

### An Attic.... Salt-Shaker

CHATTY WEEKLY  
BUDGET OF  
STORIES ABOUT  
FAMOUS PEOPLE

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IN a chatty letter written by Colonel George Harvey to Mrs. Harding at the White House during his stay in London as American Ambassador, he openly confesses that he has "quite a crush" on Princess Victoria—sister of King George—and calls her a "true game sport."

"I sat with her at the polo matches," writes the gallant Colonel—the letter is given in the biography of Harvey by Willis Fletcher Johnson—"and at her request said 'Darn!' for her whenever she nudged to me to do so."

THIS explanation as to the origin of the term "Yankee" is in a letter from George Harvey to King George written, "as friend to friend," after Harvey had retired from the Ambassadorship and was back in the United States. Sending King George an advance proof of a sketch of President Coolidge he had written for publication, Harvey says:

"He (Coolidge) is the truest example of the real 'Yankee' (a term corrupted by our Indians from 'Engish,' which they could not pronounce, first to 'Yengces,' then to 'Yangees' and finally to 'Yankees'), who has ever served as President."

AND that reminds me of a story told by Mr. Coolidge (in his autobiography) of the days when he was courting Grace Goodhue—the future Mrs. Coolidge.

"In 1904 Northampton (Massachusetts) celebrated its 250th anniversary," chuckles the former President. "One evening was devoted

to a reception for the Governor and his Council, given by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Goodhue accompanied me to the City Hall where the reception was held, and after strolling around for a time we sat down in two comfortable vacant chairs.

"SOON a charming lady approached us and said that those chairs were reserved for the Governor and Mrs. Bates and that we should have to relinquish them, which we did. Fourteen years later when we had received sufficient election returns to show that I had been chosen Governor of Massachusetts I turned to her and said: 'The Daughters of the American Revolution cannot put us out of the Governor's chair now.'"

ANOTHER of Mr. Coolidge's stories is about his son Calvin—who was a fine boy if ever there was one. "The day I became President he had just started to work in a tobacco field," says Mr. Coolidge. "When one of his fellow laborers said to him: 'If my father was President I would not work in a tobacco field,' Calvin replied: 'If my father were your father, you would.'"

KING EDWARD enjoyed the telling of stories, but there was one subject on which he would not allow the irreverent to trespass. Sir Felix Semon, Court physician, relates in his "Diary" that, meeting the King one day and being asked what was "the latest," he ventured to tell him about a Scottish doctor, who was also a Professor at Edinburgh University, who put upon the door of his lecture room in the University the announcement:

"The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Professor—her Physician in Ordinary."

WHEREUPON the students wrote under it: "God Save the Queen!" King Edward, Semon says, did not even smile. On the contrary his face stiffened and he turned away. The King of the Queen must not be made the subject of such harmless little jokes.

FOR full State banquets at Buckingham Palace, says Michael MacDonagh (in "The English King"), the famous Crown dinner served of solid gold—each plate is said to be worth \$2,000—is brought from the strong-room in Windsor Castle. The laying of the Royal table is a ceremony in itself. First come the "upholsterers," whose duty it is to

see that the table is well and truly placed in the room, and is in fit condition to bear its precious and heavy appointments.

NEXT come the "table deckers," who lay the snowy napery, the knives and forks and spoons and the drinking glasses. The napkins are never twisted into fanciful shapes, being always plainly folded. The Yeomen of the Gold and Silver Pantries then arrange the gold and silver appointments. And, finally, other "deckers" adorn the table with flowers and trailing greenery. Finger-bowls are never seen at the royal table.

THAT Longfellow was something of a business man as well as a poet is glimpsed from an anecdote related by Caroline Ticknor (in "Glimpses of Authors") in November, 1855, soon after "Hiawatha" had been published and was selling madly all over the country, a Boston paper dared to criticize it adversely. Some criticisms concerning the source of "Hiawatha" and accusations of imitation were made by newspapers from coast to coast.

LONGFELLOWS publisher, Fields, was greatly annoyed. One day, bursting into the poet's study, he exclaimed:

"These atrocious libels must be stopped."

Longfellow said quietly:

"By the way, Fields, how is 'Hiawatha' selling?" "Wonderfully! None of your books has ever had such a sale." "Then," said the poet calmly, "I think we had better let those people go on advertising it."

WHILE, duly impressed by the fat checks paid by publishers to-day to popular authors, it is interesting to note that Longman's, on March 13, 1856, gave Macaulay a check for twenty thousand pounds sterling (\$100,000) as his share "on account" of the profits of the third and fourth volumes of his "History of England." And the same publisher gave Tom Moore three thousand pounds (\$15,000) for "Lalla Rookh" before a word of the poem was written.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE, too, was able to command prices which even the popular fiction writer of today would consider generous. On one famous occasion Trollope coolly offered to decide, the question of a thousand pounds (\$5,000) in dispute with a publisher by tossing for it.

SOON after George Bernard Shaw had written his comedy "You Never Can Tell," he met Charles Hawtrey, the actor-manager.

"If produce your play," said Hawtrey. "No, you won't." "But I will," replied Hawtrey. "I think it is awfully clever." "There are some days when I think it is," said Shaw, "and others when I think it is not. This is one of the days when I think it is not."

