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CHATTY WEEKLY BUDGET OF STORIES ABOUT FAMOUS PEOPLE — BY — W. ORTON TEWSON

THE STORY of tradition surrounding the origin of the Order of the Garter—most illustrious of English Orders of Knighthood—has it that the Queen of Edward III. dropped her garter at Court. There was a titter among the ladies and gentlemen as the king picked up the garter and rallied the Queen upon what would be thought of her.

WHICH recalls a story about Willy Clarkson, famous theatrical costumer. In the days of Queen Victoria, an amateur theatrical performance was given at Windsor Castle for which Clarkson supplied the costumes, wigs, etc., and himself attended to help make-up the performers. He had finished making-up one of the ladies of the court taking part in the play, and had just stepped from her room into the corridor when who should happen along but Queen Victoria herself. Knowing whose room it was from which Clarkson had emerged, the Queen raised her eyebrows and her face plainly registered pain.

TALKING of Queen Victoria, the Court doctor, Sir James Reid, saw her—at all events for part of her long reign—twice daily, morning and evening, and there was also a weekly consultation with Sir William Jenner. Seventeen times a week her pulse was felt, she was sounded, and she put out her tongue for a physician to look at!

ONE DAY in the middle of winter a friend came to visit Charles P. Steinmetz, the electrical genius, in his laboratory. There was no fire in the stove and the zero weather was making itself felt unpleasantly.

STEINMETZ'S sense of humor took shape in practical jokes. It was a daily sight to see dignified visitors to his laboratory leaping from their chairs or drawing long sparks from an innocent-looking door knob.

ANOTHER of his tricks was played at the expense of the ladies, or rather, concealed ladies. He had part of his house lighted with mercury vapour lamps which made everything look hideous.

ONCE when Dean Swift ("Gulliver's Travels") found no congregation assembled for a regular church service, and the clerk of the church—none Roger—alone was present, in

place of the prayer beginning: "Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us..." he read: "Dearly beloved Roger, the Scripture moved you and me..."

WHEN Sir Michael Bruce—My! what a life of adventure he has had!—skipped before the mast on an American bark years ago for a voyage from Santos to Valparaiso, via the Horn, he made his first attempt at climbing the rigging. His shipmates, already aloft, shouldered to him:

AFTER a few days the host remarked to the keeper: "How's Mr. Cross getting on, Joe?" "Well, sir," replied Joe, "he's missing them better than he did!"

THE greatest of all violinists, Nicolo Paganini, when at the height of his fame and powers—one hundred years ago—was never given a moment's peace by cranks and critics who tried to discover the "secret" of his magical playing.

AT Marseilles on another occasion, Paganini was disturbed by a rustling in the chimney after he had retired for the night. He ordered a fire to be lighted. In a few smoky moments, something black emerged from the chimney. With many apologies this besotted object explained that he was a musician by the name of Abardi, and that he had taken to the chimney in the hope of learning Paganini's secret.

IT WAS Rossini who said: "I have wept but three times in my life. The first, on the failure of my earliest opera; the second, in a boat with some friends when a turkey stuffed with truffles fell overboard; and the third, when I heard Paganini play for the first time."

ONCE when Paganini, Rossini and Meyerbeer—what a trio!—were in Rome together, chuckles Lillian Day (in "Paganini of Genoa") at Carnival time, they disguised themselves as female beggars and went from house to house, and in and out of the cafes, "doing their stuff." They strummed guitars and sang songs, "Carnivale," written by Rossini. Paganini made speeches in a falsetto voice and Meyerbeer passed the hat. Rossini was allowed to rest because, from all appearances, he was in a delicate state of health. Patrons remarked that they did not play and sing at all badly!

IN George Morgan's biography of Patrick Henry is a story of how Henry successfully defended a man who was charged with stealing a shoat.

AND that reminds me of a story told by Sir Edward Marshall Hall, noted English lawyer, who was defending his brother-in-law's gamekeeper, being tried for poaching. The case turned on whether the gun abandoned by the poacher belonged

to the gamekeeper, Marshall Hall shonehow proved that it didn't, and the old gamekeeper—who had known his defender since the latter was a small boy—was acquitted.

THEN there is a story told by Sir Edward Clarke, about a brother lawyer who, cross-examining a prize-fighter in an assault case, said: "What I ask you—and remember you are on your oath—is, who was the aggressor?"

Southern Notes
The recent frost gives us full assurance that the dog days are over.

Mr. William MacKay, of Wood Island has recently gone into the fur business and bought a beautiful pair of silver blacks from Mr. Hugh MacNeill, of Little Sands.

We had in Western Canada a few years ago a renowned rainmaker by the name of Hatfield. What we need now is an earthquake doctor, who can give the cause and cure of earthquakes, particularly the cure.

Cattle buyers from Montreal or other points on the mainland, have not up to this date arrived at any of our nearby ports, and there is little doing in the cattle trade as a consequence. A year ago dealers from abroad made quite a stir in a business which ordinarily is a little slow.

Many of the Guardian readers are curious to know by what process photographs, portraits, landscapes, and so forth are transferred to print paper. A clear graphic description would, I am sure, prove very interesting. Also readers would be glad to be instructed as to the method by which whole books are photographed such, for instance, as old editions of Webster's Unabridged dictionary, which are however, no longer issued as photographic copies.

I regret to state that poultry stealing appears to be one of the leading industries of Port Wood, Little Sands and Hopefield this fall. While this industry is being carried on in the places mentioned, it is not necessarily pursued by the inhabitants. It is quite possible to achieve this business and still reside at a considerable distance from the scenes of active operations. Motor cars lend themselves very conveniently to such taking diversions, which are at once profitable, speeded with an element of danger, and, if safely brought off, highly amusing. But the element of danger is ever present and may at any time blot out all the others and be the only one left. There is the story of the pitcher going once too often to the well. It was smashed into very small fragments and would never hold water any more. People may be taken unaware by sneak thieves sometimes, but if so they are all the more watchful thereafter, and so also are all others who have knowledge of the occurrence.

Mr. Roderick MacKenzie, of Little Sands left his home last Thursday en route for Boston, where he plans to remain for the winter.—H.

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MIRACLES OF MODERN SURGERY
LONDON, Nov. 27—(British United Press)—No branch of science has seen a more speedy or more spectacular development than has modern aseptic surgery. Founded only 65 years ago by Lord Lister's conquest of infection, it has advanced from marvel to marvel, until today the surgeon can:

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Yet with this opening up of every hidden corner of the body to his knife, the surgeon has reduced the

mortality of the operating table. "In a large series of major operations," states W. H. Ogilvie, F.R.C.S., "the death rate is now in the neighborhood of three per cent., and if those for cancer are excluded, the figure is under one per cent."

Describing the reconstruction of the features after industrial accidents, aeroplane crashes, burns and so forth, a development of surgical technique made possible by the tragic experience of the war, he writes:

"Bit by bit, by painstaking shaping and modelling, the missing features are rebuilt, the eyelids by smooth skin from the inner side of the thigh, the eyebrows by strips of hair-bearing scalp; the nose is fashioned from the skin of the chest or forehead and supported upon a framework of cartilage taken from the ribs, till at the end of some months the face is restored to human semblance."

Mr. Ogilvie doubts the possibility of grafting of glands in mankind. While it is impossible to ignore Dr. Voronoff's method of rejuvenation of the transplanted of monkey glands, into men, he contends that his publications "are not calculated

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