

## BARRIE AND HIS MOTHER.

A Loving Son's Enduring Monument to His Dearest Friend.

J. M. Barrie, novelist and playwright and the most successful of contemporary writers for the stage, has never written a book or a play that is not a monument to his mother, a monument such as the pagan author declared he had erected for himself, "more enduring than bronze."

Most of the material which Barrie has woven into his delightful stories of Scotch life and much of that which makes his plays so quaint, so individual and so charming were furnished him by his mother.

Barrie in that extraordinary and most intimate of books, "Margaret Ogilvy," tells how when he had determined to become an author—a decision that gave his simple mother a tremendous shock, as she had made up her mind that he should become a minister—he continually called upon his mother for old stories of his native town and its rugged types, which he embalmed in such classics as "A Window in Thrums," "Auld Licht Idylls," "The Little Minister" and, last and most vivid of all, the new Maude Adams play, "What Every Woman Knows."

Besides being chronicles of what he is familiar with—the true matter of an artist's handwork, according to Ruskin—Barrie's books and plays contain another feature which is altogether peculiar to them. This is that his dear old mother appears in them all. The guise may differ, but this gentle presence is in everything that this most devoted of sons ever wrote. It was a saying in the Barrie household when the young author had begun to receive checks for actual money from a London editor for his stories (and this editor struck Mrs. Barrie as a most guileless sort of creature, even for an Englishman—to be paying good money for what she considered only an old woman's recollections of the humble denizens of an obscure Scotch town) that "Margaret Ogilvy is in it again."

Margaret Ogilvy was the maiden name of Barrie's mother, and Margaret Ogilvy she remained to her death. Barrie has said that, try as he would, he could not keep his mother out of his books and plays. She might appear as the elfish Babbie in "The Little Minister" or as the humorous and shrewd Maggie Wylie of "What Every Woman Knows," but appear she would, and this persistency of his mother to appear was the cause of much good natured chaffing in the family and a

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## FACTS IN FEW LINES

The population of Russia is increasing at the rate of 2,500,000 per annum. In the last half century Japan has recorded more than 27,000 earthquakes.

Although the world consumes a million tons of sugar a month, the production is more than sufficient.

In Egypt as well as in southern Europe the olive crop is a failure. Asia Minor had about half a crop.

Owing to the scarcity of whales the whaling industry is dying out. Only 150 are now caught each year.

Recent excavations in Mexico have brought to light the remains of a man who, it is stated, must have been fifteen feet tall.

The Bulgarian sobranje has voted to tax bachelors over thirty years of age \$2 yearly. The proceeds will be devoted to education.

The Church of England bishopric of Mackenzie river, in British North America, is five times as large as the United Kingdom.

There are only two automobiles in the Turkish city of Saloniki, and the use of a motor car outside the city limits is impracticable.

Accordions, rattles, tin whistles and bugles were recently used as weapons of obstruction in the Austrian parliament. The debate was postponed.

There is only one day in the year on which the inhabitants of Monte Carlo are allowed to gamble at the casino tables. That day is the Prince of Monaco's birthday.

Mongolia, with an area of 1,367,953 square miles, has a population of only 2,580,000, whereas Manchuria, with only 363,700 square miles, has a population of 8,500,000.

Rioting has been common in the neighborhood of the Chinese city of Amoy, following the refusal of natives to obey an order prohibiting the planting of opium popples.

The Spanish cabinet has accepted the British bid of \$40,000,000 for the construction of the new Spanish squadron, subject to some modifications of plans on the part of Spain.

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years the average was only a little over 1,000.

The government of Mexico has voted an appropriation of \$50,000 for a monument to a humble hero—Jesus Garcia, a locomotive engineer. Garcia a year ago bravely hooked his engine to a burning car filled with dynamite and hauled it out of Nacazari, Mexico. He saved the town from disaster, but was blown to pieces himself.

Two Poles employed at a Palmer (Mass.) wire mill made a wager as to who could draw the largest amount of wire in a week. The two together drew seventy tons, the one winning drawing only about 200 pounds more than the defeated one. Each ton of wire had to be handled six times, and each man netted more than \$30.

Booker T. Washington was born near Hales Ford, Va., about 1859. His mother was a slave in the Burroughs family, where she was known as Jane Burroughs. Her husband lived on a neighboring plantation. Booker Washington was educated at Hampton Institute, Virginia, where he graduated in 1875. He taught there until he was selected head of the Tuskegee institute, which he organized.

A Woman on Top of the World.

Mrs. Fanny Bullock Workman, a New England woman, has completed the undertaking of crossing two of the four greatest glaciers of the Himalayas, situated on the Indian frontier. She is the only woman who ever crossed these famous glaciers. She left Hasmir in June, 1908, and completed her task in September. After she and her party scaled the virgin peaks and passes she reached the height of the snow at an altitude of nearly 23,000 feet. After passing several weeks on the Hispar glacier she crossed the 18,000 foot Hispar pass, descending the Biafo glacier, Baltistan, from which province over three weeks' marching was necessary to reach Serinaagar, Kashmir. Her brother, Colonel A. George Bullock, lives in Worcester, Mass. An account of her trip was sent to him by Mrs. Workman.

