## BANCROFT. THE HISTORIAN.

# he Venerable Scholar Nearly One Hundred Years Old.

dred Years Old. Advices from Washington are to the effect that Hon. George Bancroft, the historian, is suffering from the effects of a recent attack of illness, which, combined with the infirmities of age, keeps him a prisoner, not only to his room but to his bed. The Gordon sotter which used to accompany Mr. Bancroft on his horseback rides sat pensively at the door waiting for the master who will never again mount the saddle.



HON. GEORGE BANCOFT. universities, at the latter of which in-stitutions he received the degree of Ph. D. His parents had intended that he should study for the ministry, but having had a taste of what literary life and activity really was, and shrinking from the dull monotony of a New Eng-land parson's life, he at last decided to devote his whole time to making for himself a prominent place in the world of letters. He held for a short time the position of Greek professor at his alma mater.

alma mater. Interary venture was the His first literary venture was the public for a volume of poems, some of which were very beautiful, on the politics of ancient Greece, which were very well received by American scholars. Soon after this time he opened a very large school for the in-struction of youth. Dr. Bancroft's greatest work, and the one which has given him a position at the head of America's prose writers, is his "History of the United States."



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Jack The President of Hedlah President of the organization, but, as he has been, so far, absent from all meetings and the clubhas not his defi nite address, the Vice President per forms the active functions of manage ment. Under the constitution two members of any profession may be long to the club-two bank presi-dents, two burglars, two preachers, two actors, etc. And the ranks have been nuch increased by additions to membership under this rule. It is in interior decoration, as already said, that the club comes out strong, and by this allusion is not made to



convivial habits exclusively. There are several well-known artists among the members, and they have contribut-ed sketches which are, to use the verthe hences, which are, to use the ver-nacular, simply paralyzers. There are one or two portraits, drawn carefully from imagination, of the absent but honored President, and there are other sketches as striking. The police force of this and other cities have been called upon and have contributed to the mural adornments. Even the fire de-partment has become interstetd, and as for the members themselves they have become collectors with a mission. The banquet-room of the club is L-shaped and the long table round

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name upon his shirt front, but there is current a theory that the ritual is flexible, and that in many cases all ceremonies, save those of a purely con-vivial nature, are dispensed with. Saturday night receptions of the club have become social events of note, and in no instance, it is asserted, has any one present at these reunions failed to return eventually to family and friends. The record of the club in this respect is as pure as filtered water. No bones are bleaching in the alley. The Whitechapel Club, it need hardly be explained, is not an organiz-aiton for gain, though formally incor-porated under the State law. It has a seal and its blood-red letterheads are curiosities. It is a great institution. -Chicago Times.



Then has promised to teach us, peep. Ear of Corn—Wonders will never cease! and now comes the master with a great sack and in I go. The Chicken—Ah, Tm in the gar-den. Tommy forgot to fasten the gate, luckily. Won't I have a good dinner, with all this tender little corn before me?

Inckity. Won't I have a good dinner, with all this tender little corn before me? The Little Corn—Don't scratch us up and eat us, please, Mr. Chicken. We're just beginning to grow, and we're old friends. Don't you remem-ber us? The Chicken—Beginning to grow, are you; so am I. Don't you see Tm nearly half-grown? Hear me crow! (Crows lustily.) There, now; Fve worked hard and Ive scratched up every hill Lould find and ate all the sprouted grain. Don't Jeel well and full: I'll erow again, the other chick-ens will know where I am. There's plenty of weeds for them. (Crows again and again, is heard by the mis-stress at last, who rushes out toward the garden with Rover.) *Rover*-You bad chicken, to spoil the nice garden! Now, yon just keep quiet under my paws or I'll bite you. See, here is my mistress ready to re-ceive you. <u>Monter</u>.

ceive you. MOBAL, And while in the garden the corn lay a-dying, The chicken in the pan was a-sizzling and frying.

Up on Human Nature. "Know the Mayor of this town?" in-quired a man in a plaid cape overcoat of a poleceman on Third street. "Yes." "I want to see him on particular busi-ness. Say, what is his specialty, any-way?"

ness. Say, what is his speciality, any-way?" "How do you mean?" "Why, what's the best way to approach him? who does he affect the most, wealthy classes or literary talent?" "I couldn't tell you." "You see, mine's a delicate mission. I would like a straight tip as to whether it's best to approach him as a representative of an English syndicate or a contributor to the North American Review." "Why don't you go to him for just what you are?"

