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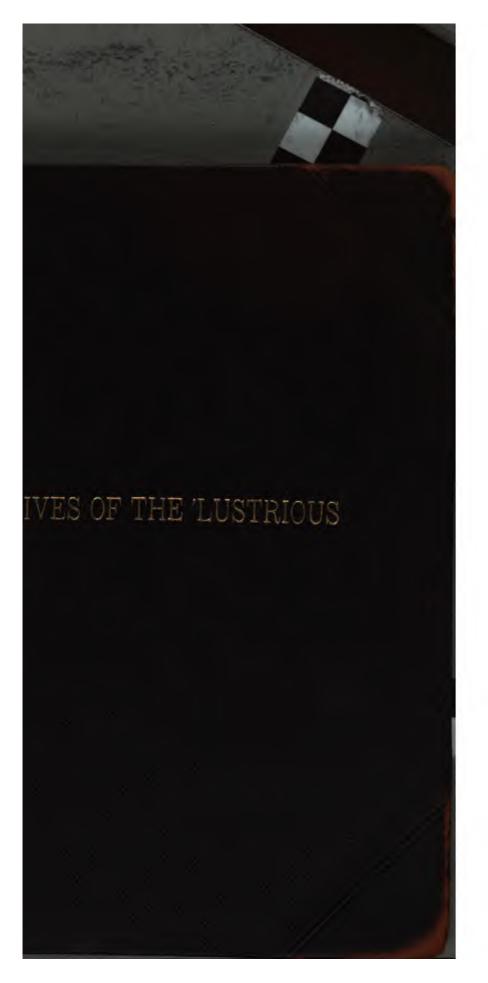
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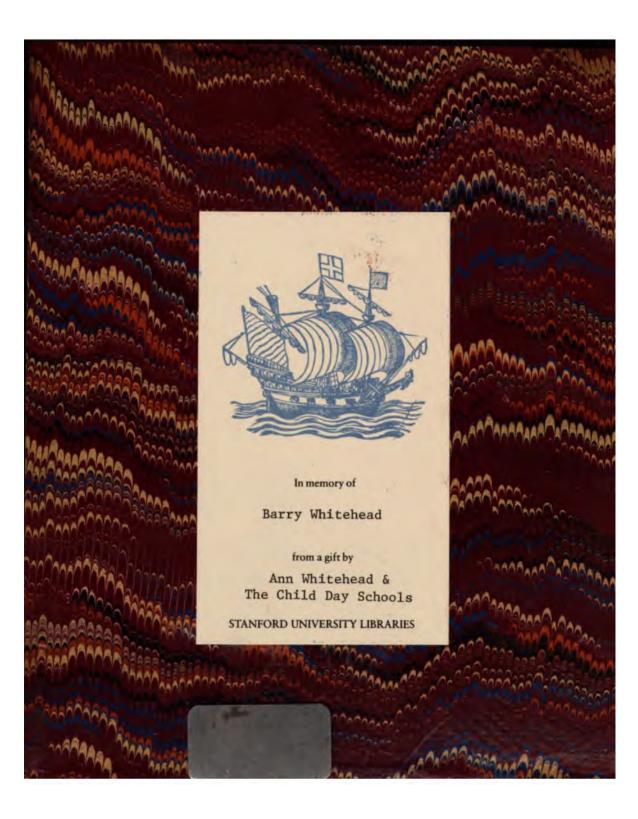
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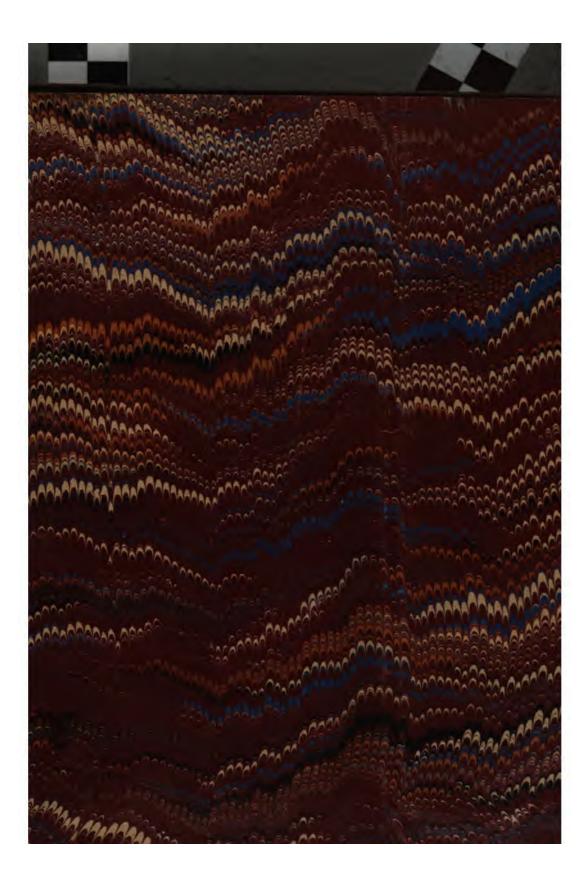
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INTRODUCTION.

In his speech before the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution on November 15th, Lord Rosebery remarked: 'I say from the bottom of my heart, that much as I love biography—and I regard it as by far the most fascinating and attractive form of literature that exists—much as I love biography, I consider one of the curses of the nineteenth century has been the development of this bad biography, of this worthless biography.' It is in order to supply the good biography, whose lack Lord Rosebery thus deplored, that the present monumental work has been undertaken.

No pains have been taken by the editors to make this Dictionary at once authoritative and exhausting. They have toiled early and late, and have left no copy of 'M. A. P.' unturned. His Gracious Majesty, when he dined with the staff on the occasion of the completion of this great task, remarked that such thoroughness brought tears to his eyes; a testimonial to which to add anything would be both

superfluous and disloyal. Cause for discontent, not only among those who have been included in this Dictionary but also those who have not, being probably inevitable, each of the Editors makes it a personal request that all celebrities with a grievance will call on the other.

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MR. GEORGE ALEXANDER.

ALEXANDER, GEORGE, Romantic Actor to the Court of St. James's, was born at Hentzau, in 1858. The fatal beauty which has made him the idol of the feminine playgoer asserted itself from the first, and a succession of enamoured nursery-maids wore out their fresh young voices in encoring his simplest acts. Mr. Alexander made his first appearance at the T. R., Bootle, in the part of the Belvidere Apollo; but he did not come to his own until the imperturbable serenity of Aubrey Tanqueray's well-pressed trousers enraptured the town. That Mr. Alexander's second name is Sampson is sufficiently attested by his capacity to bring down the house. His favourite recreation is mashie play on the Cromer links.

