PROFITABLE HISTORIES. The Record Made by Macaulay Unbroken in England or America.

Macaulay's History was perhaps the first historical work in the English tongue to have an enormous popular success. Its sale in the first year of publication has not since been surpassed by that of any historical work, and the check for £20,000 paid to Macaulay by his publishers was the largest single check paid to an author tor literary work until the payment made for Gen. Grant's Memoirs. The sale of Macaulay's work in this country was very great, as it soon appeared in several editions. Tae work is still selling well in both Great Britain and the United States.

Two or three of Macaulay's British successors have had great success both in this country and at home. Green's "Stort History of the English People" has almost rivalled Macaulay's history in popularity, and, indeed, may yet outsell it. It has been made a school text book in Great Britain and the United States, and this has enormously increased its sale. Some of the dry summaries that pass for school histories have sold by hundreds of thousands, but they are hardly to be considered in any discussion of the popularity of history as literature. Green's longer work also has sold widely on both sides of the Atlantic, and now the elaborately illustated four-volume edition of the "Short History" is having a remarkable sale for so expensive a book. Green's success is the more striking in that his work goes over ground that had already been covered in works of moderate size by others, and is a signal instance of the value that style may give to a popular history. Froude's "History of England, 'although it ex ends to many volumes, speedily had a large sale on both sides of the Atlan ic, and is still seling, although the method of the author has been assailed bitterly. Freeman, who would not have cared to

be called a Froude, has not had his popuar success either at home or in America, although the "Norman Conquest," standing alone as it does, has sold well in both countries. Lecky has had a good sale on this side-as well as a: home, but Sir Henry Maine and other specialists in history have never become really popular. McCarthy's "History of Our Own Times," a strictly popular work, has nad a great sale in one authorized and many pirated editions on this side. Had international copyright been an accomplished fact before the publication of McCarthy's work the author would have been some thousands of dollars better off. Bryce's "American Commonwealth." which is, of course, descriptive and philosophical rather than historical, has had a large sale here and abroad, and is a very valuable property to both author and

Prescott has had a great popular success than any other American, not excepting Motley His works are still selling in large numbers. Bancroft, although of wide repute, was never really popular, and the aggregate sale of his history in the last torty-five years has been probably much smaller than his readers suppose. Motley had a quick success with his Dutch histories, and they are still in steady demand, as they have been from the time of their publication.

Parkmin's popularity has greatly increased within the past twenty years. His first work, "The Oregon Trail," published nearly fifty years ago, was so unsuccessful that he published nothing else for fi teen years. Trough it stands apart from his other works, it has come to share their popularity. The book was written as the result of a hunting trip to the far Northwest and was not a part of any historic plan. His works in twelve volumes are now selling freely throughout this country and in Canada.

McMaster's first volume attracted much attention and had a good sale. The long delay between the ap earance of the first and the second volume injured the sale of the work as a whole. The fact is that Mr. McMasters lost the manuscript of his second volume on a railway train, and the publication of the volume was delayed while he rewrote it. Of more recent histories that of J. F. Rhodes, and Campbell's "The Puritan in Holland, England and America" have had unusual success for historical works of their length. All of John Fiske's historical works have had a large sale, and the "Critical Period of American History" is one of the greatest popular successes of in American literature. His works as a whole are an extremely handsome property to the publisher, and he is one of the few historians who may count upon a large sale for any work that he may write. The Constitutional history of Von Holst, now at length seemingly finished, and sold largely for so long and serious a work.

All things considered, the best known modern historians, both British and American, have found their work profitable, though probably none on either side of the Atlantic has received nearly so much tor a single work as Maciulay. Perhaps the pecuniary value of historical writing cannot be better illustrated than by the fact that the works, largely historical, of a deceased American author, although the copyrights have all expired, are still esteemed by his publishers the most profitable books on their list.

