

### An Attic... Salt-Shaker

CHATTY WEEKLY BUDGET OF STORIES ABOUT FAMOUS PEOPLE

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I once knew a man who made a practice of writing sizzling letters to those who offended him. Having relieved his feelings he tore the letters up. I am reminded of him by a story about the famous Dr. Kennedy, Professor of Greek and Dean of Ely, who wrote a Latin Grammar which he considered was the last word on the subject—perhaps, not without justification. Later, a friend sponsored a new Latin Grammar and sent a copy of it to the Dean with his compliments.

By return mail the book went back to its writer with this note:

"I send you back your Grammar which you have not hesitated in the depths of your impertinence to send me."

A mail or two later the brow-beaten one got a second letter. It read:

"Dear So-and-so.

I am afraid I wrote you a very hasty note yesterday. The stupid servant posted it; but it was never intended to be posted. My daughter Julia generally sees to these things, but unfortunately she was out."

Speaking of Deans recalls a story about an eminent Dean of Canterbury, renowned for his enthusiasm for teetotalism. He had accepted an invitation to take the chair at a temperance meeting to be held at Rochester, Kent. (Memorials of Dickens!) Instead of alighting at Rochester, however, he absent-mindedly went on to London, and found it impossible to appear at the meeting.

Dean Hole of Rochester—a cheery wit—informed of what had happened to his brother divine, chuckled:

"That's the worst of these temper-

ance folk—they never know when to stop."

And mention of Canterbury gives me an opening to pass along a tit-bit fathered by Sir R. Murray Hyslop, a prominent Methodist, who told it at a recent London church meeting. It is a "special" for boxing fans. An American was "doing" Canterbury Cathedral.

"This is the tomb of Thomas A. Becket," said the guide.

"Oh!" exclaimed the tourist, with sudden interest. "Then he did fight Jack Dempsey after all!"

Which is no less amusing than the one told by Charles B. Cochran, the Ziegfeld of London and one-time promoter of international boxing matches. Cochran, who makes it a rule to personally welcome at the station his foreign celebrities—stage and boxing—went one night to Victoria station to meet Signor Pirandello, the Italian playwright, a series of whose plays he was about to produce. A porter, recognizing Cochran, asked:

"Who are you meetin' tonight, sir?"

"Signor Pirandello," replied Cochran.

"Oo's 'e fightin'?" came back the porter.

There was a fabulous waste of time on the part of many learned students and philosophers of the Middle Ages who believed that they could discover the secret of perpetual motion. declares Stuart Chase (in "Men and Machines"). The law of the conservation of energy was unknown then. About as close to perpetual motion as man can ever attain is a 600-pound wheel mounted on modern Skelco bearings which can be started with the weight of a silk handkerchief. If given a good twist, it will spin for many hours.

A long-lived reprimand to undisciplined parents who couldn't see anything in the young chap their daughter wanted to marry, became effective on October 25, 1764, when John Adams, an obscure young Massachusetts lawyer, was married to Abigail Smith, second daughter of the Rev. William Smith of Weymouth. For some rea-

son Father and Mother Smith did not approve of young Adams:

But Abigail, who always knew what she wanted, not only saw to it that she married her John, but chose the text for her own marriage sermon: "John came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, yet ye say that he hath a devil."

Abby's John became second President of the United States and father of the sixth President, John Quincy Adams.

The year before John led Abigail to the altar, Mary Smith, Abby's older sister, had married one Richard Cranch, evidently with complete parental approval, observes Katharine Metcalf Roof (in "Colonel William Smith and Lady"). For the parson-father preached their wedding sermon from the text:

"And Mary hath chosen a good part which shall not be taken away from her."

When John Adams was in Philadelphia in 1776 "ushering in a fine boy," as he called the Declaration of Independence, Abby wrote to him:

"And by the way in the new code of laws I desire you to remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors were. Remember all husbands would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention are not paid to the ladies we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

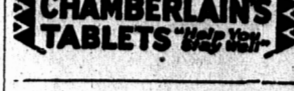
So that's how it all began!