Authority: The Tailor and Cutter.

MR. WILLIAM ARCHER

ARCHER, WILLIAM, Viking, was born in 1856 in the Skjærgaard, within the Arctic dress Circle. Mr. Archer's sympathies are all ultra-Scandinavian, and nothing but a passionate interest in English amateur theatricals keeps him from his carriole, his ski, and his marine pavilion on the banks of the Varanger Fjord. Mr. Archer has a number of promising godchildren: Norah Helma Archer is a promising exponent of principal boy parts in Finland; Peer Gynt Archer has already been entrusted with the rôle of an 'outside shout' in the Trondhjem Panto; Björnstjerne Björnson Archer is understudying Mr. Tree in The Last of G. Brandes; and finally Hedda Gabler Archer is in training for the part of the Infant Phenomenon at the Bergen Tivoli. Mr. Archer has recently returned from a walking tour up Mount Parnassus, and has embodied the results in a volume which weighs 4 lb. 3 oz. It is conjectured that no more poetry will be written in England. Mr. Archer's motto is 'A Norse! a Norse! My kingdom for a Norse!'

Authorities: Lady Warwick's From Joseph Arch to William Archer; Mallet's Northern Antiquities; Morris and Magnusson's Saga Library; and information supplied by Mr. Sydney Grundy and the Editor of The World.

MR. W. W. ASTOR.

ASTOR, WILLIAM, Briton, was born within sound of Bow Bells in 1848, and has never since left his native country. On coming into possession of the Clieveden Estate, on the banks of the Thames, he added Walled-off to his other names. Owing to a curious aversion from anything suggesting stars or stripes, Mr. Astor is never known to lift his eyes at night, all the servants on his estate are restricted to check trousers, and eagles are peremptorily refused permission to nest in the Clieveden woods. In spite of numerous flattering offers. Mr. Astor, who is a voluminous author, refuses to contribute to any other periodical but the Pall Mall Magazine.

Authorities: Walford's County Families, and Defoe's Trueborn Englishman.

MR. ALFRED AUSTIN.

AUSTIN, ÆLFRED, Gardener, the son of Æthelwulf, was born at England's Darlington, in 871 A.D. After serving his apprenticeship to Sir Joseph Paxton, he burnt his cakes behind him and established a garden at Swinford Old Manor in Kent, notable for its Standard roses. Visiting South Africa in search of bulbs for Veronica's garden, he was implicated in the operations of the Reform Committee, and rode with Jameson on a Basuto Pegasus. He afterwards set up a Millenary establishment at Winchester. A fashion for the plumage of singing birds then becoming the vogue, the result was that, in Mr. Austin's own happy phrase, 'the lark went up'—to a positively fabulous price. A recent application made by Mr. Austin to the Ashford magistrates for a poetic licence was unanimously granted amid rounds of Kentish fire.

Authorities: The Garden that I Love, The Saxon Chronicle, Irving's Tales of the Alhambra, and information from the Editor of The Times.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR.

BALFOUR, THE RIGHT HON. ARTHUR JAMES, Professor of the Royal and Ancient Pastime, was born at St. Andrew's, in the year 1848, and after prolonged studies under Dr. Tom Morris, was admitted to links at the early age of 37. After several years of unremitting exertion, he was promoted to be a first-class caddie, and on the recommendation of Mr. Andrew Kirkaldy, was offered a seat in the Cabinet with a handicap of Since Mr. Balfour's entrance into Parliament, it has been calculated that the number of golf clubs in the United Kingdom has increased tenfold, while the consumption of sloe gin has advanced 76 per cent. In consideration of these services to the commerce and morality of the country, Mr. Balfour was elected to the Royal Society and the Presidentship of the National Cyclists' Union. His publications, which are very numerous, include: Is Christian Science a Cure for Foozling? a Reply to Mrs. Eddy (in collaboration with Professor Driver); On the Relative Merits of the Aluminium and the Bimetallic Putter; On the Failure to Replace Divots as a Factor in the Present Agricultural Depression; A Refutation of the Pre-Socratic Maxim, 'The Half is Better than the Hole;' Were Three-Ball Matches First Played in Lombardy? (a lecture delivered before the Jewish Working Men's Institute,

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Finsbury Park); and On the Use of Phenacetin as a Sedative before Match Play (Presidential Address to the Pharmaceutical Society). Mr. Balfour, who is a remarkably abstemious man, prefers a high tee to a late dinner, and never reads a newspaper. His clubs are too numerous to mention in detail, the most favourite being Taylor's Mashie, the Athenæum, the Short Spoon, the Carlton, and the Niblick, and he is occasionally to be seen in the House of Commons.

Authorities: Information supplied by Mr. John Ball, junior, the Right Hon. Harry Vardon, K.T., and Sir Benjamin Sayers, M.P. for North Berwick; also *The Child's Guide to Knowledge*.

MR. J. M. BARRIE.

BARRIE, JAMES MATTHEW, demon bowler, was born at Thrums in 1860. Cricket was his passion almost from the cradle, and he quickly established a pitch in the paternal kailyard. The unpronounceable dialect used by his honest Caledonian neighbours when hitting him for six is still among his most cherished memories. At an early age Mr. Barrie moved to Wardour Street, where he set up a tobacconist's shop; but his favourite pastime becoming too urgent, he soon returned to it entirely. Mr. Barrie's bowling analysis for the past five years gives the astonishing figures:—

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The tedium of the winter months is spent by Mr. Barrie in oiling his bat and writing novels, some of which are said to have been published. In recognition of these efforts Mr. Barrie was presented by the Athenaeum Club (under Rule 66) with a Nicoll-mounted pipe. During the present fogs he is collaborating with Messrs. Salmon and Gluckstein in a new drama for Mr. Frohman, entitled The Snake Charmer; or, The Widow's Weeds.

Authorities: Lillywhite's Scores and Biographies; Ranjitsinhji's Jubilee Book of Cricket; Sidney's Arcadia.

MR. ALFRED BEIT.

