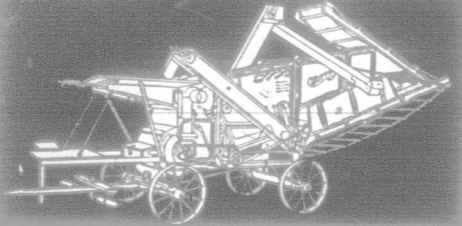


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"My idea of a wise man," said the youth who thought he knew things, "is one who knows when to stop talking."  
 "A man who possesses the genuine brand of wisdom," rejoined the venerable philosopher, "knows when not to begin."

A labor organizer was recently addressing a large open-air meeting, when tumbling over the heads of the crowd came a huge cabbage. After the laughter which this occasioned had subsided, the Irishman, like a true son of his country, turned the tables on the cabbage-thrower by shouting, "It's your ears, gentlemen, I want, not your heads."

King Edward, like others, occasionally takes great pleasure in telling a joke on himself. Here is one which the New York Times repeats:

Queen Victoria while in Scotland during the boyhood of Edward was fond of taking her easel to the coast or to the river and spending long hours over her water colors. The little Prince of Wales usually accompanied her. On one of these occasions he found time rather heavy and cast around for something with which to amuse himself. Near by he espied a bare-footed, kilted Highland boy of his own age building a sand castle. Edward went up to him and calmly kicked the castle over.

"Dinna do that again," said the boy. He rebuilt his castle of sand, and once again it collapsed before young Edward's royal foot.

"If ye dae that again—"  
 There was silence as he built the castle for third time.

Out shot the royal foot once more. The next moment his Royal Highness, the future King of England, was rolling in the sand with the infuriated Scotch boy, whose fists were flying like a wind-mill.

Edward howled for help, but Queen Victoria, who was an interested witness, sat still and allowed the kilted lad to administer punishment to his heart's content. When the prince eventually reached his mother's side, nose bleeding and bedraggled, the Queen only remarked:  
 "You deserved that."

Rev. Dr. Rainsford, in his new book, "A Preacher's Story of His Work," has some very interesting stories to tell of his experiences when he first took up his work on the East Side in New York. He says, in telling of one of his experiences:

"I remember one man in particular—a big, strong fellow. He came in and sat down in the Sunday school (by this time I had some of the very best teachers I could find working there, and I always put the best workers I had there), and began to talk in a way that a man should not talk to a lady. He was a little drunk. I saw the lady's face flush; I walked over and told him to get out. He would not move. I said:

"We are here to help you people; we are paid nothing for it; now, you are enough of a man to respect a lady; why do you sit here and make it impossible for her to teach those boys?"

"He swore at me and would not get out."  
 "You don't want me to call a policeman, do you? Go out quietly."

"He jumped to his feet, and I saw I was in for a row. He was as big a man as I am. I did not call a policeman, but I hit him harder than I ever hit a man in my life, and knocked him down. Then I stood over him and said:

"Have you had enough?"  
 "He said, 'Yes.'"  
 "All right," I answered; "now get out." And he went.

"About three weeks after that we got into a scrimmage outside the Sunday school room with some toughs, and, to my horror, I saw, elbowing his way through the crowd, this same burly fellow, and I began to feel that, between him and the others, I would be killed, when to my astonishment he walked up to the ringleader and said:

"The doctor and me can clean out this saloon; you get out."

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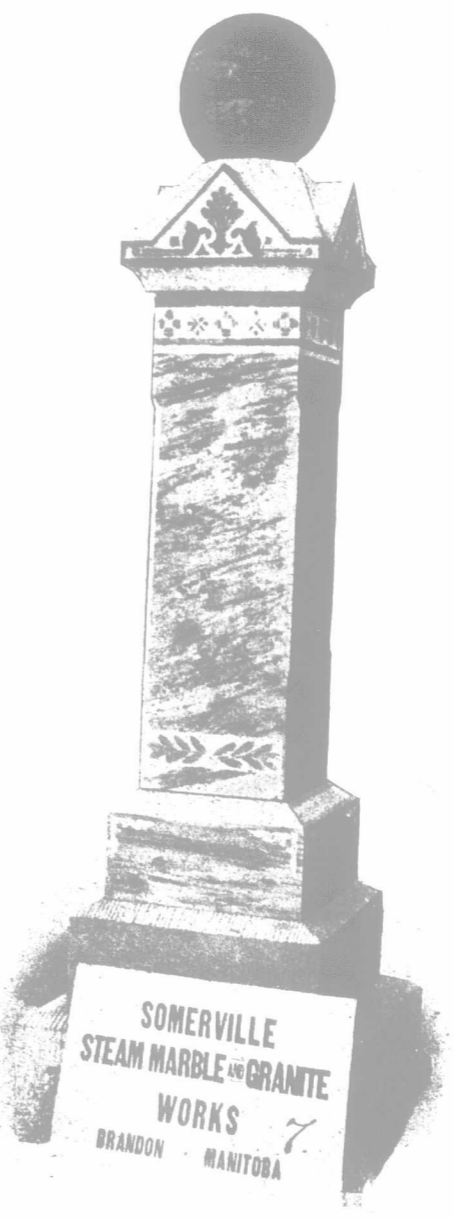
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