Neither of the Wright brothers believed in wasting words, even upon each other. This was shown on several occasions, chirps Lieutenant Lester J. Maitland (in "Knights of the Air") but one is particularly outstanding because it reveals the practical side of their partnership. In the late fall of 1908 both brothers were on hand when they were presented with the Michelin Prize, about \$4,000, which was given in bank notes.

"Thank you," said Wilbur Wright,

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as he accepted the award. Then he calmly counted the notes into two stacks, gave one to his brother, and put the other into his pockets. Orville nodded. Wilbur nodded. Neither said a word.

In 1907, Wilbur Wright was asked if he thought airplanes would ever fly from New York to Paris.

"No," he answered—being intensely practical and conservative—"I do not believe such flights will ever be feasible. Limitations of motors and wind conditions make them impossible."

At the time Wilbur Wright made this observation, Charles A. Lindbergh was four years old.

Soon after adopting Nebraska as his home, William Jennings Bryan launched into local politics and made some fifty speeches against the Republican Governor of the State. Then one day, he found himself one of the speakers at a St. Patrick's Day meeting at which the Governor was present. Naturally, W.J.B. was a little nervous—a trifle embarrassed.

The program was a varied one—an instrument selection, a declamation, a song, etc. The Governor rose and read from the list prepared for him: "The next number is Mr. W. J. Bryan."

"As I stepped forward," chuckled Bryan in telling the story—it is in M. R. Werner's biography of the Great Commoner—"the Governor advanced and extended his hand. It ran through my mind that he was a kind old fellow. Then he drew me toward him and said in a hoarse whisper: "Do you speak or sing?"

A kindly reminiscence of Robert Louis Stevenson is credited to Sir Charles Wakefield, former Lord Mayor of London, who when in Samoa got to know Louis very well.

"On the day I sailed for home Stevenson, who was far from well, saw

me off," recalls Sir Charles. "Good-by, Wakefield," he said. "Remember, fill your life with laughter and sunshine. That is the best kind of success to radiate happiness."

It made such a deep impression on the future Lord Mayor that he later registered "Cheery, London," as his cable and telegraphic address.

Phil May, famous "Punch" artist—What a genius he was!—was a liberal spender and, as a consequence, was often "stone broke." On one such occasion he went to the office of "Punch" to see if he could "put his paw on any loose sugar" as he phrased it.

"There's a balliff in possession in the front kitchen, and—" began Phil to the kindly cashier.

He was interrupted by that official, who knew his Phil, and reminded that he had once ironically proclaimed the advantage of always having a man in possession—it saved the expense of a valet.

"You interrupt me," warbled May, softly. "Let me finish what I have to say. There is a balliff in possession of the front kitchen, and he doesn't hit it with the fellow who's in possession of the back kitchen. The front kitchen fellow is a teetotaler and the back kitchen chap 'likes his drop.' I wouldn't care, but they meet in the hall to argue it out. This very afternoon, as I left they were both well 'oiled,' and were pulling off their coats to settle the points in difference. The endurance of the artistic temperament has its limit, and—I've left my full-page drawing unfinished until I can compose my mind."

After a prolonged look at Phil, reminiscences J. B. Booth, (in "Old Pink 'n' Days"), and shaking his head sadly, the cashier produced some "sugar."

Which recalls a story about Jimmy Whistler told by Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson (in his memoirs). In the early eighties the noted artist was often very "hard up," but that didn't prevent him giving hospitality to his friends. At one of his celebrated breakfasts at the "Tite street, Chelsea, house, there was much in evidence a "man in possession," otherwise known as "the broker's man." Whistler had taught him to wait at table, which he did admirably, and during his protracted stay he became devoted to the man whose goods and chattels he

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