

"YES, I'M A GREAT AUTHOR"

Reads, Balzac and Sue Puffed, Their Own Works as Being Fine Literature.

Authors in "the good old days" were not above writing their own puff, a writer in the Bohemian says, Charles Reade wrote a long article on himself for Once a Week, in which he said:

"It is impossible to speak too highly of 'The Cloister and the Hearth.' It is one of the most scholarly and learned as well as one of the most artistic and beautiful works of fiction in any language. Read him. Rejoice yourself to the magic spell of his genius. The effect of 'Foul Play' is perfectly marvelous. It leaves the stories of every other sensational writer far behind."

Nor was Balzac in France, above praising his own works. "If you have not been born a story teller," he wrote in a review, "you will never obtain the popularity of M. de Balzac. And what a story teller! What nerve and wit! How the world is dissected by this man! What passion and coolness!"

But the height of literary advertisement in the first half of the last century was reached in the case of Eugene Sue's famous novel, "The Wanderer Jew." Every little while the daily installment in the newspaper in which it was appearing would be missing, and in its place would be an announcement that M. Sue was suffering from a slight indisposition and readers would be obliged to wait 48 hours for new developments of the narrative. "And all the while Sue himself was industriously abetting the publishers by posting overdressed and with spurs in his boots at the Cafe de Paris in an attitude of deepest abstraction, as if wondering what the next installment would be about."

EDUCATED PORK WAS GOOD

And the Circus Property Man Searched for Reuben, the Fat Pig, in Vain.

Reuben, a much advertised educated pig belonging to the John Robinson circus, which was showing in this city recently, is no more, says a Cincinnati dispatch to the New York Tribune. His fate was kept secret for a week, for more or less obvious reasons. Had Newport, the clown of the circus, who appeared nightly in the sidewalk arena with the pig, said:

"That pig could do anything but talk, and could nearly do that, as he spelled his name with letter blocks. All was confusion the night we broke camp at Terrace Park. We had pork chops for supper, and they were particularly delicious. We were all eating our heads off, when the property man rushed in and cried that Reuben had vanished."

"He got mixed up with those pigs that were sent from the stock yards," he gasped.

"Was one of those pigs a white one, with black polka dots? I asked the cook."

"It was," he replied.

"Then we have eaten Reuben," I cried.

"The property man is no longer attached to the circus."

How Oyster Islands Are Formed.

Oyster islands, similar to those formed of coral, are found in several parts of the world. The islands in Newport river and Beaufort Harbor, North Carolina, says a writer in the Century Path Magazine, have been discovered to have as base a reef to which the spawn were attached and above this layer upon layer of oysters, vegetable growth, and debris brought by the action of the waves and winds, all of which finally grows high enough to rise above the surface of the water. This growth is exactly analogous to that of the coral islands of the Pacific.

The islands near the mouth of the River Tagus in Portugal are said to have been built up in this way also. Here, where there is such a quantity of oysters that 100 million a year would scarcely be missed if they were removed, the expanse of water just beyond the river's mouth is dotted with oyster islands. As in the case of the coral reefs, which on the seaward side may be covered with living, growing coral, live oysters thrive in the same waters where the accumulation of dead generations has served to form the islands.

He Snored Into Safety.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., is in the field with this story: Michael Benner of Plains owes his life to the fact that he can snore loud enough to be heard some distance away. Early one morning Policeman Schneider of North Wilkesbarre heard snores coming from the direction of the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks, and fearing that some one might be asleep on the tracks, and knowing that an express train was about due, he investigated. Guided by the snoring he came upon Benner asleep, just in time to pull him from the track before the train thundered by. Benner can thank his snore for saving his life, and Wilkesbarre can congratulate herself that she has a policeman who knows a snore when he hears it.

That Was All.

"I don't know whether I ought to recognize him here in the city or not. Our acquaintance at the seashore was very slight."

"You promised to marry him, didn't you?"

"Yes, but that was all."

QUEER FACT OF ELECTRICITY

Varying Fatality of Shocks Depends on Many Factors Other Than the Voltage.

Workers in electrical establishments who are familiar with the undoubted fact that men have without tremendous electrical shock without damage, while others have been killed by the same or even less voltage, will be interested in a paper published by the British Medical association. This paper, in considering the curious fact that an electric shock of 100 volts is sometimes fatal, while currents of 1,000 volts do not always kill, points out that the effects depend upon many factors. The volume, or amperage, of the current as well as its tension may count. The character of the current—whether it is direct or alternating—may play some part and the duration of the shock and the point of application may signify much. Then, too, the resistance of the skin is not always the same. One individual may differ greatly from another in susceptibility, and even the condition of the mind is found to have an influence, as a person prepared to receive a shock is less liable to be affected than one receiving it unexpectedly.

ORIGIN OF ENGLISH SHIRE

It Was One of the Divisions of the Country in Old Saxon Days.

The English word shire is from the old Saxon *scira*, to divide. There are some English counties which still represent ancient Saxon kingdoms, such as Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex; others were formed by the sub-division of Mercia, Wessex, Northumbria, etc., as Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, etc. These shires, and indeed all the counties of England were ruled by the *aldorman*, or count as the Normans termed him, and the *sciregerefa*, or sheriff. The *aldorman* was originally elected by the witan or council of the shire, commonly called county, when the *aldormen* were known as counts. Afterwards the office became hereditary in many cases. The sheriff was appointed by, and represented the king, as the count represented the people. The word shire is, in combination, always pronounced *sheer*, as for example, Worcestershire, Woottonsheer, Leicestershire, Leestersheer.

Fish Stories.

In your paper of the 13th inst., writes a reader to the editor of an Oregon daily, appears an account of two hunters in California liberating a live fish from a snake as being something unusual. One of my neighbors, who lives near the Trask River Falls, has two big bull snakes that catch

salmon trout and deliver them to a tub of water near the back door still alive, every morning for breakfast. They get in return a dish of warm milk night and morning. The fatality is supplied with fish in this way. The house is three-quarters of a mile from the nearest point of the river and the fish rarely arrive dead.

Two years ago I helped to drive a bunch of steers across the divide, and had to ford the Trask just below the falls. Naturally the animals stopped to drink. Last spring a butcher in Forest Grove extracted a 14-pound salmon from the stomach of one of the steers. The salmon was still alive, and after being kept in salt water for several days was killed and sold in the regular market.

Careful Bride.

A happy pair had survived the congratulations of friends and relatives, and were being whirled rapidly toward the railway station, before the bridegroom began fairly to realize that the vision of loveliness at his side was his own. A dawning sense of what he had done, and of the sacred charge that was now committed to his care began to creep upon his benumbed faculties, driving the rose of health from his downy cheek and substituting therefor the pallor of haunting responsibilities.

"Darling," he whispered softly, "it will ever be my sacred care in life to—"

She interrupted him somewhat brusquely. "Now," said she, "don't sit on your coat tails that way and get them wrinkled up, and for goodness sake don't lay your elbow right in that dust! Heaven only knows how long it will be before you get another suit. Now, when we get to the station, you'd better get a couple of sandwiches in case we get hungry in the train, and two hard-boiled eggs, and don't forget a small paper of salt."

Ugly Duckling Child's Favorite.

"It is the plain, simple doll or toy which brings a child out and, in a sense, educates him," says Sir Lauder in the London Daily Mirror.

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"We have paintings on record, which are about 3,500 years old, of Egyptians playing at ball. Throughout history the ball has been conspicuous as a plaything. I certainly advocate the simple doll or toy which leaves something to the imagination for young children."

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