BEIT, ALFRED, Bullionaire, was born in Park Lane in 1850, and earned the D.S.O. for his gallantry in the Matabele war, when he commanded the *Kohinoor* on the first waters of the Limpopo River, successfully raised the blockade of Buluwayo, and captured the De Beers laager in the Pilsenerberg. In 1900 he was elevated to the peerage under the title of Baron Beit of Benin and the Gold Coast, and the degree of B.D.A. (Beyond the Dreams of Avarice) was conferred on him by the Kaffir University. Club: Boodle's.

Authority: Mr. Markham's History.

MR. MOBERLY BELL.

BELL, CHARLES F. MOBERLY, Encyclopædist, and Manager of *The Times*, was born at Brontë in 1847, and settled in Egypt. Migrating from Cairo to Printing House Square in 1890, he was struck on the voyage by the rolling of the vessel, and on inquiring the cause learned that it was due to defective ballast. Mr. Bell, always of an ingenious turn of mind—he is credited with the invention of the Belleville boiler—bent his thoughts to remedying the existing quality of ballast, and the result was the re-issue, in enormous quantities, of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. For this service to navigation he received the thanks of Parliament. His address is: Jupiter Villa, Bolt Court.

Authorities: Shaw On Thunderbolts, La Donna e Moberly.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

BERESFORD, REAR-ADMIRAL LORD CHARLES WILLIAM DE LA POER, Handy Andyman, was born in the cradle of the deep, in 1846. Intended for diplomacy by his parents, he ran away to sea while still in long clothes, and has been there ever since, except for visits to Sandringham and the House of Commons. From the bridge of the Condor he conducted the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882, and nothing but the inferior quality of steel used in English battleships has deterred him from ending the Boer War by ordering full steam ahead and ramming South Africa. His gallantry at Trafalgar is a proverb, and no one gave severer chase to the galleons of the Armada. A recent medical examination revealed the fact that Lord Charles Beresford's heart consists entirely of the best oak. In 1898-99 he took a holiday from the sea in order to visit America and China in a starring tour, and the book, without which he could not honourably have returned, weighs at least as much as that of any other writer.

Authorities: The works of Dibdin; Paddy at Sea.

M. DE BLOWITZ.

BLOWITZ, HENRI GEORGES STEPHANE ADOLPHE OPPER DE, Last of the Olympians, was born at the Chateau de Blowitz, at Pilsen, in 1832. Recognising his destiny at an early age, he cultivated while still at school those ambrosial whiskers behind which he has so often successfully entrenched himself, and made the grand tour of Europe and the Scilly Isles when only sixteen. By an unhappy mischance M. de Blowitz frittered away some moments of his valuable time in inventing a wool-carding [machine, from the teeth of which he was rescued just in time by Mr. Moberly Bell, and transferred to the staff of The Thunderer. From that hour to this he has been at home on page 5 of that paper every morning, supplying all its lightning by private M. de Blowitz's Paris residence, the Chateau Patmos, wire. is placed en rapport with every European Cabinet by a complicated intelligence system of his own devising, enabling him at any moment to supply his organ with the text of treaties before they are drafted. Were war declared against England it is calculated that M. de Blowitz could put 4000 columns at her service. M. de Blowitz has interviewed Bismarck in his bath, the Emperor of Germany without a uniform, and the late M. Gambetta in a balloon. It is his fondest boast that the crowned heads of Europe pass his door on tiptoe.

Authorities: De Blowitz's Oppera Omnia, Bell's Elocutionist.

MR. HALL CAINE.

CAINE, THOMAS HALL, M.H.K.. Theologian and Manx Legislator, was born at Birchington in 1853, where one of his earliest feats was to discover Rossetti. It is true that while at school he was a champion in the three-legged race; but it cannot be maintained that he carries his Manx proclivities so far as to have no tale: on the contrary, the contention has been set up by Miss Corelli, a gifted critic, that he has too many. For the services rendered to the Vatican by Mr. Caine's Eternal City—a Jesuit tract in disguise—the Pope made him a Count of the Holy Roman Mr. Caine's resemblance to Shakespeare is so striking that on his landing at New York, on a religious trip to America, the late Ignatius Donnelly, a total stranger, addressed him as 'Lord Bacon, I presume.' Mr. Caine now lives at Greeba Castle, where his windows have recently been doubled in order to shut out the booming of the Atlantic, which The abnormal otherwise he considers a satisfactory ocean. heat of the past few summers has been generally attributed to the fact that Mr. Caine chooses August as his publishing month. Mr. Caine's favourite composer is Archangelo Corelli.

Authorities: Information from Leo XIII., Victor Emmanuel II., Mr. W. Heinemann, Messrs. Romeike and Curtice, and Miss Marie Corelli, whose motto is 'Cave Cainem.'

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

CAMPBELL SIR HENRY, twins, were born in Forfar-

shire in 1836, c.B. After an excellent schooling in dichotomy, and book-keeping by double entry, Campbell went to the University of Glasgow, while Bannerman entered simultaneously at Trinity College, Cambridge, both taking double firsts. Entering Parliament in 1868, Campbell became Financial Secretary to the War Office, while his twin held the post of Secretary to the Admiralty. On the retirement of Sir William Harcourt in 1899 Campbell-Bannerman were elected to the joint-leadership of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, and aroused great enthusiasm by setting to music and singing as a duet Bannerman's famous dictum: 'We must not be too forward, we need not be too rash.' In its completed and antiphonal form, the war-cry now runs:—

Campbell.— Though pro and anti-Boerward,
We never really clash.

Bannerman —We must not be too forward;
We need not be too rash.

Subsequently, after a stormy scene in the House, when nothing but their hyphen kept them from blows, they went into different lobbies, and have since lost all confidence in

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

each other's opinions. In figure Campbell and Bannerman are very much alike, especially Campbell. They live in adjoining semi-detached villas in Dublin.

Authorities: For Campbell, The Scottish Chiefs, by Jane Porter. For Bannerman, The Flags of All Nations, and Grant's Standard Bearers. For both, Janus on the Hyphen, Hansard passim, and The Heavenly Twins.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE.

