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### FAMOUS AUTHORS AND THEIR DREAMS.

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Much of Our Best Fiction Found Its Original Inspiration in a Pic= A Reminiscence of Boer War Time, Written for The ture from Dreamland.

Some of the most popular novels in our language owe their origin entirely to dreams, for the wonderful workings of the brain during sleep often furnish material which the author is not slow to turn to good account. Had it not been for a dream 'Robinson Crusoe'' would probably never have been written. At the time the plot was first conceived Defoe was suffering from great mental worry that resulted in his slumbers being broken by incessant night-mares On one of these occasions he dreamed that he was stranded on a desert island alone, and began to work out in the dream a means of existence. So pleased was he with the experience that. Defoe confessed to feelings of disappointment when he awoke, and he hasted to put his vision into

m. was the dream offspring tton's brain, the whole ing before him in the readable form. of Lord Lytton's brain, the whole plot appearing before him in the short space of two hours sleep beviolent attacks of neuralgia. Kingsley, after a hard day's fishing, went to sleep, only to get a shadowy outline of "Westward Ho" in his most of their time elsewhere. with reason that the tenants spent But with evening, there's a change. dreams, though what connection the story had with his sport it is diff-cult to understand. Few people know why Coleridge's entrancing poem, "Kubla Khan," remains un-finished, but this master-piece has a very remarkable history. The poet dreams, though what connection the had just taken an anodyne and drop-ped off to sleep, when the poem be-gan to shape itself in his mind, and the lines to run in rhyming order. It is rough. They have come to patronize the ----Hotel, where When he awoke he rushed to his writ-ing table and wrote out the lines as we now have them, without a sec-ond's pause, but his memory failed him at the conclusion, so the work was never completed. Another fem was never completed. Another fam- -a breezy irony to the conversation, ous poem composed in a dream was -a profane readiness to take hard "The Bells", while the same author knocks and to give them, -a joyous Edgar Poe, formulated one of his finest pieces of prose. "The Masque of the Red Death," during the hours of unconsciousness during the war. Never before, in the of unconsciousness.

"The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll long concert hall, had applause been and Mr. Hyde" probably caused Stevenson more mental trouble than the men whose homes were through the protect of the any of his other works, but a dream out the empire. Never had the pert got him out of the difficulty. He be- and painted bar-maids witnessed gan a story about a man's double, but it appeared so unsatisfactory to In the hall were long rows of inhim that he tore it up, without ban- firm chairs, a couple of bars and a ishing the theme from his mind. One night, however, he dreamed the scene ording to the expectations of the cording to the expectations of the at the window and a few minor in-cidents, while the second night the remainder of the plot followed, and the story was soon on paper.

### SOME QUEER WILLS BY QUEER PEOPLE.

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# ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1904. UNDER THE SHADOW

## **EXPENSIVE FURS** FOR THE WINTER. OF TABLE MOUNTAIN.

Latest Fashions in Costly Wrappings for the Fair Ones During the Cold Weather.

Three thousand dollars for a muff and boa! That is what a woman in New York paid for her furs last week. The boa was sable, flat and wide; one of the sort they call a fur necklace. The muff was a big one, a granny muff.

Another set cost a thousand. It was in ermine and there was a stole trimmed with discs of sealskin. The

Just beyond the drone of Cape- the grey smoke wreaths you could Just beyond the drone of Cape-Town's busiest street, there's a announcement, watch the movement broodish, ancient looking little thor- of his pale lips, and occasionally That a woman is judged by her fur That a woman is judget by an object of a lack of that hoary antiquity to the invariable accompani-the so plainly proclaims its cost and its ment of respectability. Son who knows nothing whatever about furs, the most ignorant creature in the world can tell at a glance to the superannes of the superannes of the superannes of the spectra of the spectr oughfare, scarce a block in length. comprehend a fragment of what he there's a two story stone house,— roomy, and cool,—with wide veran-dahs and with generous doors and windows

can be beautifully cut over and com bined with other materials, or it can be left in its present state and trimmed in an up-to-the-season manner One of the prettiest of ideas is to

rim one kind of fur with another ur, and, in doing this, one can get beautiful effects. Trim chinchilla with ermine; trim sealskin with baby combine Persian lamb and mink, or try any of the other artisic combinations of the seas

tic combinations of the season: But here is a word of caution: Do not use imitation furs. Or, if used, though without visible means of sup-port always had a little earthenware teapot sitting on the hob, from clatter of the dance and kept time let them be frankly imitation.

plush is lovely as plush, but not as After the clamor of applause had seal, and there are imitation furs absided, a blonde young man of that are handsome in their own con-herubic countenance, came to the dition, but which become hopeless when one attempts to call them sab-le, or chinchilla, or otter! Wear salts and senna were excellent to footlights and bowed. He was very when one attempts to call them sabed so clever and artless that you them as imitations, but not as the pour down their small throats.