Discards Hockey for Golf.

Crown Princess Margaret of Sweden, who some day will be queen of that country, has discarded hockey and taken up golf as the more dignified game of the two.

Musical Accent.

"Now, sir," said the barrister to the musical expert witness, "you say the two melodies are the same, but different. What do you mean by that, sir?"

"I meant the notes were the same, but the accent different."

"Accent! What is musical accent? Can you see it?"

"No."

"Can you feel it?"

"Yes."

"Come, sir! None of this beating about the bush. Tell the court and jury the meaning of what you call accent."

"Accent in music is the same as emphasis in speech. If I were to say, 'You are an ass,' the accent rests on 'ass.' But if I were to say, 'You are an ass,' it rests on 'you.'"

This concluded the cross examination.—London Express.

Changed His Mind.

Pinero, the playwright, has the reputation of being a martinet at rehearsals, and actors and actresses who disagree with him are apt to find themselves severely taken to task. During the rehearsal of one of his plays the dramatist was much annoyed by the way in which one of the actors pronounced a certain word in the dialogue. He mildly protested, but the actor would not take the hint. "I have always pronounced the word like that, and I shall continue to do so," he said. "My dear sir," retorted Mr. Pinero suavely, "by all means do as you think best. I would not deprive you of one of your laughs for the world!" At the next rehearsal the actor changed his mind.—Argonaut.

Subtle Self Praise.

Once when Moltke heard himself compared to Caesar, Turenne, Marlborough, Wellington and others he remarked, "No; I have no right to rank with such great captains, for I have never commanded a retreat," which at the same time conveyed a subtle compliment to himself.

Bismarck was equally subtle when he was asked whom he thought to have been the ablest plenipotentiary at the congress of Berlin. "I don't know about the ablest," he replied, with a grim smile, "but the next ablest was certainly Lord Beaconsfield."

## CHOICE MISCELLANY

Disaster and Earthquakes.

"Let us set aside all sentiment and try to differentiate between the disaster as such and the earthquake itself," writes Frank A. Perret, formerly honorary assistant at the Royal Vesuvian observatory, concerning the Messina earthquake in the Century. "Let us realize the fact that if the population of these cities had been ten times as large the disaster would have been correspondingly greater, while the earthquake would have remained the same and the still more interesting fact that if instead of these rubble built cities a large army had been encamped on the spot there would have been no disaster whatever, the earthquake still remaining the same. Years ago laws were passed prohibiting the erection of houses having more than two stories, but avarice led to the building of tall, flimsy structures which would accommodate many families and bring the owners a goodly rental. And yet this was in a well known seismic area, where quakes were of frequent occurrence and a great one might be expected at any time."

He Got His Papers.

While Justice Martin J. Keogh was holding court at Carmel, Putnam county, recently he took up a few naturalization cases. One of them amused the court. The applicant was Ludovico or some name like that. He approached the judge with the air of one who was fully prepared to present his qualifications for citizenship. The judge, having plenty of time on his hands, thought that he would test the applicant's knowledge of affairs, and he began with:

"Well, my good man, do you know in whose presence you are?"

"Yes, your honor," was the reply. "I am before the judge."

"And how does the judge get here?"

"He's elected by the people."

"And do the people also elect the governor and president?"

"Oh, no, sir," was the prompt reply. "The Republicans attend to that."

"You are quite correct," said the judge smilingly as he signed the paper.—New York Tribune.

The Postal Shower.

"What are you going to do with all those postals?" asked a girl upon seeing her chum pouring over an assortment of postal cards.

"We're going to give Tom a postal shower on his birthday."

"A postal shower! What is that?" asked the chum.

"Goodness! Don't you know? We get everybody we know to send a dozen or so postals to our victim on a certain day and sign them all with different names. Now, in Tom's case we will sign 'Lovingly, Molly,' 'Tenderly, Sue,' or 'Your Own Ruby.' You might as well pick out some while you're here. I will give you his address."

"Surely not his office address?"

"Sure! That's the best part of it. Jack got 309 on his birthday."—New York Press.

Women's Gloves.

In a recent divorce case in Scotland it was testified that a lady searching her maid's trunks found 200 pairs of her own old gloves therein.

"Abroad," said a dealer ancient this happening, "it isn't unusual for a woman of fashion to have 200 pairs of gloves. At the sale of the Duchess of Somerset's things over 2,000 pairs, all as good as new, were put up."

"You see, gloves are cheaper abroad. Over there you'll pay a dollar for an article that would cost you two and a half here. But, aside from that, foreign women incline to go in more for gloves—and boots, too—than we do. The foreign woman is likely to be better gloved and booted than her American sister."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Pneumonia.

