

Creations of Dickens

Real to the Author

Many of Charles Dickens' creations were worse than nightmares, as all strong characters in fiction must necessarily be. They were daymares. They were with him in his long mechanical walks, governed by milestones and timed by a stop-watch. He was glad of a congenial companion to exercise these spirits. They came back to him in the evening, and in the dead of night they often moved him to rise and walk that long tramp's tramp of 27 miles from Tavistock square to Gadshill through the mists of early morning.

In writing his strongest characters Dickens always acted them. He could hardly do otherwise with his dramatic temperament and the dramatic nature of his works. Why more dramas have never been manufactured out of these works is found in the fact that they contained too much dramatic and "objective" material than too little.

From this creation of dramatic fiction the step to dramatic recitation was easy and simple. It was always a mistake to call these efforts "readings." They were the most dramatic of recitations. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Old Women" Accorded Place as Physicians

Benjamin Franklin related a story, which was recorded and preserved by Thomas Jefferson, which throws a curious light on the doctors of his day the Pathfinder Magazine recalls.

"When I was in London," said Franklin, "there was a weekly club of physicians of which Sir John Pringle was president, and I was invited by my friend, Doctor Fothergill, to attend when convenient. I happened to be there when the question to be considered was whether physicians had, on the whole, done more good or harm? The young members, particularly, having discussed it very learnedly and eloquently till the subject was exhausted, one of them observed to Sir John Pringle that though it was not usual for the president to take part in debate, yet they were desirous to know his opinion on the question. He said they must first tell him whether, under the appellation of 'physicians' they meant to include old women; if they did he thought they had done more good than harm; otherwise, more harm than good."

Bathed in Bathing Suits

The shortage of baths in big country houses of Victorian times was still more noticeable in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Mrs. Montagu, the famous "Queen of the Blue Stockings," proclaimed with triumph: "My bathtub is ready for me, so tomorrow I shall go in." But there was a difficulty. "Pray look for my bathing dress," she ordered. "Till then I must go in in chemise and japon."

Miss Dorothea Gregory wrote from Edinburgh: "I find there a cold bath in the house. Miss Gordon thinks I shall do well to make use of it, but as I was not aware of such a thing being in the house I did not bring my bathing dress with me." In those days a cold bath was not a thing to be taken lightly or immodestly. — Manchester Guardian.

Early Wine Making

The actual making of wine in ancient times does not appear to have differed very much in principle from the methods obtaining at the present day. Plastering appears to have been known at an early date and when the juice of the grape was too thin for the production of a good wine it was occasionally boiled down with a view to concentration. The first wine receptacles were made of skins or hides treated with oil or resin to make them impervious. Later earthenware vessels were employed, but the wooden cask, not to mention the glass bottle, was not generally known until a much later date.

Strange

A Scottish professor had returned from a long walk and his feet were very sore. He was told the best thing to do was to bathe them in hot water. This he did. Then in the ordinary course of events, he proceeded to dry his feet. He dried one foot, then, without the slightest regard as to what he was doing, put it back in the basin. He then proceeded to dry the other foot, which he also redipped in the basin.

This went on for some time. Then he began to get puzzled.

"Good gracious!" he muttered at last; "I didn't know I had so many feet."

Inhuman Affiliation

Comprachicos was the name adopted by a nomadic affiliation famous in the Seventeenth century in Europe. This band of persons made a practice of buying and selling children. These children were by means of surgical operations deformed and disfigured so that they assumed certain peculiarities which provided the humor demanded at the time. The organization had its own laws, oaths and formulas, and was found principally in England, Spain, France and Germany. The name is a compound Spanish word meaning buyers of little ones.

Moliere Unhappy in His Choice of Mate

Moliere, the great French dramatist, was for a long time in love with Madeleine Bejart, who had accompanied him on his provincial tours, but when he married his bride was Armande, a younger sister of Madeleine.

Armande was twenty years old and Moliere was forty. She was an actress like her sister, and while she was fascinating she was not exactly beautiful. Though it is difficult to get at the truth of Moliere's married life, it is known that Moliere was not very happy. Undoubtedly his wife aroused his jealousy by her eagerness for admiration and her enjoyment of flirtations.

But whether he had deep reason for jealousy, it is impossible to be sure, though many biographers have attacked Armande's character. Three children were born, but Moliere and his wife failed to get on well together and finally they separated. They were reunited, however, shortly before the dramatist's death. The night of February 17, 1673, he struggled through a performance at the theater and then was sent home desperately ill. Before his wife could reach his bedside he was dead. — Detroit News.