Those who have scraps of fur can utilize them in various ways, one of who straightway let his dangling fingers the prettiest being the stole of fur. descend on the keys, and there rip- "Use up your odds and ends of fur." is the advice of the furriers

There are collarettes and stoles made by piecing furs together so to come. strong and sympathetic. With the first that they are almost striped. Such collarettes are extremely dressy and They were standing uncovered, while their they make a pretty change. They hoarse voices rose and fell to the can be worn with gowns to match, or it is the fad to match everything this year

The furs must match the gown. This is bad intelligence for the woman who has only one gown and ony one set of furs, both widely different. Yet, if she be a wise woman, she will not despair, but will endeavor to make the ways and ends meet.

Strange Requests to be Car-ried Out. There have been many British will-makers more eccentric than Mr. Mac Caig, the Oban banker, whose last testament will shortly come under the consideration of the Edinburg court of session. Mr. MacCaig, it may be remembered, left instructions

# FIRESIDE STORIES CONCERNING GHOSTS.

An Auld Scotchwoman's Tales and Their Effect Upon a Contributor to The Evening Times Weird and Pathetic Story Told by a Woman in Prince Edward Island, Whose Husband Went Down to Death in the Sea.

It is a curious thing that no one | Prince Edward Island once, close to of a lack of that hoary antiquity fore, in a storm in which hundreds selecting an object

about furs, the most fight are the world can tell at a glance a real fur coat from an imitation fur. And there is no woman but can tell a good fur from a poor one and tall a good fur from one whose vintage is of the long ago. Not that the old fur coat is to be When a small boy in Scotland the "I was looking out over the sea,

only to shut my eyes to be the pairs of stairs, lived all alone and was about eighty years of age. She was hy, very slowly, it drew in to the beach, and I distinctly heard the beach, and I distinctly heard the beach out of the way. about eighty years of age. She was tall, and most supernaturally thin, and had a nose that looked to me to be almost supernaturally long. With-al, she was very hospitable, and ,al-in the was very hospitable, means of supfurther up towards the dry land. had remained on board. As soon as world has ever seen. the dry land was reached he also Do you know: which she was ready to refresh any chance adult visitor. I used the leaped out, and all three dragged the boat out of reach of the waves Then they started to walk towards word adult advisedly, for it was a fixed principle with her that tea was the house, and I, dropping the wood,

their faces as distinctly as I see ments are perceptible, and the min-And so it happened that on three yours now, and as I ran I called my ute details of the uniform can be dishusband's name. Suddenly, when tinguished? they were so near it seemed I could That, at ten as I could visit her, there awaited me a bowl of the aforesaid villainous compound. To be sure, there

was a slice of bread with butter and jam, afterwards, the quality of which was something to dream of in days raged, and the next day. Early on legs and arms are still distinct? After she had done her duty by me

In the matter of salts and senna, with a mind at peace she would sit in front of the small grate and take her the sailors told was that about the be counted? same hour the apparition appeared That, at 800 yards, the men in a As I look back to the lonely woman on the shore, squad cannot be counted, distinguish the quaint old figure in the dim light, with her scanty gray hair tortured with two men capsized in the first At 1,000 yards, into two tight little curls dangling one over each ear. Her clay pipe gust of the storm, and sank before sembles a board belt; the

had a stem barely two inches long The writer of this article never saw readily determined. and was blackened from age and us-age. She had a hard task to keep it going, and as she applied the end of lieves fully in the occurrence of such mounted man usually appears as amel buttons which can be used to the burning paper to the bowl I re- a phenomenon-, and why? Because mere speck

member wondering in a childish way men whom he believes to have been. Yet in these days of can be bands of silk upon the collar which would ignite first, the tobacco accurate observers have recorded that weapons battles are fought

afternoons a week, which was as of-

pipe and smoke

now. I can easily

A FEW POINTS FOR RIFLEMEN.