CARNEGIE, ANDREW BODLEY, Maître de Forges, was born at John o' Groats, in 1837, and leaving Scotland with the proverbial half-crown, he settled at Pittsburg, and placing the coin beneath the Nasmyth steam hammer, enlarged it to a dollar. Upon this slender foundation he amassed his comfortable independence, and returned to Great Britain in a four-in-hand with 40,000,000% and the finest collection of begging letters in the world. As a successful contractor, Mr. Carnegie is a strong anti-expansionist, while as the champion founder of Free Libraries, he has done more to promote the perusal of fiction than Messrs. Mudie. To counteract this taste, however, he has devoted two millions to the endowment of higher education in Scotland, the result of which is expected to be an indefinite multiplication of kailyard 'idylls.' Carnegie, having sold Pittsburg to Mr. Pierpont Morgan, no longer takes delight, he has said, in anything but Shakepeare, Passmore Edwards, and Wagner.

Authorities: The Ironmaster, The Almighty Dollar, The Best Books.

SIR E. CASSEL.

CASSEL, SIR ERNEST WINDSOR, was born in King Solomon's Mines in 1852, and educated at Cologne under Professor Johann Maria Farina, the eminent hydrographer, where he speedily took his place among the Cassels of the Rhine. After enjoying the Barmecide hospitality of his relatives in Spain for several years, he fitted out a costly Armada, and after untold privations on the coast of Golconda discovered Sandringham. As a musical Mæcenas Sir Ernest has few superiors, his name is a household word in the Shires, and his favourite hunter is an Arab bred from an Assouan dam.

Authorities: Kings I have Casseled; Lucas and Aird on the Nile.

LIEUT. CECIL.

CECIL, Lieut., Benedick, Married Minor, was born in Chancery Lane in 1882, and was decorated on the field of battle in October, 1901, for the gallantry displayed in a stubbornly-contested engagement maintained single-handed against great odds in Belfast, Glasgow, and the Metropolis. His motto is, 'Love laughs at Woolsacks.'

Authority: Bain's Logic.

MR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

CHAMBERLAIN, THE RIGHT HON. JOSEPH, Progressive Politician, was born in 1836. As to the precise spot of his birth the best authorities differ. According to Ossian, it took place in 'the horrid circle of Brumo, where the ghosts of the dead howl round the stone of their fear.' Dickens, on the other hand, with whom Mr. Chamberlain is very closely acquainted, states positively in Bleak House that Jo was born in one of the back slums of London, called Tom-All-Alone's, subsequently taking service (see *Pickwick*) as page-boy in the house of the Wardles. Here he suddenly developed so astounding an obesity that it was only by the most rigorous dietary that he ultimately reduced himself to his present slender and elegant proportions. Being a Bright boy, with a passion for private theatricals, Mr. Chamberlain was soon seen on the stage of the Empire. According to the account of Historicus,' he scaled the heights of Quebec, was dangerously wounded on the Plains of Abraham, fought as a powdermonkey at Trafalgar, discovered Australia, Cyprus, Newfoundland, and the Bahamas, and took a back seat in Mr. Rhodes's apple-cart on the memorable ride to Krugersdorp. On his return from the grand tour, Mr. Chamberlain entered

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Parliament as the representative of the Orchidney Islands, and though many years have since elapsed he is still regarded with indescribable affection by his early political associates, while his popularity (as an effigy) on the Continent, especially in Germany, is second only to that of Lord Kitchener. Mr. Chamberlain, whose favourite occupation is that of reconciling parallel passages in his speeches, takes no exercise, but it is rumoured that after witnessing Mr. Balfour negotiate a bad lie on the links with a long spoon, he has begun to think seriously of tackling the Russian 'Bogey.' His motto is: 'Io triumphe.'

Authorities: Monarchs I have Met, Presidents I have only Partly Met, Jesse's Memoirs, and The Maltese Cross.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

CHURCHILL, WINSTON, Unknown Quantity, was born at Chatteris in 1874, and educated at Marlborough. serving with the Spanish forces in Cuba, and controlling the Soudan campaign, he exchanged the tame security of a soldier's life for the deadly perils of a special correspondent's, and visiting South Africa for The Morning Post, was imprisoned During his incarceration he committed the whole of Gibbon to heart, decided to enter Parliament, and framed his first Budget. He then escaped on a coal truck to Delagoa Bay, and passed a night in a wood with a vulture, who took him for the American eagle in disguise. Churchill has since attained in America a gigantic circulation as a novelist, but the theory has been put forward that the novels in question are written by another person of the same It seems, however, impossible that the world can contain two Winston Churchills at the same time.

Authorities: Southey's After Blenheim; The Anglo-Saxon; The Boy: What will he Become? and information from the Delagoa Bay Railway officials, the Vulture, and the Duke of Marlborough.

MR. T. S. COOPER, R.A.

COOPER, THOMAS SIDNEY, artist, was born at Cowes in 1803. All went well with the child until he was vaccinated. Up to that time he had been normal and happy; but no sooner did the vaccine enter his system than he evinced an irresistible impulse, which at the age of ninety-eight is still paramount, to draw cows. Mr. Cooper was made an R.A. soon after the Battle of Waterloo, and he has delighted English picture-lovers by contributing his eight canvases to the annual exhibition ever since. Mr. Cooper is said to achieve the extraordinary polish for which his painting is noted, by mixing his colours with a blend of Bovril, Lemco, and Vimbos. He now resides at The Ranche, Oxford. His motto is, 'Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth.'

Authorities: John Bull and his Island; The Purple Cow.

LORD CREWE.

CREWE, ROBERT OFFLEY ASHBURTON CREWE-MILNES, First Earl, Polite Letter Writer, was born on the lower slopes of Parnassus in 1859. Originally distinguished as the son of Monckton-Milnes, he has latterly, after contracting a Primrose league, risen to fresh eminence as the son-in-law of Lord Rosebery. Afflicted in youth with acute hereditary literaturitis, Lord Crewe after bravely struggling against the complaint has at length succumbed to the last infirmity of noble minds—the passion for writing letters to The Times. Lord Crewe who, like his father-in-law the solitary ploughman, was educated at Harrow, owns 25,000 acres and 32,000 volumes.

Authorities: The Creweian Orations.

LORD CROMER.

CROMER, EVELYN BARING, First Earl, Rameses Redivivus, was born at Gaza in 1841. Attracting notice when a mere Woolwich infant, Captain Baring went to Egypt from India, and for the last twenty years has exerted an influence on the Nile second only to that of Thomas Cook & Sons. Originally inclined to be somewhat overbearing, he is now so far mellowed by success as to incur the charge of positively spoiling the Egyptians. The favourite poet of Cromer is Homer. He is also a Shakespearean, his principal quotations being from the Comedy of Errors, 'Go call the Abbas hither,' and from Henry V., 'La plus belle Katharine du monde.'

