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Rhodes and the Emperor.

The Emperor William of Germany and Mr. Cecil Rhodes had been discussing the Cape-to-Cairo Railway, which at that time at any rate, was to run in part through German territory. The Emperor, who took the greatest interest in the scheme, and expressed his determination to co-operate in its execution, closed the conversation somewhat as follows:

"Well, Mr. Rhodes, my section of the railway will be ready in two or three years, and I should much like to come and celebrate the junction with your system, but, as that will be impossible I will send some one to represent me on the occasion."

"No, sir," said Rhodes, "your railway won't be ready by that time. I don't know, sir, anything about your Germans at home, but those out in Africa are the most lethargic unprogressive people in the world, and I am sure it will take them many years to start their railway."

This was unconventional enough, but there was worse to follow.

"Before I go," said Rhodes, "I must thank you, sir, for that telegram (the famous Kruger telegram). You see, sir, that I got myself into a bad scrape, and I was coming home to be whipped as a naughty boy by grandmamma when you kindly stepped in and sent that telegram, and you got the whipping instead of me."

The other incident occurred at an interview which took place either the next day or the day after. I am not quite sure whether the agreement under discussion referred to the Cape-to-Cairo telegraph or the railway, but the draft was before them, and the Emperor observed: "Well, Mr. Rhodes, I hope you are satisfied with the arrangement."

"Not quite," replied Rhodes, "unless, sir, you want to see Cecil Rhodes file his petition in bankruptcy."

"What do you mean?" asked the Emperor, who had himself given instructions for the drafting of the agreement.

"I mean this," was the reply, "that there is a clause in this document which provides that while your Majesty undertakes to protect the railway or telegraph (whichever it was) against attacks or injury, Cecil Rhodes has to pay the whole cost incurred in such defence. Now, sir, there is nothing in the clause to prevent you from sending a whole army corps for this purpose, and if I had to pay for that I should have to file my petition."

The Emperor laughed, and said: "Quite right," and turning to Count von Bulow (I think), who was present, said: "Add words limiting Mr. Rhodes's liability to £40,000. That's fair, I think." To which Mr. Rhodes replied that he was perfectly satisfied.

I was told by one who certainly ought to have known that after these two interviews the Emperor remarked to a minister: "I have met a man." If he used those words they must have been in conscious or unconscious reminiscence of a saying of his great predecessor, Frederick the Great, with reference to the elder Pitt: "England has long been in travail and has at last produced a man."—E. B. Iwan-Muller in 'The Fortnightly Review.'

The Agony of Sleeplessness

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When Lieutenant Egerton, of the 'Powerful,' and one of the best of the young officers, was directing one of his guns against the enemy, one leg and one foot was carried off, as he lay on the sand bag parapet watching the effect of the fire. 'There's an end of my cricket,' he said simply. He was carried to the rear with a cigar between his teeth, and died soon after.

Spion Kop saw some of the most memorable instances of the cool good-humor with which wounds and death were received. Captain Muriel was shot through the cheek while he was handing a cigar-case to a private, but he continued to lead his regiment until a bullet crashed through his brain. Scott Moncrieff went on after three bullet wounds; it was not till he was hit the fourth time that he was disabled. An even more remarkable story was that of Grenfell, of Thorneycroft's. When he received his first shot he cried: 'That's all right; it's not much.' A second wound made him remark: 'I can get on all right.' The third shot killed him. Buchanan Riddell, the colonel of the King's Royal Rifles, was shot by a bullet through the head as he stood up to read a note from Lytton, his general. When poor Tait was hit on the advance to Kimberley—he had one wound already just barely healed—he exclaimed: 'They've got me this time.'

But perhaps the death which impresses one most in all the long and glorious list is that of Lord Airlie. He was shot down in a shower of bullets from a hidden body of Boers just after his men had finished a splendid and successful charge. A few moments before he had said to a sergeant, who, drunk with the passion of battle, had probably burst forth into some characteristic oaths: 'Pray, moderate your language.' The next moment a bullet had sped through his heart.—'M. A. P.'

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They Stripped Him.

The following story is going the rounds of the English papers. The incident has probably not been heard of before in Canada:—

Some time since there was an election near Montreal. Both candidates were present at a meeting of constituents, and the debate was very heated. The more patriotic of the two candidates eloquently declared that the man who did not patronize home manufactures was an unworthy citizen and ought to be spifflicated. After he had exhausted his indignation, his opponent rose and blandly remarked that he would bet a sovereign that the patriotic one was not wearing a single rag that had not come from abroad. It was a joyous chance, and the meeting seized it and him, and denuded him of everything save his birthday clothes with greater zeal than delicacy, and this is how he peeled: Suit from Paris; underwear from London; shirt and collar from Vienna; boots from Berlin; tie, native. The next day the denuded one was not elected.

