

THE BIG HEART OF A GREAT MAN

Samuel Johnson Didn't Seem
Pay Any Attention to a
Man Until He Got In
Trouble.

(Chicago News.)

"It seems strange," observed the bookseller as he wrapped up a package of detective stories, "that books by Samuel Johnson have gone out of circulation, while Boswell's book about him is an evergreen. I always keep it in stock, but I haven't had a book by Johnson in twenty years."

"People give all the credit to Boswell because his book is such a success," said the librarian, "but if Johnson hadn't been such an interesting man the book wouldn't have lived. Boswell wrote other things and they died the death."

"It is impossible to read Johnson now. His pompous, long winded style would break the heart of any man. He always used as many words as possible in expressing an idea, and nowadays a man is expected to use as few words as possible and choose words that are not too heavy. Johnson wouldn't use a word unless he had weighed it in the village hay scale and found that it tipped the beam at a ton."

"But he was a great man, just the same. He was naturally lazy and hated to push himself around town, yet he was always running errands to

get somebody out of the hole. Walking was very hard labor for him, aside from his laziness; he was asthmatic, and exertion made him sound like the bagpipes; and his legs were shaky, so he had to go into low or intermediate when he climbed a stairway, yet he was forever climbing stairways to take relief to somebody."

"You remember how he saved Goldsmith's life and secured the publication of 'The Vicar of Wakefield.' Probably that great story would never have been seen the light but for Johnson, and if he had never done anything else of consequence the generations owe him gratitude for rescuing that manuscript."

"Then there was an Italian author in London who killed a man in self-defense. Johnson had never been much in sympathy with the Italian — didn't like him and probably never would have spoken to him if he had not got into trouble. But when the foreigner was in the cooler and public sentiment against him was strong old Sam got busy seeing that he had a square deal. The fat old man went puffing around London interviewing the authorities and raking up witnesses, and never took a vacation until the prisoner was tried and acquitted."

"If a man was prosperous and well-fed and having everything his way, Johnson would bellow abuse at him, and send him away dripping cold sweat, and looking for a hole to crawl into. But let that man be down and out, needing help, and the great philosopher would stand London on end to assist him."

"There was the case of Dr. Dodd. The reverend doctor absent-mindedly committed a forgery. In those days forgery was considered worse than murder as sheep stealing and the unfortunate man was up against it. In the days of his fatness Johnson criticised him severely. But when the law gathered him in the philosopher was tireless in his behalf. After his

PATRIOTIC FUND DISBURSEMENTS SHOW DECREASE

Total Expenditure in Frederic-
ton District for January is
\$4,595— Number of
Cases Decreasing.

Following is a statement of expenditure for the Fredericton Branch of the Patriotic Fund, for the present month for relief and expense.

No. of Cases	Locality	Amount	Ave. per Family
133	Fredericton	\$2,002.50	\$15.05
106	York Co.	1,512.00	14.26
38	Sunbury Co.	557.50	14.67
26	Marysville	396.00	15.23
2	Outside districts	10.00	5.00
305		\$4,478.00	
	Expense	117.70	
	Total	\$4,595.70	

General average per family for district excluding expense ... \$14.68
General average per family for district including expense ... 15.03

The foregoing statement shows a decrease of five in the total number of cases and a slight increase in the average expenditure per family, that without expense in December being \$14.59 and with \$14.92. The total expenditure shows a slight decrease, the total without expense being \$4,525 and with \$4,626.65.

Columbus Circle, New York city, has established itself as the "busiest corner" in all the world. It has been estimated that 40,000 vehicles pass through the circle daily between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.

conviction Johnson got up a petition for his pardon, about a mile long, and presented it to the throne. His efforts were fruitless, and Dodd was hanged, but that was the king's fault.

"I couldn't be persuaded to read one of Johnson's essays, but I keep on admiring the man."

SUFFERING CATS! GIVE THIS MAN THE GOLD MEDAL

Let folks step on your feet hereafter, wear shoes a size smaller if you like, for corns will never again send electric sparks of pain through you, according to this Cincinnati authority.

He says that a few drops of a drug called freezone, applied directly upon a tender, aching corn, instantly relieves soreness, and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out.

This drug is a sticky ether compound, but dries at once and simply shrivels up the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue.

It is claimed that a quarter of an ounce of freezone obtained at any drug store will cost very little, but it is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Cut this out, especially if you are a woman reader who wears high heels.

Slants of Humor

A LITTLE SLICE O' LIFE.

About two weeks ago I went home and

my kid said:

"Daddy, will you please get me an auto sled?"

I said: "No, I will not get you an auto sled."

They are too expensive. Let that settle it."

The next night he said: "Daddy, I want an auto sled."

"You can't have one. Now, forget it," I said.

The next night he said: "Daddy, an auto sled, please."

"Nothing doing," I said; "I am determined."

The fourth, fifth and sixth nights he said the same.

The seventh, eighth and ninth nights The same, only more so.

His offense gathered strength.

"I haven't twenty-five dollars to throw away," I yelled.

"Daddy, I want an auto sled," was the reply.

On the thirteenth night he was yelling it.

"Auto sled," he yelled, "auto sled."

Well, after I went and bought the auto sled—

But why continue?

SOME TOUGH TIMES.

Patience: "And Bob's over in the trenches, is he?"

Patrice: "That's right."

"Having an awful time of it, I suppose?"

"He is that. He's studying French."

WANTED SLICED HAIR.

Tommy, aged three years, had just made his first visit to the barber's and was very dissatisfied upon his return.

"I don't like my hair this way, all in little curls," he said.

"How do you wish it?" queried mamma.

"Why, I want it like Uncle Tom's. I want it in two slices."

WHERE HE SLEPT.

"Mamma," said small Henry, "I don't believe Solomon was half so rich as they say he was."

"Why not?" queried his mother.

"Because," replied Henry, "it says here 'and he slept with his fathers.' If he had been very rich I guess he would have had a bed of his own."

The present grade of Mother's Favorite Flour

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J. R. Monteith

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