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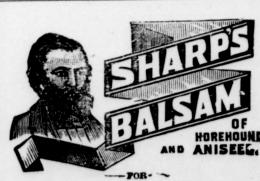


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A Cincinnatian who has lately returned from a tour of South and East Africa told a reporter of a thrilling encounter he had with a gorilla while in that far off country. Said he:

"The evening train had arrived at Lorenzo Marques, Delagoa Bay, on schedule time. But what a night it was; the rain came down as if the very heavens were talling, the wind blew a terrific gale and the darkness which overspread the whole scene was such as I had never witnessed before. It was, bowever, a fitting night to the experience which followed. Stepping from what the Netherlands Railway company term a first-class carriage, I accosted a Leavy-set individual on the platform. "Can you tell me sir, which is the best hotel of this place? I asked.

" 'Well, stranger,' he remarked, 'that s hardly a fair question to ask me, as own both the hotels in this place.'

"I turned over my grip to him and followed a crowd of Africans through tha tropical storm. Dinner was served at the International Hotel, but my permanent quarters were to be at the Central, both of these being owned by Jim Carpenter, the person I met at the station. After dinner an employee of the hotel asked me it I was ready to go to the Central. I replied in the affirmative. He went to the door, and above the din ot wind and rain could be heard his voice yelling 'Sixpence!'

"My belief was that this individual was inging out to some of the natives that a sixpence job was waiting for any of them who would take me to the Central Hotel, but it proved to be the peculiar name of an East African negro. 'Sixpence' came with a 'yap boas.' It seemed as he came that a section of that black night was moving bodily toward me. The instruction was to keep close to 'Sixpence.'

"The route was through a large garden. We had hardly entered the garden inclosure when a terrific scream was heard and at the same time I was struck on the head. In an instant I had my revolver out and fired at my unknown assailant. My enemy grappled with me, but before losing my old of the revolver I managed to fire two more shots. But it was an uneven fight. I received another blow on the head, rendering me unconscious. When I regained consciousness, which was three days later. I learned that my firing of the revolver had attracted the attention of an American who was known at Delagoa Bay as "Texas Wilson.' He told me that he ran out of his house with his gun and lantern, and had hardly gone 200 vards when he came across a huge gorilla carrying me on his back. The gorilla scowled at him, but he was determined to try to rescue me from that brute. After taking a careful aim he managed to shoot the animal without bitting me, and killed him. Then he brought me to the hotel, where I afterward was informed that a big gorilla had been sent to Jim Carpenter three days previous. He had been tied to a tree in the garden, but somehow must have broken his chain, and was waiting for the first comer. It was Carpenter's intention to send the gorilla to the Manchester (England) Zoological Gar-ce as a present."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Uncertain Testimony.

E. B. Green, of Ottumwa, La., tells a good story to the Washington Star about Judge Hendershott, of that city, one of the leading lawyers of the Hawkeye state. "Judge Henderskoot," said Mr. Green,

was trying a case under the prohibition law. An important question was raised as to whether or not a barrel of whisky was delivered to the defendent.

"An Irishman by the name of O' Connor was the drayman, and when Judge Hender shott started to cross-examine him he concluded to frighten him into contradicting his testimony on the examination-inchief. Assuming a dramatic pose and with a stern voice he said: 'Remember, sir. you are on your oath. Remember you have sworn to tell, the whole trath, and nothing but the truth. Remember to deviate one iota from the truth is perjury, and the punishment for perjury is imprisonment in the state penitentiary of Iowa. Now, sir, upon your oath, did you deliver that barrel of whisky to Pat Duffy?"

"The Irishman answered cooly and deliberately, 'Well, jedge, bein' on my oath, taith I couldn't say. I delivered a bar'l at Mr. Daffy's place. On one ind of that bar'l was marked "Pat Duffy," on the ither ind was marked "whisky," but bein' on me oath I couldn't say whether Pat Duffy or whicky was in the bar'l.'

"The defendant was convicted."

