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## RAZORS AND RAZOR STROPS.

## Was Lady Macbeth a Study of Queen Elizabeth?

To the "Dublin Review" the Rev. Vincent J. McNabb contributes a well-thought-out and most interesting argument as to whether or not Shakespear wrote "Macbeth" prompted by a desire to show a parallel to Queen Elizabeth's treatment of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland, to the theater going audiences of James I.'s reign. After quoting evidence to prove that Shakespear was in the habit of holding the mirror up to Nature in his plays, the writer brings forward the friendship of the poet with the Earl of Southampton, an ardent friend to Mary, who was thrown into prison by Elizabeth and released by James, as an argument to prove that Shakespear had cause for a dislike of Queen Elizabeth. And further:

"According to Malone and other competent critics, 'Macbeth' could not have been written earlier than 1606, three years after the coronation of James, the Son of Mary Queen of Scots. Evidently the play had been recognized as suitable to the circumstances of his nationality and history. Thus we find the king's visit to Oxford in 1603 marked by a play, or interlude, called 'Macbeth,' performed in the king's presence."

The writer gives six points of resemblance between the play and historical events. Of these the following are the most telling:

"It is the only play of which Shakespear lays the plot in Scotland. This could hardly fail to please a Scottish king; and we have seen that this fitness with circumstances had already been recognized by the University authorities at Oxford. The play is based on the murder of a kinsman, sovereign, and guest. Mary Stuart was kinswoman, queen (in the eyes of her adherents), and guest of Elizabeth. The outcome of the 'vaulting ambition' which overleaps itself is that the sovereignty passes from Macbeth to the son of the murdered sovereign; just as the crown of England passes on Elizabeth's death to James, the son of Mary. And we may remark that Shakespear has made many additions to the source of the play, Holinshed's Chronicle. The whole character of Lady Macbeth is the poet's own creation."

As the writer very truly remarks, these are strong arguments in favor of the idea he brings forward, and we must also remember that points which seem obscure now would appear very differently to audiences familiar with the gossip of the day.

## Spelling Reform.

The man walked up to the hotel register and signed his name, with a flourish, "E. K. Phthologyrrh." "Look here, Turner," said the clerk, who knew him very well. "Is somebody on your track? Where did you get that outlandish name?" "Chat" relates the conversation.

"My boy, you're slow," replied Turner, airily. "That's my same old name, written in plain English and pronounced as it is written—just Turner. Look at it. Of course I do it just to make people guess. They wonder about my nationality and the pronunciation of my name. I can hear them talk about it. But as I said before, it's English spelling."

"Will you kindly explain?" asked the clerk. "'Phth,' there is the sound of 't' in phthisis," began Turner; "'olo,' there is the sound of 'ur' in colonel; 'gn,' there is the 'u' in 'gnat'; 'yrrh' is the sound of 'er' in 'myrrh.' Now if that does not spell Turner what does it spell?"

"Well," said the clerk, "it is lucky for me that the majority of men don't register their names phonetically."

Counselor Tom Nolan, the famous Yankee lawyer, was once retained by the defendant in a suit at law brought to recover payment of a gas bill, in which a witness for the plaintiff was asked: "On what evidence do you conclude that sixteen thousand seven hundred and forty feet of gas had been burned during the month by the defendant?" "On the evidence of the gas meter," was the answer. At this the barrister impulsively exclaimed, "I wouldn't believe a gas meter under oath!"

A Scottish gentleman and a youth had spent the whole day on the golf links, and, as is often the case with particularly enthusiastic players, had had some remarkably close and exciting games. As they left for home the old man remarked, "Hey, mon, but it's been a gran' day!" "It has," the youth assented. "Think ye ye could come again on the morrow, laddie?" "Well," the young man answered, reflectively, "I was to be married, but I can put it off."

A small girl who had just begun to attend school recently brought home a pumpkin seed, and told her mother that the teacher said that although the seed was white the pumpkin would be yellow. "And what will the color of the vines be?" asked the mother. The little girl replied that the teacher had not taught her that. "But," said her mother, "you know, dear, for we have pumpkins in our garden." "Of course I do, but we ain't expected to know anything until we are taught."

## The Failure.

A Failure, who had ne'er achieved Self-victory, at last lay dead. "Poor failure?" Thus his neighbors grieved; "Poor miserable wretch," they said. "His weakness was the worst of crimes, He failed at least a thousand times."

Meanwhile the Failure gave to God His vain attempts. Remorsefully And prostrate on the skyey sod, "I failed a thousand times," said he. "Welcome!" rang out the heavenly chimes He strove—he strove a thousand times.

ETHELWYN WETHERALD.

## All Hope Lost.

"Blue! Well, I should say I am. The rich uncle, to whose property I was sole heir, has just—"

"Has just what?"

"Been converted to Mormonism."

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George Saton, a London writer, has published a budget of anecdotes, one of which tells of a fashionable woman who appeared before Pope Leo in a very low-necked dress. His Holiness disapproved of the costume so strongly that he sent a cardinal to remonstrate with the wearer. The messenger made this rather ambiguous explanation: "The Pope, my dear madam, is rather old-fashioned, you know, and dislikes seeing any lady in evening dress. I, on the other hand, who have spent six years of my life as a missionary among the cannibals, am quite used to it."

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