

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Cardinal Manning is godfather to W. H. Gladstone, who is named Henry after him.

Gail Hamilton has succeeded better than most writers in keeping the facts of her life to herself.

Henry George is carried away with enthusiasm for the bicycle. He thinks it the best thing yet invented for man—next to the single tax, of course.

Prince Henry, brother of the Emperor of Germany, recently displayed surprising talent as a violinist at a concert in Kiel. The prince played the first violin in the orchestra.

Herr Windthorst, who died the other day, was generally accounted the homeliest man in European politics. And yet he was the most popular man among German women.

Constantine Canstantinovich, a Russian grand duchess, has been compelled to leave Russia with her two children because she resisted persecutions instituted to force her to join the Greek church.

The Grand Duke Michael, who has, by marrying the woman he wanted, offended the czar, is thirty years of age. He was sent to England in 1887 with a hope that he would fancy a daughter of the Prince of Wales and make a match.

Emperor William is said to be fond of playing Caliph Haroun al Raschid by going about disguised at night to certain liquor shops and music halls where his soldiers and sailors are to be found, in order to pick up criticisms of his army and navy.

When Queen Victoria is travelling by rail in her special train she exercises no deadhead rights. She pays at the rate of \$1.02 a mile, whatever the distance, in addition to first class fares for all the party, servants included. Her saloon carriage cost \$30,000.

Lord Aberdeen is one of the most popular noblemen in Great Britain. He is a democrat both by sympathy as well as principle, and has been known to ride down to his club in a milk wagon when a cab was not handy. He is much sought after in Edinburgh society.

The claim of an Illinois woman to be the widow of "Artemus Ward" excites much interest in his native town. The American executor of Charles F. Browne is Horace Maxfield who lives there, and who knows more about Artemus than any one else. Browne's alleged marriage was never before heard of or suspected, and nobody credits it.

Mrs. Elizabeth Custer, widow of General Custer, is a hard-working literary woman. She has lately gone to Atlantic city, in order to rest and gain strength for writing a series of talks about *Life on the Plains*, which she will deliver before women's clubs and school boys and girls, who are generally her devoted admirers and fast friends.

Mary Gay Humphries, whose versatile pen has brought her prominently before the public, is a brave, bright woman whom it does one's heart good to meet. She is tall and slender, with an unusually expressive face, wears her curly brown hair cropped close, and talks in a fluent, animated way, on almost any topic under discussion.

The czarina is almost entirely deaf. When a courier, carrying messages from her majesty, Augusta Victoria, appeared before the czarina, a lady in waiting secretly wrote down his message on a piece of pasteboard, which was handed to her majesty under cover of a fan, and after she had read it, she answered in quite an unconcerned manner.

Arabi Pasha and his associate exiles in Ceylon have prayed the British government to be restored to Egypt on the ground that the Singalese climate is prejudicial to their health, says a foreign note. The khedive, who was consulted by England, said that their presence in Egypt would be too dangerous for him to consent. Next the medical board appointed by the foreign office reported that the exiles were perfectly well off where they were.

Miss Zoe Gayton is fond of walking. That is the reason why she declared that she could walk from ocean to ocean herself when she heard some friends marveling at the feat of a New York hotel keeper and a professor of penmanship, who had just completed a horseback ride across the continent. She was in San Francisco at the time. Being a woman of her word she started to accomplish her task, Aug. 27, 1890, accompanied by two male companions and two poodle dogs. Miss Gayton took the ferry boat from San Francisco to Oakland, had walked the remainder of the distance; at least, she says she has.

Mr. Gladstone's mode of preparation is often little more than mental. He usually speaks from notes, it is true; but as a rule these are of a very fragmentary description. It is said that the notes for his last speech on the channel tunnel consisted of only three words. Lord Beaconsfield made notes for his set speeches, and many of his happiest phrases, though apparently impromptu, were elaborated beforehand. John Bright, as is well known, used to make notes on slips of paper, giving the line of argument and the facts as they came to mind, and leaving the words to come at call when he was speaking. At the same time he often wrote out short passages, and almost invariably the concluding words. To the ordinary mind Lord Randolph Churchill's method of preparing a speech seems rather laborious. After thinking over his subject for some days beforehand, he devotes a couple of mornings to making notes, which are merely for reference while speaking. His lordship, like most effective speakers, leaves the words to come extempore. Some of the Irish men, however, have on occasions taken extraordinary pains in getting up their speeches. Days used to be spent by one of them in making notes for the discussion on the estimates. Then, thoroughly primed, he could, as the historian of the Parnell movement says, denounce the extravagant wages of a charwoman in the foreign office, or complain indignantly of the bad quality of the mortar used in the last repairs to a royal palace. Mr. Sexton, too, is most indefatigable in getting up details.

Enamelline for smokers use cannot be approached by any other article.

PROGRESS PICKINGS.

An English publisher announces a new work entitled, "He Always Pleases His Wife." It is fiction.—Boston Post.