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A Washington newspaper tells the following story on Justice Gray, of the United States Supreme Court. He had gone down into Delaware to hold court and was met by a deputy marshal. The fees are not large down in that section and the deputy marshals are not the richest men around. So this deputy met the justice and was ready to walk over into the town. "Where is your carriage?" asked Justice Gray. "Well, Mr Justice, you see, our tees are small, and if I hired a carriage I would have nothing left." "You get the carriage," said the justice, there is an account on which it can be charged. Write to the Marshal in Baltimere and he'll tell you what to do." So Justice Gray rode over to the town and he deputy marshal wrote to his superior. Shortly atter the return of Justice Gray to the city he received a letter from the deputy marshal saying the carriage bill was all right. "The marshall tells me," he wrote, "to charge it up to the account of ransportation of prisoners."

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"Thrue oratory and me gentlemanly instincts often lead me into pleasant fields and the company of conjanial compenions," he began. "I oncet committed most shameful larcenny in the State of Indianny. was tonrin' with a friend, an' we had purneyed as far as Jay county. Now ye can't tell me that the people of a county with such a name can cope with a set of brains from Boston. We had reached the town of Portland. Me friend committed the discretion of becoming hungry an' was arrested. I brought me intillict to bear upon the sitooation, an' k-pt well ted an' free. Now, Portland was the country sate, an the jail had recently been burned to the ground. The Sher ff therefore kep his prisoners in a box car down on the railroad thrack, the same bein' loaned by a conservative company. the which didn't want the prisoners beatin' their way on its trains. Me triend was dumped into this jail; me an' me intillict stayed on the outside.

"I agitated me thinker all day, and by nightfall had planned the deliverance of me friend an' his tellow incarcerates. At supper toime the gyard went away home, leavin' his lantern by the thrack side. It was me intintion to pry the door off the car, an' I was lookin' about fer a prv when I heard a train comin.' I took the gyard's lantern an' flagged the train, which was of the way freight species the hardest of all for a tourist to travel under. The train stopped and the conductor says kind o' impedint like: 'What'a'il d'je shtop this train fer? 'Me friend,' says I, 'this car is bound for Tiffin. O, an' me instructions was to shtop yez an' hitch it on to yer train.' He grumbled a good deal, but hitched the car on, me hanging to the break beam. It was along about 3 o'clock in the mornin' when we crossse! the Ohio loine an' shtopped at a station. I crawled out, broke open the juil door wid a couplin' pin, an' all me laddybucks come forth, free as the air. An' that's how I stole the jail in Indianny. My, but I'm dry."-Kansas City Star.

TWO CUTE FOXES.

Had Fun While Baffled Hunters Wondered Where They Were Hidden

In Outing is told the story of a pair of foxes that, for a time, at any rate, enjoyed the sport of a fox hunt. The dogs jumped them but after a while the trail ended at a

About the centre of the pond was a bent tree, the two ends of which were in the water, while the highest point of the curve, was perhaps twenty feet above the pond. The dogs were working about the pond looking for the trail, and the men were looking too, and they were beginning to teel rather curious, especially as every few moments they would hear a fox yelp sharply. It seemed to be a derisive bark, which it probably was. After a while a movement on the top of the curve of the tree in the pond attracted

"Upon this tree," the account continues, "seated comfortably at the point of its highest curve, was an old dog fox. The cunning logs, then scaled the bent tree, and while we watched he jerked his goodly brush up and down and barked his derision at the whole perforance. After a while we saw his victim seated on an adjicent log. They were simply watching the tutile efforts of our pack to locate them, and likely enough, they enjoyed the experience."

One of the men got up wind from the animals and has scent drove them out. The dogs took the male fox's' trail and drove it at last to a log spanning a ditch on which a man was sitting. The fox did not see the motionless man till close enough to be reached, when, with a frantic leap sideways into the water, he escaped the grab. The race didnot last long then. The wet fox gave off a strong, easily followed scent, and the wet brush was like a piece of leat, so the animal was killed by the dogs while the men rushed in afoot to get a closer view.

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