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A COOK'S OPINION.

She Was Inclined to Believe That Darwin Was a Loner.

There is an amusing story told in Mrs. Walford's "Memories of Victorian London," concerning Darwin, the great scientist, and his cook. Darwin apparently possessed a very poor appetite, and one day Mrs. Darwin consulted with her cook as to the means by which it might be tempted. "He does not seem to fancy ordinary food," she said. "Try to think of something."

The cook looked up and down, and twirled her apron.

"If you'll excuse the liberty I'm taking, ma'am, I should say that master would be able to take his food better if he got something to do. Idle folks is never hungry."

"But your master is not an idle man," protested Mrs. Darwin, indignantly at such a charge. "He is never idle. In my opinion he works too hard."

"Excuse me, ma'am," replied the cook, "but if I may make bold as to say so, I can't agree to that. With my own eyes I see him in the garden yesterday starting at leaf for over two whole hours. Two whole hours! Well, that ain't work, anyhow."

Equally amusing is a story mentioned by Mrs. Walford as being told by the celebrated Dr. Guthrie, of one of his brother ministers' pitted against an up-to-date young man.

Quoth the latter to his clerical friend: "Why do you have such doleful Psalm-singing in your Scotch kirk?"

"Well, you see, we don't think it doleful," returned the other, cautiously feeling his way. "We are fond of our old tunes. And—brightening up—"they are very old, you know."

"I dare say. They are none the better for that."

As was natural, the young man laughed at such a plea; but the minister had not done with it.

"The belief is—mind you, I am only telling you what the belief is among our poor people—that our tunes, our old Psalm tunes, are the very ones that David himself played upon his harp!"

"Are they?" Quick as lightning the other turned upon him. "Are they? Then, by gum, I don't wonder at Saul throwing the javelin."

Queen's Old Furniture.

Queen Mary has been giving her views upon old furniture, and these have come as a shock to London collectors. Some time ago the Queen ordered a clean sweep to be made of the old-fashioned equipments of her private apartments at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, and these all have been replaced by modern articles with the result that the rooms now present an air of lightness and comfort that they never possessed previously.

When asked what should be done with the furniture thus removed, her Majesty quietly remarked that the best course would be to burn it. The Queen has only one hobby, and that is a large collection of old silver.

Curiously enough, there is no one in the royal family who displays any liking for old furniture, though Queen Alexandra some years ago made a collection of articles of the Marie Antoinette period, the drawing-rooms at Sandringham being filled with the results of her researches. Queen Victoria, on the other hand, was greatly devoted to old furniture of every description and all periods.

Origin of the "Amen Corner."

The origin of the expression, "amen corner," is traced to England, where prior to the reformation, upon Corpus Christi day, a procession of the clergy, starting from St. Paul's Cathedral, marching through Cheapside, commenced at the end of the street to chant "Our Father," or "Pater Noster." Along the whole length of the thoroughfare, now known as Paternoster row, they gave voice to this ancient anthem, so timing themselves that the amen would be reached at the corner, which to this day is known as the "Amen Corner."

The 20th century definition of the term "amen corner," however, is nothing more than a lounging place consecrated to the discussion of things and events of political significance and otherwise.

Nearly every tavern, hotel or club of any importance in Great Britain has had or has an "amen corner," and the histories, recollections and anecdotes of the same would fill many a large-sized volume.

Dining-room For Dogs.

The proprietress of a restaurant at Paulton Square, Chelsea, Eng., who found that many of her customers had their dogs at the same table, and in some cases allowed them to eat from their plates on the floor, has established a separate dining-room for dogs. While their mistresses are having luncheon or dinner the pets are placed in a separate room, where they are fed with mutton bones cooked beef, etc. A dog's dinner costs three-pence, and the animal is allowed to select his dish and to eat his fill.

His Ancestors.

An Irish gentleman was once attended by an eminent London physician, who, pausing and looking at him with an inquiring glance said: "I should like to know, sir, if your family have been long lived?"

"Long lived, is it?" responded the patient thoughtfully. "Well, doctor, I'll just tell you how it is. Our family is a west of Ireland family, and the age of my ancestors depended entirely on the judge and jury who tried them."—Strand Magazine.

Lost Hours.

Urging the need for spelling reform in an address at St. Bride's Institute, London, recently, Prof. Walter Rippman said it had been calculated that the English child took on the average 2,300 hours to learn its speech, the German 1,300, and the Italian child less than 1,000. We were giving away 1,000 hours of every child's life to our competitors, and we called ourselves a business nation!

THE HONOR LIST.

New Fleet Street Obtains the News of the New Knights.