Authority: Captain Hayes on the value of the Baring Reign.

LORD CURZON.

CURZON OF KEDLESTON, Prince, Viceroy of India, was born in the purple in 1859. At Eton he gained the prize for history, languages, good conduct, and omniscience, and was recommended for the Mastership of Balliol, to which he was elected in 1880, succeeding Lord Salisbury as Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1895. After exploring Baluchistan, the Great Sahara, and the North Pole, and writing a series of folios on each, he was, at the advanced age of thirty-nine, having exhausted all other experiences, reduced to accepting the Viceroyalty of India. Immediately on landing, he created a new province in order to have something fresh to explore. It has been said that if Buddha is the Light of Asia, Lady Curzon is its Leiter.

Authority: Wallace's Prince of India. .

MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH.

FRENCH, Major-General Sir John Denton Pink-Stone, Centaur, General Commanding the First Army Corps at Aldershot, was born in the pigskin, in 1852, and has never since left it. His cavalry charges in South Africa may be heard on a still night in Hyde Park, so terrific are they, and Sir John French is said to be the only English officer that can cause an accelerated movement of De Wet's heart. Sir John, however, like Mark Twain, has as yet been unable to cope successfully with Christian's science. As soon as he can be spared, he will return to take up his post at Aldershot, into which he was spatchcocked a month or so ago. His mottoes are: Moblesse oblige, and 'There's luck in horseshoes.'

Authorities: Our New Mobility, Cavalleria Rusticana, and. Captain Swift.

MR. W. S. GILBERT,

GILBERT, WILLIAM SCHWENCK, President of the Society for the Discouragement of Litigation, was born in the Pacific in 1836. So gentle has been his nature from the very first, that it is often said that even a child may criticise him. Mr. Gilbert, in the course of his researches as a student of amenities, discovered a charming form of anodyne for life's worries, entitled Savoy Opera. Having amassed a large fortune by his rights in this confection, Mr. Gilbert now resides in rural and magisterial felicity at Brantinghame Hall, Harrow, where he varies his repose by occasional conversations with the interviewer of the Pall Mall Magazine (see Archer, William), and playful letters of congratulation to Mr. Clement Scott on the recurring anniversaries of that gentleman's auspicious birth. Mr. Gilbert, who was called the English Aristophanes by the Quarterly Review, has such a high opinion of the standard of Mr. Burnand—the Molière of journalists, as he calls him—that he has never ventured to submit even his choicest sallies to the editor of Punch; or, The London Hari-Kari.

Authorities: Lang's Gross Myth, Ritual and Religion; Chronicles of the House of Savoy.

MR. EDMUND GOSSE.

GOSSE, EDMUND, Dictator and Literary Chaperon, was born at Churton-on-Trent in 1849. He entered the Board of Trade at an early age, and has made translations of Ibsen, Obsen, and Dobsen, to the surprise and delight of successive Permanent Secretaries. His latest work is entitled Hippodromia; or, the Gods in Cranbourn Street.

Authorities: Collins's Ephemera Critica and Ode to the Passions.

SIR M. E. GRANT-DUFF.

DUFF, RIGHT HON. SIR MOUNTSTUART ELPHINSTONE GRANT, Bon-motorist, was born in Joe Miller's Dale, Derbyshire, in 1829. After a careful training in mnemonics, under Professor Loisette, he was articled to an anecdotist and began the real business of his life as a breakfaster-out. Now and then Sir Mountstuart, in his search for bons mots of rarer flavour, has resided abroad, and for a while he even consented to govern Madras in the hope that he might curry favour with the neighbouring Rajahs in their anecdotage. Sir Mountstuart, who by his unfailing productivity as a diarist has illustrated one phase of perpetual motion, is passionately addicted to botany, and in default of a more sympathetic audience, has sat for hours beneath the shade of the talking chestnut replying to the whisper of its leaves. His mottoes are, 'Half a mot,' and 'Lay on, Grant Duff.'

Authorities: Roe's Opening of the Chestnut Burr; The World of Wit and Humour.

SIR EDWARD GREY.

GREY, Sir EDWARD, M.P., was born under the sign of Pisces at Walton in 1862, and first felt the rod at Winchester. At Oxford, where he studied the works of Tennison under Professors Tompkins, George Lambert, and Peter Latham, Sir Edward showed a fine force and on entering the House of Commons in 1885, instinctively took up his stand under the grille. Though fond at times of a long rest Sir Edward Grey has proved himself a hard-working administrator, and on the strength of his vigorous railroad service, was recently appointed a Director of the North Eastern. Politically, Sir Edward Grey, in company with Mr. Asquith, Mr. Haldane, and Sir Henry Fowler, has latterly shown a decided leaning towards the Harris Tweed party, but in earlier days his epitaph was composed by Mr. Gladstone in the following terms:—

Behold our Grey, the dry-fly King
Whose word the world relies on:
He never said a foolish thing,
Nor did he an unwise one.

Authorities: Praed's Grey Fisherman; The Life of Henry the Fowler; Somerville's The Chase; L'Affaire Dreyflyfus.

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SIR WILLIAM HARCOURT.

HARCOURT, RIGHT HON. SIR WILLIAM VERNON, Fireside Philosopher and Lost Leader, was born at Trim, in 1827, and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took high honours in ornamental objurgation, Church history, and jurisprudence (first class in Jus Hibernicum). Sir William, who entered Parliament in 1868, and was a Derby winner in 1880, took to gymnastics in 1885, and after a prolonged diet of Irish stew, was admitted into the company of what Mr. Frank Hugh O'Donnell, describing the Irish leaders, has called the 'Bounding Brothers of the Circulating Hat.' Ten years after being nationalised at Donnybrook, Sir William invaded Wales and captured Monmouth, but has latterly abandoned politics for religion, and joined the staff of The Times, where he threatens to surpass even M. de Blowitz in exuberant prolixity. Sobered by advancing years, Sir William Harcourt is now devoting his energies entirely to the reform of Church discipline, beginning with the Vicar of Wakefield. is: 'England expects every man some day to pay his Death Duties.'

Authorities: Jumbo: The Last Phase, by A. R.; The Primrose Path, or The Eternal Bonfire, by W. V. H.

MR. ALFRED HARMSWORTH.