"Why don't you go to him for just what you are?" "Oh, first impressions go a long ways, you know. I'm selling a patent catarrh nullifier, but it worl to to say so at first, as I want his indorsement. I must strike in as an Eastern capitalist aching to sock a couple millions of dollars into real estate, and from that lead on up to catarrh and the Latinized nasal organs. See?" "I guess your scheme wor't work." "Think not? How would it do to pose as a man from Kokomo who wants to build three cotton mills and a dis-tillery?"

tillery ?" "Wouldn't do."

"Wouldn't do." "Not fetching enough, ch? Say I go in first with a scheme to work over straw stacks into wall-paper?" "Twouldn't catch on." "Well, how would the idea strike him to drop letter carriers and shoot mail into residences by pneumatic tubes?" "Oh, go on." "Wouldn't hit him, eh? I believe I'll



<text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> chambermaid came down in a hurry to inform the clerk that an awful racket was going on up in the garret. As the clerk was posted he said 'All right, I'll see about it.' Just then Spot came downstairs with a handkerchief in his mouth. But I was the maddeest man for a minute you ever saw. The dog's beautiful brown coat was inky black with soot. Didn't I swear? You see, that infernal New-Yorker had hid the handkerchief in an old-fashioned drum-stove in the garret, and then shut the stove door. In getting the door open 'Spot' had overfurmed the stove, but he crawled in just the same and got the andkerchief. I gave a colored boy the dallars of the stake money to wash 'Spot' off." The party of listeners looked at one another in silence, and then sight clerk whistled softly to himself.

In an Awkward Predicament.

In an Awkward Predicament. In an Awkward Predicament. A newspaper man came ont of an up-town theater the other night, between the acts, arm in arm with the manager. "Splendid, my boy, splendid," said the newspaper man. "Sure to draw immensely." "Think so, old man?" replied the manager. "Glad to hear it. Come in here and let's drink success to the star." And they turned into a cafe adjoining the playhouse and speedily brought up before the bar. There they spied a well-known man-about town, whose acquaintance the newspaper man was rather prond of, and glad of the opportunity to show his familiarity with the millionaire, he seized the opportunity to introduce his friend the manager by name, but omit-ted to mention his business. "May something to drink with us." said the pleased manager; "we were just going to wet our whistles when wo saw you. What will you have?" "Well," replied the millionaire wear-informal play next door." Thableau-Disgusted manager, over-whelmed newspaper man and a million-air becoming gradually conscious that he had put his foot in it somhow. "Ma dear sir, let me explain," said the millionaire. "What I meant to say was that I never can endure pathos, and really the star is so pathetic that "Don't moution it," said the manager, "Ta', it, in use to the box-office."

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## He Was Exact.

He Was Exact. "Driver," said a portly gentleman as he crawled inside the conveyence, "can you drive me to the corner of 11th and J streets," "Can I drive you there?" "That's what I said." "My dear sir, I wouldn't be guilty of ruch an attempt, even if I had any sus-picion that it would meet with success, it will, however give me great pleasure po drive the horses to whatever point to drive the horses to whatever point of the stelest and stop the vehicle

Sally Conquered

Salty Conquered. Many of the first settlers of Illinois were rude in speech and rough in man-ner. Money was scarce with them, and service was paid for in produce. Gover-nor B., according to the New York Ledger, used to illustrate these inci-dents of frontier life by the following anecdote: One day when he was jus-tice of the peace there came to his office a young man, accompanied by a young woma. "Beyou the squire?" asked the manly youth. "Yes, sir." "Can you tie the knot for us right away?" "Yes sir."

"Yes, sir." "Yes, sir." "How much do you charge?" "One dollar is the legal fee, sir." "Will you take your fee in b

"One dollar is the logal fee, sir." "Will you take your fee in bees-war?" "Yes, if you can't pay cash." "Well, go ahead and tie the knot, and I'll fetch in the wax." "No," said the squire, thinking there was a good chance for a little fun; "bring in the bees wax first, and then I'll marry you." Reluctantly the vouth went out to where was hitched the horse upon which, Darby and Joan fashion, the pair had ridden, and brought the wax in a sack. On being weighed its value was found to be only about half a dollar. "Wall," said the anxions groom, "tio the knot and I'll fetch more wax next week." "No, sir; I don't trust; that's against the rules of this office." "Slowly the disappointed youth turned to go out, saying: "Come, Sai; let's go?" "I say, Mister," answered Sal, with a woman's wit, "can't you marry us as far as the wax will go?" "Yes, I can, and will," replied the "squire," laughing; and he did.

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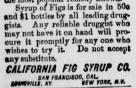
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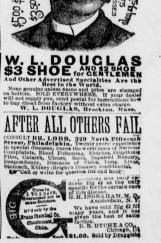
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