The dawn of a new year means a rise in social status for many men who have "made good" in their profession or in service to the state. January the first marks an epoch in their lives. For the "man in the street" the newspapers of that date contain one of their most popular features—the list of honors bestowed by the King. Everyone is keen to read the names of new peers, Privy Counsellors, baronets, and knights.

The list is issued to the press overnight. Strictly, there are three lists, issued respectively from the Prime Minister's official residence, from the Colonial Office and from the India Office. Typewritten on foolscap sheets, and enclosed in the flap of the Royal Arms, they are conveyed by Government messengers to the offices of the London morning papers and to the headquarters of the news agencies, the latter telegraphing the lists to papers in the provinces. Evening journals, as is the case with regard to most official announcements, are not included in the distribution, and every precaution is adopted against premature disclosure.

The lists being received early, editorial staffs enjoy ample time in which to prepare the notes which explain the personalities and record the public services of the gentlemen honored. Later in the evening arrive copies of the special issue of The London Gazette, in which the lists are repeated for official purposes. The Gazette is useful as a check in case of mishearing to the typewritten copy. Alterations at the last moment in official quarters, are extremely rare. Titles have been definitely accepted or declined before the list is issued. If for any reason it should become necessary to delete a name, it would be cut out of the sheet, not run through with a pen.

The notes setting out the records of the recipients of honors are of the first importance. Without them the list would in some cases convey little meaning to the readers. Rewards are given so often to men whose public service has been done quietly that their names are unfamiliar. Hence the task of the journalist is not always easy. Works of reference do not invariably help. Doing valuable work in his own line, the new knight may shrink from publicity. Important service to the state, like the most lucrative practices in the professions, does not always lend itself to widespread advertisement. Very often it is in the public interest that it should not. Hence this fact does not help the journalist called upon to set out interesting details.

Time was when help was refused by the authorities. On one occasion, however, the paper knighted the wrong man. Two gentlemen, both of whom had rendered conspicuous service to the public, and bearing identical Christian and surnames, were possible candidates for the honor, and as the actual recipient was not precisely indicated error ensued.

Once a Pagan Temple?

St. Paul's Cathedral, according to some authorities, was in pagan times a temple of Diana. This theory was rejected by Sir Christopher Wren, who designed the present structure. He believed there had been a building on the spot, erected by Christians in the time of the Roman occupation, which was demolished by the pagan Saxons. It was restored by King Ethelbert in 610 and burned down in 961. The structure was rebuilt in the same year and again destroyed in 1087. A new structure was immediately begun, but not completed for 200 years. It was known as Old St. Paul's and had an existence to 1561. It was partially restored and finally destroyed by the great fire of 1666. The present church was started in 1675 and completed in 1710. It is 500 feet in length and 118 feet broad in the form of a Latin cross. The dome is 364 feet above the ground and 110 feet in diameter.

Hats at Table.

It was the correct thing in the seventeenth century for men to wear their hats at table. "The Rules of Civility, or Certain Ways of Deportment," published in 1673, gives minute directions. Supposing "a person of quality desires you to dine with him," it is prescribed that "when the person invited is sit he must keep himself covered till the rest sit down and the person of quality has put on his hat. If the person of honor drinks a health to you you must be sure to be uncovered. If he speaks to you, you must likewise be uncovered till you have answered him. If one rises from the table before the rest he must pull off his hat."

Winding "Big Ben."

"Big Ben," is the name of the great bell in the Parliament clock tower, in London. It was cast in 1858 and is of immense size. The winding of Big Ben is a tedious performance. The hour weight and the quarter weight have to be wound once a week, the operation taking about five hours in each case. The weight for the quarter is just one ton and a half, and the hour weight is over a ton. The pendulum, thirteen and a half feet long, vibrates once in two seconds and weighs nearly 700 pounds.

A Dry April.

But two-hundredths of an inch of rain was measured at Greenwich observatory in England in April, making it the driest month recorded in a century.

To Protect Miners.

An electric alarm that gives warning when a mine roof begins to move has been invented by an Australian.

Australia Now Second.

As a butter exporting country Australia now ranks second, Denmark being first.

Footlights.

Footlights were first put on the English stage by David Garrick, who borrowed the practice from Italy.

Civil Service Examinations

These examinations are held every May and November and allow persons to enter the employ of the Dominion in Outside Service positions as: messengers, porters, sorters, packers, assistant inspectors of weights and measures, railway mail clerks, clerks in city post offices, landing waiters, excisemen, positions under Customs and Inland Revenue Depts. and post office inspectors' clerks, etc. A higher examination is held for those wishing positions as clerks in the different government departments at Ottawa. A special examination is given stenographers who do not wish to take all the regular examination subjects.

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