HARMSWORTH, ALFRED CHARLES, Chauffeur to the Empire, and Autocarat of the Breakfast Table, was born in Corsica in 1865, and commenced Editor at the same age as Mr. Kipling. Mr. Harmsworth, who is the eldest of sixteen Corsican brothers, all of them editors of halfpenny papers, and Imperialist-Liberal M.P.'s, founded the Daily Mailstrom in 1896, declared war on the Boers in 1899, and deposed the Chinese Emperor in 1900. Owing to his extraordinary likeness to Napoleon I., Mr. Harmsworth has been forbidden by a special decree of the Chamber to enter France, but consorts freely with all the crowned heads of the continent, a passing friction with the Kaiser—owing to the notorious Kruger telegram—having been satisfactorily adjusted. Motto: 'The panting Times toils after me in vain.'

Authorities: The God in the Motor-car; Napoleon: the last Phase.

MR. W. HEINEMANN.

HEINEMANN, WILLIAM, Publisher, was born at Greeba, in the Isle of Man, and educated at Mill Hill, where among his schoolfellows was Mr. A. P. Watt. The two boys soon became inseparable; more than once they saved each others' lives; and the friendship which then began grows stronger with every year. Mr. Heinemann's enterprise as a publisher stops only at his own dramas, which have been issued from the Bodley Head.

Authorities: Information supplied by Messrs. Hall Caine, John Lane, and the Queen of Greeba.

PROFESSOR HERKOMER.

HERKOMER, Professor HUBERT, R.A., Universal Genius, was born on the Line in 1849, and at an early age founded the Pantechnicological Academy at Bushey. Professor Herkomer's versatility is best illustrated in his recreations, which include operatic composition; brass-work; fishing (Hon. Fellow of All Soles); curling (President of the Kyrle Society); throwing the boomerang (Captain of the Aboriginal Pingo-Pongo team); and fiction (Author of The Woman in White). Mr. Whistler, no mean judge, has maintained that the Professor ranks higher than either Sir Joshua Reynolds or Handel: his music being better than Reynolds's and his painting than Handel's. The Professor's motto is: Anch' io son pittore.

Authority: Boothby's Bushigrams.

MR. MAURICE HEWLETT.

DE HEWLETT, SYR MAURICE, Crusader and Chronicler, was born at the Old Tabard in 1076, and educated at Oxenford, where he was one of the most promising pupils of the famous tutor, D. Cameron. On leaving Oxenford, he travelled abroad, and came under the influence of Peter the Hermit. Returning from the Third Crusade, in which he had fought with Bohemond of Tarentum, he endured numerous hardships, and lived for upwards of a year in the shelter of an earthwork in Tuscany, on nothing but pilgrim's whey. On reaching England, he was knighted by Richard Cœur de Lion. Maurice De Hewlett's place, contrary to promise, not having been kept open during his absence at the Front, he had perforce to take to the pen for a livelihood, and produced a succession of books of the kind that Mr. Frederic Harrison finds superior to all others. The enormous revenue accruing to De Hewlett from the sale of his romances enabled him to buy up the New Forest and build in the midst of it a feudal castle, strongly fortified against American pirates, the servitors in which are either youths disguised as young women, or young women disguised as youths. Secure in this fastness, De Hewlett wrote The Canterbury Tales, under the pseudonym of Geoffrey Chaucer,

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and, it is believed, assisted Boccaccio in his equally famous work. By virtue of his extraordinary circulation De Hewlett still survives, and is still busy. His favourite recreations are the tournament, and playing cricket for the Sieur de Barrie's eleven.

Authorities: Hallam's Middle Ages; Heeren's Essay on the Influence of the Crusades; Skeat's Chaucer; Symonds' Renaissance in Italy; Macmillan's Autumn Announcements; and information from Mr. A. P. Watt.

SIR M. HICKS-BEACH.

HICKS-BEACH, THE RIGHT HON. SIR MICHAEL, O.H.M.S., -Coin Manipulator, was born in the One-and-Twopenny Tube in the year 1836 and early apprenticed to Blondin, from whom he acquired a complete mastery of balancing. By way of testing his notorious equanimity Sir Michael for a while held the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland, where his inflexibility elicited the following testimonial from the late Lord Morris: 'They called Lowther "Jimmy" when he was here. Bedad, I'd like to see the man that would attimpt to call Hicks-Beach "Micky!"' Entrusted with the keeping of the National Purse in 1895, Sir Michael, who is now the Father of the House, has for the last three years been raising the wind and waging war on the Christmas Boxers. But his great achievement has been to reduce the sovereign to eighteen and tenpence, and to render those who are supposed to be comfortably off extremely uncomfortable. His motto is (from Omar Khayyam):—

> 'Ah, give the cash, and let the credit grow, And heed the rumble of a distant drum.'

Authorities: The Young Tax Collector; Ali Baba and the Fourteen Pence.

MR. ANTHONY HOPE.

HOPE, ANTHONY, senior partner in Hope Brothers, Hosiers to the Court of Hentzau, who derives his decent from a noble family in Ruritania (hence his pseudonym 'the Chevalier Hawkins'), was born at Dollis Hill in 1863. After a distinguished career at Oxford he threw himself with great energy into politics, and wrote the Dolly Dialogues for Mr. Labouchere's Toy Show at the Albert Hall. He subsequently invented and patented the Zenda Vesta or Runaway Match which, dramatised by Mesdames Bryant and Edna May, has brought him in a large fortune, a portion of which he has invested in the purchase of the famous Hope diamond, Mr. Hawkins, who bears a striking resemblance to Dante, and weighs 156 lbs., has lectured in America under the ægis of Major Pond. His motto is: 'Beautiful Anthony Hope is read '—(Browning).

Authorities: The Anchor's Weighed; The Chronicles of Count Antonio.

SIR HENRY IRVING.

IRVING, Sir HENRY WASHINGTON, American Actor, was born at Boston, in 1838. Sir Henry, who is known in his own country as Colonel Irving, has occasionally visited England, but has so great an objection to performing out of America, that only mere glimpses of him have been obtained here. On one of his brief trips to London, however, the opportunity was found to make him a Knight, and the few performances in which he was then seen filled all English playgoers with the desire to know more of his superlative gifts. Sir Henry Irving is perhaps better known by his books, especially Bracebridge Hall and Rip Van Winkle. His son, Mr. H. B. Irving, the distinguished criminologist and Lombroso of the footlights, is now playing the principal part at the St. James's in his brother's play, The Likeness to the Knight. Sir Henry's motto is 'Hail, Columbia!'

