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BICENTENARY OF COMPOSER OF "RULE BRITANNIA"

Dr. Thomas Arne Was Born Two Hundred Years Ago, March 12 And Died in 1778.

Two hundred years ago (March 12), there was born over an upholsterer's shop, in King Street, Covent Garden, London, a child with an innate gift of music, which found its most enduring expression in a song that has become—and seems destined to remain—"the political hymn of this country," "Rule Britannia, Britannia Rules the Waves." He was Dr. Thomas Arne, musical composer.

A movement has been initiated for erecting a memorial of the composer in St. Paul's Church in Covent Garden, where Dr. Arne was baptised, and near which he resided practically his whole lifetime.

To few men is it given to obtain full recognition of their genius or talent from their contemporaries; and Dr. Arne was no exception to this rule. According to his biographers his works were never sufficiently appreciated, and for his livelihood he had to depend in a great measure on the precarious pittance he earned as a musical hack.

His father, in this he showed no little ingenuity. Late at night, after he made certain that the household had retired to rest, he laid would practice on a spinet he had wretchedly conveyed to his room, the strings of which he muffled with handkerchiefs.

But the moment arrived when the talents of the budding maestro could not be longer concealed from his parents. There followed an explosion of wrath on the part of the worthy tradesman, who had already mapped out the boy's career, and intended him for the law.

Henceforth young Arne plunged with feverish excitement into musical composition. He successfully wrote music for Addison's opera, "Rosamond," and for a version of Fielding's "Tom Thumb," and produced at the Haymarket the musical comedy, "Dido and Aeneas," a revival of which was, by the way, given a few weeks ago at Hampstead.

HEIR APPARENT TO BRITISH THRONE CORNWALL'S DUKE

The Title Borne By King George's Eldest Son Has History That is Interesting.

Through King George's accession to the throne, his eldest son, Prince Edward, who will be sixteen years old in June and who is known in his family circle by the nickname of "David," becomes ipso facto, Duke of Cornwall. Moreover, he could, if he wished, in spite of being a mere boy, take his seat in the House of Lords, since by statute the Dukes of Cornwall, no matter how tender their years, are always of age.

Contrary to the popular impression the dignity of Prince of Wales, as borne by the British heir apparent, is older than that of the Duke of Cornwall. Edward I. was the first King of England to create his eldest son Prince of Wales, with the object of reconciling the Welsh chieftains to English domination after the death of Llewellyn, the last native ruler of Wales.

The Duke of Cornwall's property is not, as in olden times, restricted more or less to the County of Cornwall. In fact, the estates which he now owns in the county do not extend over an area of more than twelve thousand acres, whereas, as Duke of Cornwall, he owns more than fifty thousand acres in Devonshire, nearly a thousand acres more in the neighboring county of Somerset, and a large amount of real estate in London.

On Monday, the 17th, a lecture was delivered before the Mechanics' Institute by Edward Phelan, Esq., M.P. P., on the writings of Campbell and Burns, the Scottish poets. The President, E. R. Humphreys, presided and informed the audience that Mr. Phelan would lecture the following Monday evening on the Irish poets, Moore and Byron.

The Gazette has notice of the appointment of Under Sheriff for Queen's County, and Nicholas Harvie as jailer.

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leases, and until these leases fall in the Duke of Cornwall for the time being, no matter how much he may be the ground landlord and draw money from the ground rents, has absolutely no control over the buildings as long as the terms of the lease are not broken. It is owing to this that the new heir apparent finds himself in possession of some of the most disgraceful slums in the British metropolis, for the condition of which, however, neither he nor his father, nor yet his grandfather before him can really be held responsible.

MULTIPLICATION OF WEEDS. To give some idea of how weeds multiply, it may be stated that a single plant of pepper grass will produce 18,000 seeds; dandelion, 12,000; shepherd's purse, 37,000; wheat thief, 7,000; common thistle, 65,000; chamomile, 16,080; ragweed, 5,000; purslane, 375,000; plantain, 47,000 and burdock, 43,000. The importance of not allowing a single weed to produce seed, cannot be urged too frequently.

THE SECRET OF STYLE. "Good carriage," says a leading authority in addressing a London audience lately, "is the whole secret of style. Learn how to hold your body and how to walk, and you can snap your fingers at the changes decreed by those who make the fashions. Give the woman with a bad carriage the latest creation from the Rue de la Paix, and she will yet look a frump, while the woman who moves with head erect, straight and easy, will look smart in a cheap cotton gown.