Chinese Wall Paper of Exquisite Design

There must be in various parts of England a good deal of old Chinese wall paper such as that which the duke of Atholl recently sold at Sotheby's.

In the eighteenth century a lot of this wonderfully painted wall paper was brought from China for decorating houses, and possibly some of it has been stored away and never used, as in the case of the 24 rolls which the duke has just sold. These were unrolled, and found just as they came from the East years ago. This Chinese paper is very beautiful, mostly with long-tailed pheasants and other brilliantly hued birds interspersed among bright flowers and green foliage, and the colors remain remarkably fresh and unfaded after being hung a century.

It is said that at Logie house, Aberdeenshire, the seat of Col. George Milne, there is some of this exquisite Oriental wall paper as good as ever it was.

A Rapid Sightseer

All records for rapid sightseeing were beaten recently when a visitor from Detroit did 4,000 pictures in the National Gallery, London, representing six centuries of painting, in twenty-seven minutes, beating by seven minutes the previous record made in 1925 by a native of Buffalo.

The visitor arrived at 12:25 with a luncheon appointment at one o'clock. Since ten o'clock he had visited the Tower, the Monument, the Guildhall and St. Paul's cathedral. He had also done a little shopping in the Strand and, as he remarked, he would have the afternoon free for visits to the British and South Kensington museums and the Wallace collection. — From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

Qualified Invitation

During a purity campaign in London a meeting was arranged to be held at the City temple, of which Doctor Parker, the famous preacher, was then minister, relates Bramwell Booth in his "Echoes and Memories." Some question arose as to whether a certain labor leader, at that time a bold and active figure, should be asked to speak. He had been already approached and had expressed his willingness to come—"but, mind, none of your d-d religion." Some one put it to Doctor Parker at last definitely whether the labor leader should be invited.

"Oh, let him come," was the doctor's reply; and then in his deepest tones: "Yes, let him come, but, mind, none of his d-d infidelity!" — Kansas City Star.

Easy to Please

Mr. Merryweather had bought a new pair of shoes through the post. When they arrived he was entertaining a bachelor friend.

"You won't mind if I try these on now?" he asked his visitor, and proceeded to undo the parcel.

He slipped his foot into one of the shoes, only to withdraw it with a howl of pain. There was a large nail sticking in the heel.

"You'll send them back at once, of course?" said the visitor.

"No," replied Merryweather. "I don't think so. The nail was probably put there to keep one's foot from sliding forwards." — London Answers.

Interested in Milking

Junior was visiting his grandparents at the farm and all activities at the dairy barn were interesting to him.

He was getting a supply of cookies from his grandmother at milking time, and she was not hurrying as much as Junior felt that she should.

"Please hurry grandma," he begged.

"I want to see them milk, and I must get back; they had the cows all 'parked' when I left."

Know Your Subject

Some people do a lot of talking in order to explain what they have been talking about. The trouble lies in undertaking to talk about what one has not sufficient knowledge. Better know more and talk less. — Grit.

Webster Example of Great Man Misjudged

Daniel Webster was constantly accused of intemperance. There is no doubt that he liked good living and was a connoisseur in wines and food. When a strong man dies of cirrhosis of the liver the suggestion of alcohol is likely to intrude itself. It was a drinking age, and Webster can certainly claim no special abstemiousness. But the charges that he appeared in public and spoke when drunk have never been proved and are just the sort most readily circulated and most easily believed.

Writing in Harper's Magazine Gamaliel Bradford says: "To me Webster's love of the sunrise and habit of five o'clock in the morning walk are quite inconsistent with serious dissipation."

"I do not find anything in Webster's religion particularly discordant with his morals. He was a devout church member, frequently discoursed upon religious subjects, and always with gravity and infinite unction. I believe that he was perfectly sincere and that there was not a tinge of deliberate hypocrisy in all this.

"But I do not see the slightest evidence that religion ever took profound hold of him either as a matter of agony or as a matter of rapture. I have an irresistible desire to class his religion with his politics. God offered an excellent parallel to the Constitution, and the Bible took the place of the Supreme court." — Detroit News.

What a Question!