Princeton Evolution.

At a recent social gathering in Washington Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton University, told the following story:

"An old Irishman was engaged in the business of chicken-raising near Princeton. One day a travelling man expressed surprise at the use of so much cornmeal at feeding-time and suggested that the meal be mixed with sawdust, insisting that the hens would not know the difference.

A few months later the travelling man was again in the community, and he asked if the new diet had been tried, and what the result had been.

"It works beautifully," was the reply. "See that old yellow hen? Well, I tried her on half-and-half and she liked it so well I changed it to all sawdust, and the last time she hatched three of the chicks had wooden legs and a fourth was a woodpecker."

The handwritings of father and son are often very much alike, although the father has not taught the son. Handwriting, according to Darwin and other authorities, is hereditary, just as much as disposition and other characteristics. The theory is that certain ligaments are inherited, and so we are led to shape our letters in the same way. Sometimes there is a skip over a generation, as with maladies and marks, and the writing of grandfather and grandson is almost identical, whereas that of the father is quite different.

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Curing Clover Hay.

In a recent article I called attention to the desirability of cutting hay at a comparatively early stage of maturity. In this connection it may be of interest to have some notes from that well known farmer and Institute speaker, Mr. Henry Glendenning of Manilla, Ont., in regard to his experience with a new plan of curing clover hay. Mr. Glendenning says that he prefers to cut clover hay when it is in full bloom, or when the blossom contains the greatest amount of honey. Cut in the morning after the dew is off, that which is cut in the forenoon may be raked up immediately after the noon hour, and put in cocks. The mower should not be run later than four o'clock p. m., and all put into cocks before the dew falls. This hay should be put into the barn next day, and well tramped into the mows. This plan can be continued from day to day until all is stored in the barns. Three things must be borne in mind in curing hay by this method:—First,—Do not cut the grass until dry in the morning.

Second,—Do not allow the fresh cut hay to lie on the ground overnight, exposed to dew or rain.

Third,—If any hay should get wet with rain, let it stand in the cocks, until thoroughly dry before taking to the barn.

Last season Mr. Glendenning put up some 75 to 80 tons of hay in this way, and reports that it came out of the mows in the finest condition he ever saw. It was as green as when put into the barn, and the leaves and blossoms were all attached to the stalks. It appeared to have dried out without much heating, as all of the alsike blossoms were pink, and the red clover blossoms were a pink to a light amber color. If and great heat had developed in the mow the blossoms would undoubtedly have been of a dark brown color. No signs of mould were visible and the hay was very free from dust. No salt, lime or other preservative was used.

Two of the mows in which the hay was stored are 22x25 ft., with an average depth of 30 ft. of hay. These mows are tight floored with double inch boards over basement stables. Another mow is 24x36 ft., with depth of about 24 ft. and the floor on the ground.

The outsides of all the mows are of inch boards without battens, with cracks between the boards averaging about three eighths of an inch, just such as are usually found in the ordinary barn. The sides of the mows next the drive floor were open. The hay which consisted of red clover, alsike and a little timothy, was equally good in all parts of the mows. Mr. Glendenning says that he knows of three other farmers, who have followed this system for several years with equal success, and it would seem well worthy of trial by our farmers generally.

Among the advantages of this method of curing clover are:—(1) The saving of time between cutting and storing in the barn; (2) The fact that all of the leaves and blossoms, which are the most valuable portion of the plant, are left on the hay, instead of being lost in the field as is often the case when the ordinary manner of curing is followed; (3) The hay is much cleaner and brighter than when cured in the old way.

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Scott Enjoyed Being Lionized.

Sir Walter Scott is an example of a great man who, so far as we can judge, enjoyed paying the penalties of his greatness even in his hour of death. He was great enough, but then he was that kind of a man, and the circumstances among which he lived were favorable. That was before the day of the penny post, of the electric telegraph, of railways and of the interview, and in his prime he lived at Abbotsford, which is equivalent nowadays to saying that he lived at Joppa. He seems to have been singularly free from the penalties of greatness which have enormously increased since the Wizard of the North went home, and such of them as came in his way he seems to have heartily enjoyed.

He appears now and then to have relished being turned into a rare show and to being pointed at wherever he went as Walter Scott. Indeed this being pointed at seems to have been relished by many men whose greatness was undoubted. Thackeray seems sometimes almost to have resented not being pointed at.—All the Year Round.

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