BE KIND TO THE TOAD. Few creatures of its size have suffered more from false witnesses than has the toad. It is not true that it causes warts, poisons infants, or spoils cows' milk. On the contrary, it has an amiable disposition, a good singing voice—for those who like that sort of thing—and above all most commendable industry.

STYLISH SCARVES. Scarves are now so essential to style as well as to comfort that it is difficult to avoid spending large sums of money collecting them. They are so varied in color and texture and seem so all important that it is hard to avoid accumulating a large stock of them.

RELIC OF NAPOLEON. Lord Archibald Campbell has presented to the army museum in Paris a curious relic of Napoleon. This is the flag which the latter flew in the island of Elba during his captivity there. The flag is square, white and fringed with gold, bearing three gold bees and a diagonal scarlet stripe.

"ENGLISH WOMEN ARE VERY MUCH THE PRETEIER"

Mrs. Wilcox Says American Woman Not Worth the Worship She Gets.

LONDON, May 19—"English women are prettier than, though not so handsome as, their American sisters," is the opinion of Miss Wheeler Wilcox, the talented American poetess and apostle of optimism, according to an interview in the *Daily Sketch*.

"In America," she said, "it is the national spirit for the men to treat their women folk with adoration, but I'm afraid it is a spirit that is dying out gradually through association with the older nations.

KITCHEN KINKS. To keep lettuce fresh for three or four days wash each leaf separately, tie up in a thick piece of cheesecloth or muslin, put in refrigerator near ice. It will be fresh and quite crisp when ready to use. Do the same with celery.

A REAL OPTIMIST. "Is Jones an optimist?" "Is he? He found a ticket entitling him to a chance in an automobile drawing the other day, and he is building a garage."—Boston Transcript.

FOR TENDER FEET. Baths tender feet in warm water to which a little ammonia has been added. After drying, the feet should be dusted over with boracic powder. Salt water is very strengthening to the feet.

WHEN APPLES BEGIN TO BEAR. It is both interesting and important to know at what age various fruit trees commence to bear, as it relates to the question of profit in setting out an orchard. An excellent authority on fruit culture gives a list of some fifty sorts of the best known apples, which were set out for the purpose of recording the age at which they commenced to bear.

"The tremendous influx of emigrants from all nations is having a decided influence on the way our women are treated today, and with the terrible epidemic of wickedness which has resulted in so many girls being kidnapped and murdered in recent years, cultured and thoughtful people are beginning to see that girls must be chaperoned there, as they have been for so long in other lands."

NEW DEVICE MAKES SHIPS SAFE IN FOG. NEW YORK, May 19—Equipped with a device which, according to Captain Poncelet, her commander, absolutely determines the direction of a ship or land station sending out wireless calls or messages, the *Provence*, of the French line, arrived yesterday from Havre after a passage through storms and fogs, in which the apparatus received thorough tests.

A HIGH COURSE. He—Do you believe in the high education for girls? She—Oh, my, yes! I'm taking lessons in aviation already.—Boston Herald.

LITTLE POINTERS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE. In cutting garments it is sometimes better to fasten the pattern in place by weights instead of pins. Left-over cereals need not be wasted. They are excellent fried like mush and eaten with syrup or honey.

Next. "Man wants but little here below," Thus saith the ancient song, There's one sad thing about it, though— He gets that little wrong. —Chicago Record-Herald.

HENRY V—EDWARD VII. In the first part of "King Henry VII" is a speech easily applicable to the present situation in England. The words Henry the Fifth could be changed to Edward VII, with very little jar to verification or sense. These lines are spoken by the Duke of Bradford:

A NEW RECORD. Ma—Tommy got home from school an hour earlier than usual today. Pa—Why, was he sent away? Ma—No; he wasn't kept in.—Cleveland Leader.

A STORY OF KING GEORGE. An excellent story of his modesty refers to the time when he was a young officer on a warship which put in at Nova Scotia to coal. A prominent American politician was at Halifax when the vessel entered the port, and in hope of seeing the young Prince, he obtained permission to inspect the ship.

P. E. I. ISLAND 63 YEARS AGO

The following were the officers of the P. E. I. Co. No. 2 for the year 1847: Captain, Robert Hutchinson; Lieutenant, James Cairns; 2nd Lieutenant, Thomas Dodd; Pipeman, Silas Bernard, Sam Batt and Hugh McLeod.

OPERA IN PARIS. In an article on the cost of maintaining the grand opera in Paris, the *Matin* says that at the last general meeting of the opera house board a report was presented which showed among other things that the expenses for the season were 4,107,436 francs.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP. There is a feeling that delights the mind To space nor region is its reign confined: The warlike Indian oft has owned its sway And hailed its beams as those of rising day.

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