Estimating Distance Highly Essen. tial to First Class Marksmanship.

Marksmen, or those desirous of earning to shoot may have much usement and at the same time acaire a goodly store of Knowledge. That will be valuable later with a rifle, by undertaking to estimate dis-tances. In the days to come more and more attention will be paid to shooting at unknown distances and to get into the front rank of shooters, skill in estimating distances is trimmed with discs of sealskin. The it is a currous thing that no one the sea shore. The woman I lived in authentic history of ghosts. It with was a widow, having lost her seal. Obtained very easily by first learnessential. Practice in this may be of a stroll through town or country,

the result of which depended the se-When a small boy in Scotland the writer of this article for the Evening Times used to regularly visit an old lady to hear ghost stories. I have only to shut my eyes to see her now. I should judge, 300 yards off when I the dualt is on attice up three pairs of the target of the Evening all at once I distinctly saw my hus-band's boat off shore. It was about, I should judge, 300 yards off when I the target of the evening the distance. After men went to England and won the Then I saw it-was my husband who biggest international rifle match the

That, at 100 yards, all parts of the ran to meet them. I saw all three of body are seen distinctly, slight move

have reached out and touched them they disappeared without a sound." No comment is offered on this

the second day a sorely battered That at 600 yards details can no schooner crept into the harbor of longer be distinguished, though files Summerside, and an item in the tale of a squad, if the light is strong, can

the boat in which her husband was individual movements distinguished? At 1.200

or the end of her nose, and what such things have happened in their tance of 1,000 yards, and it is de After she got her pipe going, she volves round the sun, or that each troops are to be equipped has a max would settle back in her chair and of the planets travels in its own in- imum effective fighting range

choice of refreshments, and then pro-ceed to bear it to you. He had a had come. disagreeable smirk, that lad, and ev- had come

proprietor. you would sit down, and await the approach of a youth, whose duty it was to ask you your disagreeable smirk, that lad, and even en when he had gone, there remained the uncomfortable thought that his leering eyes were furtively devouring leering eyes were furtively devouring

The song shrieked from behind the old world exclusiveness. Few enter, Few pass out. But for the occasion-al presence of a girl idling in a wic-ker chair, you might believe, and her auditors, a smile full of suggest her auditors, a smile full of suggest as they stamped their apiveness, proval of her dancing. Hundreds of faces there were,-

Times by a Member of the New Brunswick Con-

Was Fast and Furious from Dusk till Dawn....

A Cosmopolitan Company.

At the end facing Table Mountain, was saying.

slippery the floor,-more strange and frequent the oaths. Scouts, on furlough from the front. lean and reticent; garrulous recruits soft, and with easy confidence in the future-volunteers, sailors, men from

both sides of the equator heard the to the music

He

cherubic countenance,

could not help wondering at the in-congruity of his surroundings. nodded to the pianist, ed, haltingly around, the room the

prelude to a melody of patriotism. The singer's words rang out, line of the number, all who were able swing of the anthem.

As the national hymn closed,

A corpulent, untidy man, with the men beneath welled more plaudits

in his will that gigantic statues of himself, his brothers and sisters, round dozen in all, should be placed on the summit of a great tower that he had commenced to build on Bat-tery Hill, near Oban-each statue to cost not less than £1,000.

A much more whimsical testator was a Mr. Sanborn, who left £1,000 to Professor Agassiz to have his skin converted into two drumheads and two of his bones into drumsticks.

Songstress or dancer. His volce was volce mist.
Violet mist.
Violet mist.
Violet mist.
Violet mist.
Violet mist.
Wild and faced with blue.
Big blue buttons can be sewed up on the conta can be aced of the placets. Sometimes the would just as a quick, nervous manner and the inner side of the collar can be aced of the placets.
Some Kodama Comes of Good Stock and Has Great.
War Record.
Everybody agrees that the genius of the Russo-Japanese war is Gener.
Some Stress or dancer. His volce was volce and the genius of the placets travels in the owner the inner side of the collar can be aced of the placets.
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