Lecturing at the Harvard Medical school, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin declared that pneumonia was the most fatal malady in Boston in 1908, claiming 3,000 victims, heart disease ranking second in this regard and the "white plague" coming third. Pneumonia affects all ages, and about 25 per cent of the cases result fatally. It is not usually contracted from a cold, as is generally supposed, said Dr. Joslin, but develops from bad physical or hygienic conditions and from exposure. It is contagious in that one may catch it by breathing in the atmosphere where there is a pneumonia patient in the vicinity.

## HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Get Set! Go!

Unleash the doggerels of baseball. The season is about to open with the usual eclat. Already the baseball reporter is rubbing his facile pen on the seat of his pants, preparing to grind out something like this:

"Smiling Harry came to the bat for the local gladiators. He was a good waiter and got three counterfeits Lanky Jim, who was handling the damp spheroid for the opposing nine finally unwound his superstructure and put the joy pebble to the liking of his merriness. Smiler pressed against the little, comforter for a one sacker out into right truck farm. Smiling Harry tarried not long on the initial sack, but when Lanky Jim was not sitting up and taking notice immediately drug his anchor toward the second depot, which he larcened in safety. The long one showed symptoms of taking on a sky pilot at this time, and Lonesome Jim, the next batter, reached the first oasis via the charity route. However, his narrow lankships took a caucus with himself, and Handsome Ike whiffed the ozone, the understudy for the Singer building occupying the box for the visitors putting like to sleep with three of his fadeaway knockout drops. In the meantime Smiling Harry and Lonesome Jim performed a twin pifer and were safely occupying second and third refuge when the smoke cleared away. Hank the Bite put a fly in Lanky Jim's ointment by acroplaning to the midway pounce, Smiling Harry ambling on to the lowly thatched cottage on the put-out."—Puck.

Its Reason.

"I see the empire styles in dress will be the rule for the spring."

"That's the force of habit."

"Habit?"

"Yes. If you notice, women are always getting back to the empire style. It matches so well with their love of ruling."—Baltimore American.

Progress.

"How is your boy getting on at school?"

"First rate," answered Farmer Corn-tassel. "He's goin' to be a great help on the farm. He knows the botanical names for cabbages an' beans already, an' all he has to do now is to learn to raise 'em."—Washington Star.

In 1920.

"Jeskop died while under the influence of liquor."

"Too bad. He was an aeronaut of considerable ability."

"True. But last night he mistook a chimney for a hitching post, and when the furnace started up this morning he was suffocated."—Puck.

Jays of Being Rich.

"Oh, mamma! Don't you wish you was rich an' could afford to hire a servant to break your dishes?"

"Cure Worse Than the Disease."

"According to this magazine," said Mrs. Biffingham, "sliced onions scattered about a room will absorb the odor of fresh paint."

"I guess that's right," rejoined Biffingham. "Likewise also a broken neck will relieve a man of catarrh."—Detroit Tribune.

Appropriate.

Boothby—Ah, me boy, well met! And what have you been playing of late? Lushington—I've been out with a tank drama.

Boothby—Melodrama, eh? What part did you play? Lushington—The tank.—Cleveland Leader.

Her Constitutional Right.

Gladys—So you've sent Herbert about his business, have you? Maybelle—Yes. But I have since used the er—recall on him.—Chicago Tribune.

Her Idea.

Ida—What's your idea of a properly furnished house? Alice—A dozen packs of cards and a nest of bridge tables.—New York Life.



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**NOTICE OF UNIFORM PRIMARIES**

In compliance with Section 3 of the Uniform Primary Act, page 37, P. L. 1908, notice is hereby given to the electors of Wayne county of the number of delegates to the State convention each party is entitled to elect, the names of party officers to be filed, and for what county offices nominations are to be made at the Spring Primaries to be held on Saturday, June 6th, 1909.

**REPUBLICAN.**

- 1 One person for Jury Commissioner.
- 1 Two persons for Delegates to State Convention.
- 3 One person in each election district for member of County Committee.

**DEMOCRATIC.**

- 1 One person for Jury Commissioner.
- 2 Two persons for Delegates to State Convention.
- 3 One person in each election district for member of County Committee.

**PROHIBITION.**

- 1 One person for Jury Commissioner.
- 4 Four Delegates to State Convention.
- 3 Four persons for alternate delegates to State Convention.
- 1 One person for Party Chairman.
- 5 One person for Party Secretary.
- 1 One person for Party Treasurer.

For Jury Commissioner, applicant must have no less than fifty signatures of members of his party who are voters; for Delegates to State Convention, Committee men and party officers, no less than ten signatures.

All of these petitions must be filed in the Commissioners' office on or before Saturday, May 15, 1909.

J. E. MANDEVILLE, } Com'rs.  
J. K. HORNBECK, }  
T. C. MADDEN, }  
Attest: Geo. P. Ross, Clerk, }  
Commissioners' Office, Honesdale, Pa. }  
April 5, 1909. } 25w4

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