WHICH recalls a conversation I once overheard at the box-office window of a theatre where a Shaw season was in progress. The play for that night was "You Never Can Tell." The man ahead of me in the line had reached the ticket window.

"What's on tonight?" he asked. "You Never Can Tell," came the answer.

"That's a fine way of doing business!" said the disgusted playgoer.

"I WAS once at an international dinner at a legation," recalls George Horne (in his "Recollections: Grave and Gay") "at which the guest of honor was an American Congressman, a famous raconteur. He told, with much detail, a story of a farmer who had two sons, one good and prudent, the other a spendthrift. On his death he left the farm to the good young man, and the other brought legal action to break the will. The suit lasted for years, the lawyers' fees eating up the property, until the fences, house and barns became dilapidated.

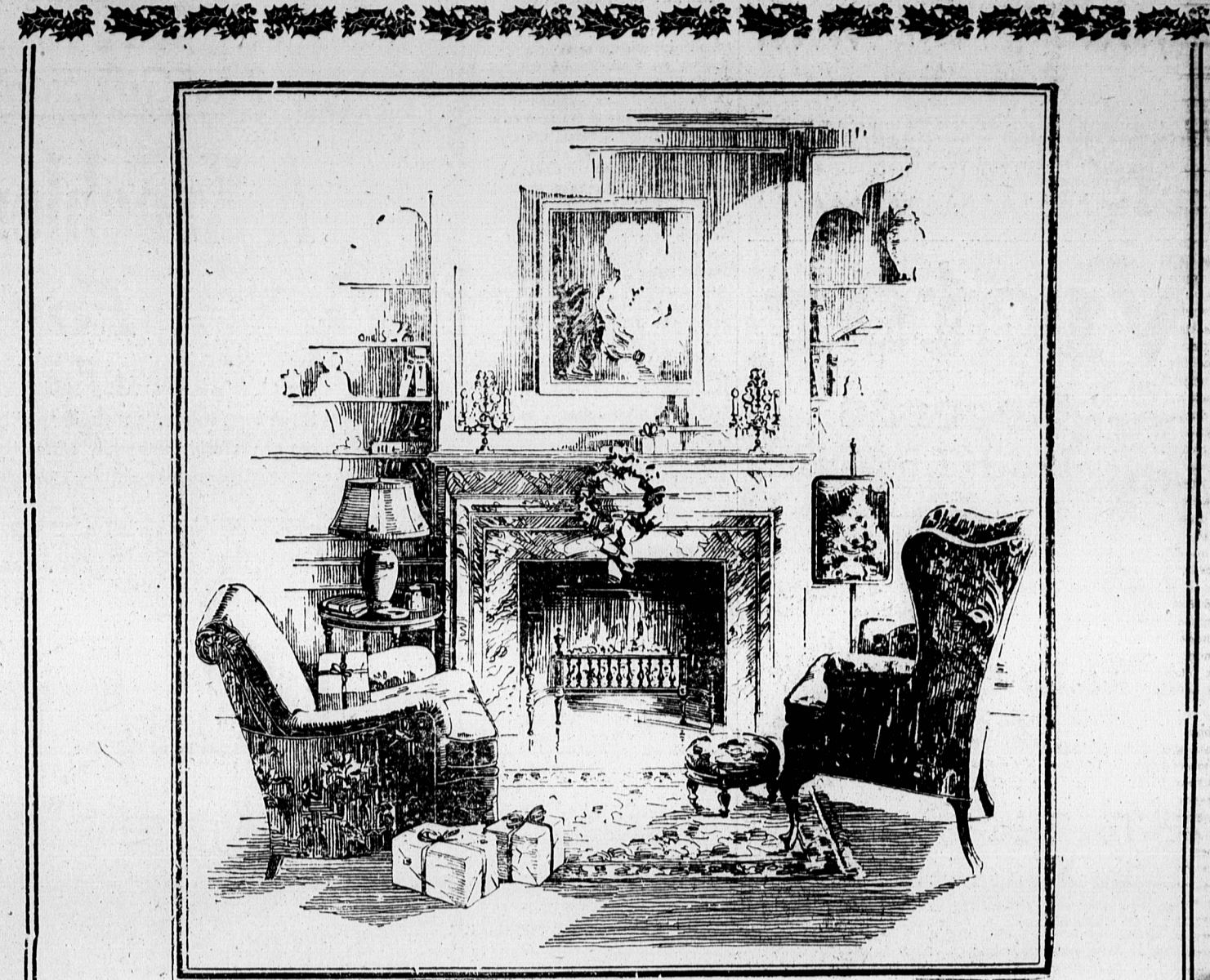
"ONE evening, the owner of the farm, sitting on his porch and looking out over his mortgaged fields, murmured:

"When I think of it all, I'm sometimes almost sorry that Pa died."

"The titter that broke out among the few Americans present was quickly suppressed by the look of horror on the faces of others, and the remark of a serious-minded Frenchman:

"I have always understood," he said, "that respect for parents was not so thoroughly inculcated in the minds of children in America, as in other countries."

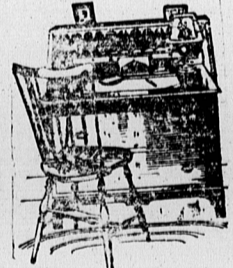
SOME years ago, Sir Frederick



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