happen daily and weekly in our city which are as astonishing in their way as the great treasures which are guarded in our museums, or the tall buildings whose splendour bears witness to the toil and genius of men who died long centuries ago. And of those things which are an established part of the London life of today, few are more characteristic than the Sunday morning street market in "Pettycoat Lane."

All Londoners, and most people who know anything about London, have heard of that market, but how many people have visited it? Out of a dozen people whom I questioned, only one had ever been there, and one confessed that, although he had heard that it was worth seeing, he had never been able to discover where it was. He added that he could find no "Pettycoat Lane" in any guide to the streets of London. I had to explain to him that the street changed its official name in 1830, since when it has been known as Middlesex street, and that it runs from a point just east of Aldgate Station, on the Underground, to Bishopsgate, just beyond the Tower of London.

Most obliging of cities, London will be to you whatever you may make of her, a joke or a tragedy, an opportunity or a disaster. Pettycoat Lane, which contains in itself the essence of a great part of London, is plain-

WILL DEVOTE TIME TO IMMIGRATION

Hon. Charles Stewart To Give Matter Close Personal Attention in Western Tour.

The Honorable Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, has made arrangements to go west immediately after the session for the purpose of giving careful personal attention to the conditions and alleged grievances of the Indians throughout that part of the Dominion.

While in the west, Mr. Stewart will discuss with the different provincial governments the possibility of the provinces appointing representatives to confer and co-operate with the federal department of immigration and colonization. He will observe western conditions very carefully, that he may have first hand information in connection with immigration and colonization possibilities, so that his general policy may be developed along broad and comprehensive lines, with a view to getting the very best possible results at the earliest possible moment. The minister has already discussed immigration matters informally with representatives of different provinces and the different transportation companies, and as soon as possible after his return to Ottawa he intends to arrange a conference with the provincial government representatives and representatives of the various transportation companies for the purpose of working out an arrangement for the fullest possible co-operation and co-ordination of the efforts of all organizations actively interested and engaged in immigration and colonization.

In order to achieve the best results there must be concentrated effort from very direction, and it is the minister's intention to avoid all overlapping and wasted energy in this respect. The contemplated conference with the provincial representatives and transportation companies will, it is expected, go a long way toward bringing this about.

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HARNESSING THE JORDAN

Launching of a Five Million Dollar Project. Labor in Protest.

A 70 years' monopoly of all the water power in Palestine, and of every public installation for producing or supplying electrical energy, has, according to Sir William Jorgeson-Hicks, M.P., been granted by the British Government to a Russian engineer, Mr. Pinkas Rutenberg.

Rutenberg, who was, by the way, Chief of Police under Kerensky, and is a strong anti-Bolshevik, is granted a period of two years in which to form a company, with a capital of £1,000,000, to work the monopoly. At the end of this time, according to a statement made by the well-known M.P. already mentioned, he will, if he produces £200,000 in cash, enter into full possession. All the waters of the Jordan, apparently, will be his, and he may do with them whatever he pleases.

"He may construct a canal from Lake Tiberias to his power-house," states Sir William, "and may even dam up the lake. He may divert the River Yarmak as he sees fit."

The company is to take the first 10 per cent. of all profits, and to divide the next 5 per cent. equally with the Government of Palestine. Profits over 15 per cent. will belong to the Government.

Rothschild Money.

Some light on the interests behind Mr. Rutenberg, is afforded by the fact that Baron Edmond de Rothschild and the Palestine Development Council have each already subscribed £100,000 to the company, while the

Jewish Colonial Trust, a London banking house, is taking up shares to the value of £200,000.

Sir W. Jorgeson-Hicks and his friends, whose agitation will no doubt make things awkward for the Colonial Office before long, have, so labor men say, no objection to capitalist monopolies so long as they are kept for British capitalists. The crime of the Government, in their eyes, is that it has handed out a large plum to a foreigner. And the crime of Mr. Rutenberg is that he has friends of his own with whom to share the plum.

PROVERBS OF THE NATIONS

SPANISH SAYINGS.

By night all cats are gray.

The pen is a sixth sense for the absent, because they cannot use the other five.

The fool in his own house knows more than the wise man in the house of another.

He who makes more of you than he used to, either would cheat you or needs you.

The majesty and grandeur do not lie in being a lord, but in being acknowledged one.

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