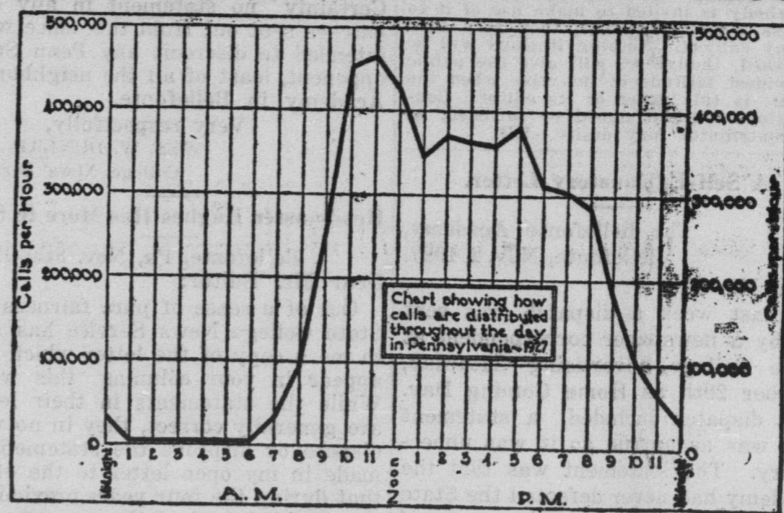
"Where are you going in such a hurry?" asked Mrs. Bibbles.

"Over to John Jagsby's house," said Mr. Bibbles. "He has just telephoned to ask if I could lend him a corkscrew, and I'm taking it myself."

"Couldn't you send it?"

"Mrs. Bibbles," said Mr. Bibbles in cutting tones, "the question you ask me shows why most women are unfit to lead armies and make quick decisions in business deals involving millions. When the psychological moment arrives they don't know what to do with it." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

PENNSYLVANIA TELEPHONE LINES ARE BUSIEST AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK



The greatest volume of telephone calls pass through the telephone switchboards in the State between ten o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon, according to this chart recently compiled by The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. Many business houses profiting by this knowledge, are now placing their own calls at comparatively idle times between nine and ten in the morning, between one and two and between five and six in the afternoon in order to leave their lines free to receive orders telephoned by customers.

Real Estate Transfers.

- Harris Stover, et ux, to Woodward Cave company, tract in Haines Twp.; \$1.
- Rosie E. Musser to Woodward Cave company, tract in Haines Twp.; \$15.
- E. R. Taylor, sheriff, to Charles S. Stover, tract in Potter Twp.; \$5,000.
- Julia L. Hale, et al, to Lewis Stein, tract in Rush Twp.; \$375.
- Lewis Stein to Robert Lingenfelter, et ux, tract in Rush Twp.; \$5,000.
- Hattie Hendershot, et bar, to School District of Spring Twp.; tract in Spring Twp.; \$250.
- Charles H. Rimmey to School District of Spring Twp.; tract in Spring Twp.; \$1.
- Jane Musser, et al, to Albert Eglisdorf, et ux, tract in Penn and Miles Twp.; \$1.
- W. M. Bierly, et al, Adm., to W. A. Brumgart, tract in Miles Twp.; \$4,650.
- Peter Blusky, et ux, to Joseph Blazosky, et al, tract in Rush Twp.; \$5.
- D. B. Thomas, et ux, to Elsie Thomas, tract in Half Moon Twp.; \$1,200.
- Rachael J. Weber, et al, to Paul Mackey, tract in Howard; \$450.
- William E. Keller, et ux, to Charles Bartges, tract in Miles Twp.; \$190.
- Randolph Thompson, et al, to C. E. Bartges, tract in Miles Twp.; \$150.
- Omer I. Miller, et ux, to Ward Parker, tract in Liberty Twp.; \$800.
- Margaret M. Gehret, et bar, to Nellie L. Gehret, tract in Bellefonte; \$1.
- E. R. Taylor, Sheriff, to Paul S. Witmer, tract in Bellefonte Boro.; \$625.
- P. B. Breneman, et ux, et al, to Mabel J. Gentzel, tract in State College; \$1.

- Frank Kobalarchik, et ux, to Andy Kobalarchik, tract in Snow Shoe; \$1.
- G. M. Remley, et ux, to John Gilliland, et al, tract in State College; \$7,700.
- George R. Meek, Exec., to Richard C. Holmes, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$6,700.
- John N. Herman's heirs, to W. D. Herman, et ux, tract in Pleasant Gap; \$1.
- Mary Crozier Witmer, widow, et al, to Frederick Oliver Witmer, tract in Coleville; \$1.
- Mary Crozier Witmer, widow, et al, to Grace Elizabeth Orr, tract in Coleville; \$1.
- Claude Aikens to Carrie E. Aikens, tract in State College; \$1.
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- W. C. Coxe, et ux, to W. C. Coxe, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$1.

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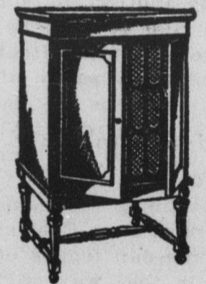
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