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HE WAS QUALIFIED.

The Clergyman's Visitor. Finally Got What He Was After.

"In that crisis," said a theatrical manager, speaking of a stage blunder he had committed, "I made a mistake, as queer a mistake as one that was made by a friend of mine, a clergyman."

The clergyman had advertised for a butler, and the next morning after breakfast a well dressed, clean shaven young man in black was ushered into his study.

"Name, please?" said the clergyman.

"Hilary Arbuthnot, sir."

"Age?"

"Twenty-eight."

"What work have you been accustomed to?"

"I am a lawyer, sir."

"The clergyman started. This was odd. However, as he knew many were called in the law, he was not surprised."

"But," he said, "do you understand the conduct of a household?"

"In a general way, yes, sir."

"Can you carve?"

"Yes."

"Wash glass and silver?"

"I—er—think so." The young man seemed embarrassed. He frowned and blushed. Just then the clergyman's wife entered.

"Are you married?" was her first question.

"That," said the young man, "was what I called to see your husband about, madam. I desire to know if he can make it convenient to officiate at my wedding at noon next Thursday week."

AN ICONOCLAST.

His Views on Visiting the Birthplaces of Great Men.

If you like you may visit the house where Longfellow was born, but I have never myself done so. It seems rather foolish to make pilgrimages to the birthplaces of distinguished men. You are certain to be disappointed. There is Shakespeare's—at least, it is conjecturally his, a wretched, squalid hole of a garret, which only makes you sorry for the poet. And there is the birthplace of Robert Burns, transformed into a peepshow of tawdry "relics." What does it matter where a

man is born? There is no merit in being born. No one who is born has any choice in the matter. He is just born because he has to be. The real thing to consider is what he does with himself after he has been born. I feel a reverential thrill when I enter Sir Walter Scott's noble book lined study at Abbotsford and see everything just as it was when he was still alive—his leather chair and his desk, at which he wrote each morning before his guests were out of bed. But where he was born is of no earthly consequence. Shakespeare and Scott and Burns and Longfellow must all have looked alike when they were babies, rather red and given to squalling and doubtless smelling of sour milk. No; Longfellow's birthplace I will not visit. I like to think that when he was a man he, too, walked on Congress street wearing rather gorgeous waistcoats. But to my mind Portland is not so much an object of admiration because of Longfellow as Longfellow is to be envied because he had the good luck to be born in Portland.—Bookman.

Ice Explosions in Siberia.

A Siberian traveler relates: "At Sadosk in the intensely cold nights the silence was sometimes broken by a loud report as of a cannon. This was the bursting of one of the ice bubbles in the river, a phenomenon I had never heard nor read of before. The streams coming down from the hills were frozen on the surface some six to nine inches thick. The water beneath flowed faster than it could escape, and the pressure, on the principle of a hydraulic press, became irresistible. First the elasticity of the ice was seen by the rising of circular mounds from six to eight feet in diameter and from four or five feet high. The bursting point came at last with a report like an explosion. The water escaped, but soon froze again. I have seen scores of these ice hillocks in a few versts of the river."

Marie Antoinette's Guillotine.

The question is being mooted as to which was the first guillotine. On this point a sixteenth century machine with a silken blade, invented by one Jacques Callot, has been found to decapitate sheep in the most admirable manner. Which machine of the type invented by Guillotin was first put to its dread use is not known, but that used for the execution of Marie Antoinette still exists in Berlin.—London Globe.

"Isn't She a Nailer?"

Although a Scotsman, Lord Linlithgow usually attended the St. Patrick's Day demonstration in Melbourne. At one of these gatherings he related how, as a very young man, he had set out on a tour of Ireland. A Dublin horse-keeper, who fitted him out for the expedition, slyly remarked that perhaps his eye would linger on some pretty colleen who would make him happy for life. "It did," remarked His Excellency, amid general laughter, in which Lady Linlithgow, who is the daughter of an Irish peer, heartily joined. Lady Linlithgow, by the way, was as popular in the colonies as her husband. She is a splendid shot, and at the rifle range her numerous "bull's-eyes" often drew forth the eulogium, "Isn't she a nailer?"

Napoleon and the Cobbler.

On Napoleon's arrival at Mars-la-Tours the mayor, a farmer, tried in vain to make the speech he had prepared. Bowing and scraping, he stood fascinated by Bonaparte's scrutinizing black eyes—an unhappy squirrel in the gaze of the rattlesnake. Close behind the trembling mayor stood an old shoemaker, in figure a true Don Quixote, clad in his working dress. "Why don't you speak, you fool?" he muttered from time to time to his leader. At last his patience gave way. He pushed the mayor aside, advanced, with his left hand removed his greasy cotton nightcap, with his right lifted the horn spectacles from his nose, made his bow and delivered the oration: "Emperor, you are on your way to thrash the Prussian rogues once more. I hope soon to see you return crowned with glory, and I have nothing more to say, but that Caesar and Alexander were botches in comparison with you."

The emperor laughed and inquired of the old man whether he had any sons. "Yes; four are in the army—two of these in the guards." Their names were taken down, and the honest shoemaker soon saw them raised to the rank of officers and found himself provided with a comfortable pension.

Gladstone's Peculiar Eyes.

Gladstone had peculiar eagle-like eyes. At a dinner at which he and Professor Blackie were present the two men were opposite, and when Gladstone gave in a forcible way his idea that Homer was no longer recited, but chanted, the professor cried out: "Mr. Gladstone, I don't believe a word of it!" Then he rose to argue the matter and said one sentence, but got no further. He had met Gladstone's gaze and seen his outer eyelids widened to their fullness in a steady glare, and his tongue stumbled, and he sank back into his chair in confusion. The writer concludes:

"Go to the zoo for it. Take your umbrella. Make your way to the place where eagles, vultures, falcons and such like creatures blink on their perches. Select a bird. Stare at him with insult and you will see the outer lids expand as Mr. Gladstone's did. Poke at him with your umbrella. The filmy vertical lids through which he looks at the sun and opens to paralyze his prey will part, and then you will see what Blackie saw and understand his feeling."

Old Clay Pipes.

The British museum contains a very full collection of clay pipes, dating back as far as the sixteenth century. The custom of waxing the pipe end, to prevent it sticking to the lips, was introduced by the Dutch about the year 1700.

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