Authorities: The Atlantic Ocean, or The Sundering Flood; Stoker on the Campania; Frohman's Fatal Fascination.

MR. HENRY JAMES.

JAMES, HENRY, Six-Shilling Sensationalist, was born at Hangman's Gulch, Arizona, in 1843. This favourite author, whose works are famous for their blunt, almost brutal directness of style, and naked realism, passed his early years before the mast, and is believed at one period of his career to have sailed under the skull and crossbones. Mr Henry James, on settling on shore, turned to the pen for a livelihood, and under a variety of pseudonyms produced in rapid sucsession a large number of exciting stories, the most popular of which are probably The Master Christian, The Red Rat's Daughter, The Mystery of a Hansom Cab. The Eternal City, and The Visits of Elizabeth.

Authorities: Jacobite Papers; Daisy and Maisie, or The Two Mad Chirks.

SIR FRANCIS JEUNE.

JEUNE, RIGHT HON. SIR FRANCIS HENRY, President of the Admiralty and Divorce Court, was born at Green in 1843. To fit him for his destiny he was first sent to sea, where he quickly mastered the whole duty of a sailor, except for a curious inability to splice. On leaving the sea he took a return ticket to Heaven, where marriages are made, and his practical education being thus completed, proceeded to London to study law. In both departments of his Court Sir Francis Jeune is brilliantly efficient; and he has been known to untie couples at the rate of twenty knots an hour. It is hinted in literary circles that Sir Francis Jeune is the real author of An Englishwoman's Love-letters, a labour for which his daily avocation pre-eminently fitted him. His motto: 'Butt me no Butts.'

Authority: Hannen on the United States.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING.

KIPLING, RUDYARD, Poet Laureate and Recruiting Sergeant, was born all over the world, some eighteen years ago. After a lurid infancy at Westward Ho! in the company of Stalky & Co., he emigrated to India at the age of six, and swallowed it whole. In the following year the British Empire was placed in his charge, and it is still there. misgiving that England may have gone too far in the matter of self-esteem having struck him in 1897, he wrote 'The Recessional,' but there are signs that he has since forgotten it. Mr. Kipling is the only young literary man of eminence who has never lectured for Major Pond; but one never knows one's destiny, and the Major still hopes. Meanwhile he lives in Cape Colony, which is a suburb of Rottingdean, and at intervals puts forth a fascinating book, or a moral essay in The Times. His stories have a great popularity, and his poems are in the repertory of every volunteer; but it is by his masterly lyric, 'Pay, pay, pay,' that he holds his place in the great heart of the people, who are still paying and seem likely to continue to do so (see Hicks-Beach).

Authorities: The Wise Men of the East; Annals of the Palace Theatre.

LORD KITCHENER.

KITCHENER, HORATIO HERBERT, of Khartoum, first Baron, was born in 1850 at Mobile, and after surveying Palestine and Cyprus settled in Egypt, where he served under General Winston Churchill in the River war. After being employed for a while as *chef* at the Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, where he assumed the name Horatio, he was despatched to the Transvaal to sweep up the crumbs. He has recently adopted as the mottoes for his sixty-nine columns: 'Chi va piano va insano,' and 'Non kitcheners sed Kitchener,' and is affectionately alluded to by Mr. Leonard Courtney as 'Little Kitch.'

Authorities: The Iron Hand; Cook's Egypt.

MR. HENRY LABOUCHERE.

LABOUCHERE, GEORGE WASHINGTON, Huguenot Preacher, was born in Little Britain, in 1831, and besieged in Paris in 1871. Returned for Northampton by the shoe trade, who make all but Hessian footgear, Mr. Labouchere has distinguished himself for the last twenty years as a Parliamentary freebooter. In consideration of his early achievements in the diplomatic service, he was offered the post of Ambassador at Constantinople by Lord Rosebery in 1893, but declined the honour on the ground that, as editor of *Truth*, he could not 'lie abroad for the good of his country.' Under his pseudonym of 'Screwtator,' Mr. Labouchere is now engaged on a life of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

Authorities: Hessays and Reviews; Memorials of Queen Anne's Gate; La Poupée, at the Albert Hall.

MR. ANDREW LANG.

LANG, ANDREW, the Prismatic Fairy King, was born in the Golf Stream in 1844, and shortly after his election as honorary fellow of Sandford and Merton College, emigrated to the Southern Pacific, where he resided for several years, conducting investigations into the primitive culture of the aborigines, his sojourn being commemorated in the touching chanson, 'Maori had a little Lang.' Returning from Samoa, where his brindled hair was much admired by Tusitala, Mr. Lang established a company at St. Andrew's for the promotion of ballades, rondeaus, teetotems, pickles, Rider Haggard, shilling shockers, translations, leaders, criticism, epics, and other tropical and Jacobite bric-à-brac. In addition to all the daily papers, Mr. Lang writes regularly for the following journals: The Rock, The Economist, The Statist, The Exchange and Mart, Answers, Cricket, Golf Illustrated, The Rod and Gun, Home Chat, Myra's Journal, The Golden Penny, The Broad Arrow, and The War Cry.

Authorities: The Titular Spectrum Analysis, Whiteley on the Haggis.



MR. SIDNEY LEE.

LEE, SIDNEY, Cryptogrammatist, was born in Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, in 1859. He is reported to have said at the age of three, 'Donnelly's theory was rash, but mine shall be rasher.' Hence it is that when Mr. Lee set to work, he went further than most Baconians; he maintained that Shakespeare's work is not merely Bacon's, but Bacon and Greene's. His Life of Bacon (1898), brought him much fame, and is still being re-issued in a variety of editions, including a version in words of one syllable for the nursery. Mr. Lee is the editor of the most serious imitation and rival of the present work—The Dictionary of National Biography, which has been described as 'Who's Who (the undertaker intervening).' Mr. Lee's favourite recreation is swan-shooting on the Avon.

Authorities: Letters from Dead Authors, Mémoires d'Outre Tombe.

MR. DAN LENO.