Two Milwaukee dentists have dissolved after a partnership of twenty-three years. They could not pull together any longer.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Look here," growled the advertiser to country editor; "I ordered my advertisement placed next to reading matter, and you've put it among your editorials!"—Harper's Bazar.

First widow—How is it you draw a pension from the government? Your husband wasn't in the war. Second widow—No, but my father's substitute contracted nostalgia at Bull Run.—Life.

"Jaker, your fadder can't live much longer." "Cheer up, old man; you will live twenty years yet." "Nein, Jakey. The Lord won't take me at a hundred when he can get me at eighty."—Life.

Voice (from the confessional)—Is that you, Moriarty? Moriarty (one of a champion name)—It is, your reverence. Voice—What club have you signed to play with this season?—Life.

"It is very curious," said an old gentleman to his friend, "that a watch should be perfectly dry when it has a running spring inside."

Jack—"Why is dough like a man?" Susie—"Because it's hard to get off your hands." Jack—"Oh, no! It's a thing the women knead."

An old lady who imagined the sea must be dirty because so many people bathed in it, was consoled on being informed that it was washed upon the beach every morning.

Wife (tenderly)—"Do you remember, Charles, how embarrassed you were when you proposed to me?" Mr. Hardup—"No, my dear, I've been so embarrassed since we were married that I have forgotten all about it."

A fond mother in South America, having heard that the cholera was coming along the coast, sent her boys to a friend in the country to escape it. After a few days she received a note from her friend, saying—"For any sake come and take your boys away, and send along the cholera instead."

"I'm sorry to hear, Mrs. Brown," said the minister, "that you were present last night at a Plymouth Brethren's tea meeting. I have often told you that their doctrines are highly erroneous." Mrs. Brown—"Well, sir, their doctrines may be, but their cake with sultana raisins is excellent."

Jones—"There are only two periods in a man's life when he is greatly interested in his personal appearance." Smith—"When do they occur?" Jones—"One is at twenty, when he watches the hair coming out on his upper lip, and the other at 40, when he watches the hair coming out of the top of his head."

A West Indian, who had a remarkable red nose, having fallen asleep in his chair, a negro boy, who was in waiting, observed a mosquito hovering round his face. Quashey eyed it very attentively; at last it lit upon his master's nose, and instantly flew off again. "Yah, yah!" he exclaimed, with great glee; "me berry glad to see you burn your fat!"

An inspector of a school, who was examining a class of boys in history, said, "The losing of a battle had the effect of damping the spirits of the Scots." "Now," said he, "can you tell me what damping the spirits of the Scots means?" "Well?" said he, to a little boy who was cracking vigorously, "Pittin' water in among their whiskey?" The little fellow answered triumphantly. (General collapse.)

"Did you read this, dear?" said Mrs. Grigsby to Orlando the other night. "It's a strange case. A harmless lunatic imagines that he's a grain of corn, and he will not go into the yard lest a chicken eat him. Isn't it an odd delusion?" "Oh, the world is full of such delusions, dear," replied Grigsby. "I know a harmless lunatic who seems to imagine that she's a piece of cheese, and she will fly from a room when a mouse enters it for fear the little creature will devour her."

Several ladies were sitting together on the balcony of a Southport hotel, the other night, when the moon, although full, was somewhat hidden by clouds. A natty little fellow came towards the group, and said, softly, "Pussy, darling," whereupon all the young ladies jumped up and came towards him eagerly. He selected one, and walked away with her. The other brides sat down, and told their respective Romeo afterwards that it was "too ridiculous for anything," and that they "never were so embarrassed in the whole course of their lives."

An old Irishwoman, who kept a fruit stall, had some water melons given to her, which she exposed for sale. A smart Yankee, wishing to "take a rise" out of the old lady, took up one of the melons, and said—"These are small apples you grow over here. In America we have them twice the size." The woman slowly removed the pipe she was smoking from between her lips, and coolly surveyed her inquirer from head to foot for a second or two. Then in a tone of pity she exclaimed—"Be jabers, sorr, ye must be a stranger in Ireland, and know very little about the fruit av our country, whin you can't tell apples from gooseberries!"

When Mr. Jenkins went to his bedroom at half-past one, it was with the determination of going to sleep, and with another determination that he would not be interrupted by Mrs. Jenkins. So, as soon as he had entered the door and deposited his candle upon the dressing table, he commenced his speech: "I locked the front door. I put the chain up. I pulled the key out a little bit. The dog is inside. I shut the kitten out. I put the fastenings over the bathroom window. It is not going to rain. Nobody gave me any message for you. I posted your letter as soon as I got to town. Your mother did not call at the office. Nobody died that we are interested in. Did not hear of a marriage or engagement. I was very busy at the office making out bills. I want a new-laid egg for breakfast. I think that is all; and I will now put out the light." Mr. Jenkins felt that he had hedged against all inquiry, and a triumphant smile was upon his face as he took hold of the gas-tap and sighted a line for the bed, when he was horrified by the query from Mrs. Jenkins, "Why didn't you take off your hat?"

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