

## From My Scrap-Book.

BY THE CUB-EDITOR.

## THE TYPEWRITER.

In the past it has always been the thing to say, when referring to the production of literary masterpieces, "making up the pen." For long that phrase has been synonymous with literature, despite the coming of the typewriter. It continued in vogue. But now, may we ask, what about the typewriter? Is it to be callously ignored, or is it to come into its own? This is a weighty problem, one that cannot be dealt with in a breath, and we earnestly counsel the units of the Newfoundland literati to give the subject careful thought. On the face of it, it is plain that we cannot speak of "taking up our typewriter," for that would be without sense or significance. The prophet of old foretold that the old order of things would pass away, and surely "ink slinger" no longer can we say "ink slinger," "pen-pusher," and the many other expressive words, but in future the act of producing words that will cause the critics to go into raptures 'of style and necessarily be known as "clicking our clicker," or some other equally beautiful phrase. (N.B.—This editorial was clicked on a clicker.)

What's the matter with "pounding the keys"?—(Ed.)

That man who lives only for himself is of a base and ignoble spirit;

generous minds are forward in promoting whatever may tend to the public good.

Selfishness is that detestable vice which no one will forgive in others and no one is without himself.

## IF.

"Oh, if—if—if!" exclaimed the husband angrily. "You remind me of what the fellow who got lost in the woods said to his companion."

"Well, what did he say?" retorted his wife.

"He said: 'Now if we had some ham we'd have some ham an egg, if we had some eggs.'"

## BASEBALL.

A game in which the young man who bravely strikes out for himself receives no praise.

## DISAPPOINTMENTS.

"Disappointments have very serious effects on lives," said Emerson. "They weigh on some with terrible effect. Other people cast them aside. They are like many diseases—serious or not serious as the person takes them badly or the reverse. There are mental and moral constitutions that are unable to combat the disappointment and rid themselves of it."

## AN IDEAL ISLAND.

The Island of Ascension, in the At-

lantic, belonging to Great Britain, is unique in many respects. There is no private property in land, no rents, no taxes, and no use for money. The flocks and herds are public property, and the meat is issued as rations. So are the vegetables grown on the farms. When an island fisherman makes a catch he brings it to the guard-room, whence it is issued by the sergeant-major. Practically the entire population are sailors, and they work at most of the common trades. The climate is almost perfect. The island is eight miles by six in size, and has a population of about four hundred and fifty. It is two hundred and fifty miles northward of St. Helena, and is governed by a captain appointed by the British Navy.

## WHAT IS LIFE?

La vie est telle  
Que Dieu le fit;  
Et telle quelle—  
Elle suffit!

—L. Montaigne.

## (Life is but such

As wrought God's will;  
'Tis naught, and still—  
'Tis of too much!)

## CORELLI'S PHILOSOPHY.

The king who amuses himself at the expense and ruin of his subjects is the contemptible person,—not the laborer who digs the soil for the planting of corn which shall help to feed his fellows.—Marie Corelli.

The catacombs of Rome contain the remains of 6,000,000 people.

In Central Arabia a plummet was

sunk to the depth of 865 feet in the sand, without finding bottom.

If a lawyer is in danger of starving in a small town or village, he invites another there and they both thrive.

## THE LOWEST OFFICE.

The day after New Year's Rastus didn't show up for work until quite late. His boss asked why.

"Well, you see, boss, I was taken into the lodge last night."

"What reason is that you should be late this morning?"

"Well, you see, boss, I was elected to an office and I'm busy this morning."

"Elected to an office the night you were taken into the lodge?"

"Yes, sir, I was appointed the Grand Exalted Ruler of the lodge."

"That's a pretty high office for a new man, isn't it?"

"No, sir. Grand Exalted Ruler of the lodge is the very lowest office that way is in the lodge."

There is a law written in the darkest of the Books of Life, and it is this: If you look at a thing 999 times you are perfectly safe; if you look at it the thousandth time you are in fearful danger of seeing it for the first time.—G. K. Chesterton.

There is so much work in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us.

## NO GOING SLOW.

General Pershing was urged by cautious people to "go slow on the subject of prohibition." To this the general replied: "I shall not go slow on prohibition, for I know what is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the bullets of the enemy. So long as I am at the head of the army I shall speak for prohibition."

## SHAW IS RIGHT FOR ONCE.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the well-known dramatist, has some curious notions about the education of boys and girls. He says that he himself was a bad boy at school; he loathed schooling, and could never pass examinations; and now he thinks that children ought to be taught useful things—to jump on and off a tramcar without troubling the conductor to stop it, and so on. Mr. Shaw considers that boys ought to learn the alphabet, "so as to recognise an underground railway station without having to keep questioning people"; but he does not believe in Latin, and thinks many university dons who fancy they know everything only want ten minutes' conversation with a smart London office-boy to convince them that they know absolutely nothing.

## HED REQUIRE GLASSES.

A hungry typhoid convalescent demanded something to eat. The nurse gave him a spoonful of tapioca. "Now," he said fretfully, "I want to read a little. Bring me a postage stamp."

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Can you tell me how to stop babies from crying half the night? My health is breaking down from carrying our's through the long, weary nights, and I feel as if something desperate must soon be done.—Sleepless. Alas! poor Sleepless, we cannot advise you. This problem has not yet been solved by the greatest minds of the age, and millions anxiously await the coveted answer.—C. E.

Where is England?—Reader. Never heard of it. We find no mention of it in our Authorized Bible.—C. E.

Excepting my nose, which is quite pale, all my face is healthy and red. How would you make it red also. P. S.: I would not use powder.—Beautiflier.

We could advise you on this matter, Beautiflier, were we living in pre-prohibition days.—C. E.

## North Sydney Murder Case.

## JURY ACQUITS ACCUSED.

Sydney, Feb. 21.—Wm. Dunphy, as well as Francis Andrea, goes free in connection with the alleged MacDonald murder case. When Dunphy's case was taken up in the supreme court this morning no evidence for the prosecution was offered, and the prisoner was discharged. Dunphy, a former hockey player, was a policeman at North Sydney on the night MacDonald was last seen. He was one of the three persons who were drinking with MacDonald, according to the evidence in the Andrea case. It was anticipated that if Andrea was found not guilty the Dunphy case would also fall through and this was proved to be the fact.

The Birch Grove murder case, in which a foreigner is charged with killing a comrade by hitting him on the head with a chair, was also before the supreme court this morning. The case went to the jury at 12.30 this afternoon, and at 10 o'clock they returned to the Court Room bringing a verdict of Not Guilty. The accused being thereupon discharged.

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## St. David's Day.

St. David is believed by some authorities to be the most truly national of all our British saints. He was born and died on the spot where he founded his cathedral, and his life's work was all centred in the same place. He is said to have been nephew to King Arthur, and was the first Bishop of Menevia, which place took the name of St. David after his death and in honour of his memory. His father's name is recorded. His mother was St. Non, and he was born in a field near St. David's Head, where the ruined chapel of St. Non still marks the place, and visitors may view the "miraculous" spring, said to have issued from the earth to refresh the exhausted mother. David was born in 460, and was educated in the old Celtic monastery on the island of Caldey, near Tenby, and had for companions the famous Bretons, St. Malo and St. Briene. When he became a man he found a monastery in his native place, famed for the severity of its rule. From this retreat he was called by the necessity for combating the Arian heresy. His speech against this "New Theology" at a Synod of the Celtic Church at Llandaw Brefi, in Cardiganshire, confuted the heretics, and the saint was unanimously requested to become Archbishop of Caerleon. This appointment he only accepted on condition of the See being moved to Menevia. Thus the present diocese of St. David's came into existence in the year 519. It has continued from that day to this without a single break in the list of its Bishops. St. David himself lies buried under the high altar of the Cathedral. During the Middle Ages the Cathedral became a resort of the utmost sanctity, owing to the reputation of the buried saint, and was visited by pilgrims from all parts of England and France. William the Conqueror, William Rufus, Henry II., and Edward I. being among them. A medieval Pope decreed that two pilgrimages to the spot should be equal with one to Rome. Under such auspices the diocese became one of the wealthiest and most powerful of all England and Wales. The first day of March is observed by the Welsh in honour of St. David, their patron saint, when, as a sign of their patriotism they wear a leek. Much doubt exists as to the origin of this custom. According to the Welsh, "in the year 540 the Britons, under King Cadwallader, gained a complete victory over the Saxons, at Hefield Chase, in Yorkshire, and St. David is considered not only to have contributed to this triumph by his prayers, but also by the judicious regulation he adopted for rendering the Britons known to each other, by wearing leeks in their caps; while the Saxons, for want of some such distinguishing mark, frequently mistook each other, and dealt their fury among themselves, almost indiscriminately, slaying friends and enemies." Shakespeare makes the custom to have originated at the battle of Creecy. On St. David's Day at Jesus College, Oxford, an immense silver gift bowl, containing ten gallons, the gift of Sir Watkins Williams Wynne, in 1732, was filled with a pleasant liquor called "swig," and handed round to those invited to the festive board.

## Napoleon's Return From Elba.

On March 1, 1815, Napoleon landed at the Gulf of Jona, in Southern France, and the dramatic episode of the Hundred Days began. In many respects the moment was well chosen. It had been maintained that Napoleon's departure from Elba was precipitated by a report that the Vienna Congress had been dissolved; but this cannot have been the case, for he had calculated that, although by deterring his venture "until the Congress had dissolved," he might score a point; yet, on the other hand, he perceived that through delay he must have incurred risk of being watched closely by the cruisers both of France and England. Moreover, he set sail from Porto Ferrajo with a thousand of his guard, during

the temporary absence of the English Commissioner, Sir Niel Campbell, and, after an uneventful voyage, reached the mainland. The only rebuff encountered by him was at the outset, when he sent a party to summon the forts at Antibes, the commander of which made them prisoners. Thereafter, as he expressed it, "this eagle flew from steppe to steppe, until they reached Notre Dame." Labedoyere and Ney brought their men over to him, and later paid for it with their own lives. The soldiers, indeed, profoundly dissatisfied with Bourbon rule, welcomed his return with ardour, and a crowd of officers rushed to carry him up the staircase of the Tuileries, while he exclaimed, "My friends, you stifle me!" But the people, as a whole, remained apathetic, foreseeing only fresh wars and sacrifices. Napoleon himself was under no delusion as to what "they let me come," he said, "as they let the others go." And as they were to let him go, after Waterloo.

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