LENO, Mr. DANIEL, Court Chaplain, was born in the Lion Comiques' Den in 1860. By his simple piety and natural humour he won his way to the heart of the Highest in the land, by whom he is considered as a blend of Chicot the Jester and Sydney Smith. It is impossible for the Princess Charles of Denmark to celebrate a birthday without the reverend gentleman's genial assistance. Mr. Leno, before reaching Court circles, had worked hard as a London missioner, and no one has done more to encourage and establish the social position of beefeaters, shopwalkers, recruiting sergeants, dealers in eggs, waiters, and bootmakers' assistants. He allies to a ready wit a superb baritone voice, and his physique is statuesque. Mr. Leno's motto is: 'I remember once, when I was at Sandringham '

Authorities: The Oxford Movement; The Blue Pavilion, by Q.; The Great Mogul; The Canterbury Diocese; Memoirs of the Widow Twankey, by Herbert Campbell; and Monarchs I have Met.

SIR GEORGE LEWIS.

LEWIS, SIR GEORGE, Warder of the Black Books to the Nobility and Gentry, was born in 1833, and early distinguished himself for the gallantry he displayed in rescuing young and helpless members of the aristocracy from positions of extreme peril. His collection of family skeletons is of greater interest than anything in the Museum of the College of Physicians. Sir George Lewis, whose favourite beverage is Mumm, was created a K.C.B. (Knight of the Closed Bosom) in 1893. His motto is (from Richard II., ii. 1): 'Bid him repair to us to Ely Place.'

Authorities: Lewis the XIXth; Ballads of Old Bailey, or The Lewis Carols.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON.

LIPTON, Sir THOMAS JOHNSTONE, the King's Cupbearer, was born at Sandringham, which he chose for that honour partly on account of its last syllable. After serving for some years as an admiral of the Ceylon Navy, he returned to this country a master of teamanship. In spite of a course of Sandow's exercises, he cannot yet lift the America Cup, but he has recorded the opinion that a finer set of gentlemen than those who made it, who won it, who protect it, and who write about it in the papers, could not exist. It is confidently conjectured in sporting coteries that the good Sir Thomas will win the Cup in 1929 with Shamrock XXX. Sir Thomas's address is The Mast Head, City Road, and Ham Common. His motto is: 'The Cup that cheers, but not inebriates.'

Authority: Bacon.

M. MAETERLINCK.

MAETERLINCK, MAURICE, Bee-master, was born at St. Ives, in 1862. As a small child he was given Dr. Watts' Hymns to read; but coming upon the question, 'How doth the little busy bee?' he refused to read further until he could find a sufficient answer. Thereupon he removed to Belgium, for no other reason than that it begins with B, and has since pursued the even tenour of an apiarist's life, diversified only by stings. For these M. Maeterlinck uses common blue, and it is while waiting for them to heal that his plays have been written. As a variant upon the trite conventions of the drawing-room drama, M. Maeterlinck has composed a new series of musical tragedies, to be played by marionettes after dark in a coal-hole, to the accompaniment of a B flat drone bass performed on muted celluloid combs. He is also alleged to be engaged on a Biblical pantomime, entitled Huz and Buz. His motto is: Honey soit qui mal y pense.

Authorities: Lee's Life of Shakespeare; information supplied by Messrs. Reckitt, Mr. A. B. Walkley, and Mr. A. Sutro.

MR. JOHN MORLEY.

MORLEY, THE RIGHT HON. JOHN, Individualist and Recluse, was born at Warkworth in 1838. Nothing is known of this isolated philosopher, except that he never burns farms, takes exercise on a little gee, and is writing the life of a big one—Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Morley has always understood the rare art, especially for a politician, of sporting his oak. Unlike the Mahdi, he never loses his head. Mr. Morley shares the epithet of Honest with two other Johns—John Burns and John Dillon, and his most ardent wish is that it could fittingly be extended also to John Bull.

Authorities: Kingsley's Hermits; The Life of Alexander Selkirk; Kitchener and his Critics; Ian Hamilton on Combustibles for Agriculturists.

DR. ROBERTSON NICOLL.

NICOLL, W. ROBERTSON, M.A., LL.D., O! O!, Man of Kent, was born in Aberdeenshire, in 1851. On reaching London, he discovered J. M. Barrie, Ian Maclaren, Dr. Parker, Theodore Watts-Dunton, C. K. Shorter, A. P. Watt, Annie S. Swan, and Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler; and on a voyage to Cape Clear he heard cries for help, and extricated Mr. F. T. Bullen from the body of a whale. Dr. Nicoll edits five papers with his right hand, and contributes to as many more with his left, and is present in the spirit at all literary firesides. His favourite recreation is Crockett.

Authorities: Boothby's Dr. Nicola; Letters to A. P. Watt; and information from Dr. Conan Doyle and Mr. C. K. Shorter.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR.

O'CONNOR, TAY PAY, Populist, was born at Starborough in 1848, and at once entered Parliament, where he has been writing articles ever since. A period of astronomical study enabled him to discover a new Star, a new Sun, and a new Weekly Sun. His greatest feat, however, was to invent a new form of journalism, wherein all the women are beautiful, and all the men popular, which came to its finest flower in the weekly paper, M. A. P., signifying Wholly About People.

Authority: Information by Healyograph.

M. PADEREWSKI.

PADEREWSKI, IGNAZ JAN, President of the House of Keys, was born in St. James's Hall, 1890, having previously Sovinski, Roguski, Leschetitzky, under Prtnkévitchsvtntchtchitzky (prononcez Bertrand). His first recital was sparsely attended, but before the end of the season he was obliged to seek police protection from the embarrassing attention of his admirers. Thanks, however, to the application of the new Orling-Armstrong system of wireless telephony, Sir Edward Bradford is not without hopes that M. Paderewski, who has recently taken to using a Panhard 8 h.p. 4.7 q.f. overstrung grand, with pom-pom pedals and Vickers-Maxim resonator, will be rendered fully audible to the naked ear in St. James's Hall without quitting his estate in Galicia, where he is now immersed in agricultural pursuits. It may be added that such is M. Paderewski's capillary attraction, that on one occasion when a chrysanthemum show was being held at the Crystal Palace, a shortsighted judge mistook the head of the Polish virtuoso for an exhibit and awarded him an honourable mention. M. Paderewski, who keeps wicket for the Warsaw Eleven in order to harden his hands, plays all composers with impunity, and scores with astonishing rapidity.

Authorities: Paddy at Home, by the Baron Mandat-Grancey. Private information supplied by Mr. Eugene Sandow and the St. James's Hall cat.

MR. HERBERT PAUL.

PAUL, HERBERT WOODFIELD, England's Candid Friend, was born at Majuba in 1853. Though Boer by birth he is supposed to trace his descent from the Greek epigrammatist Paul the Silentiary. It is told of him that even as a child his dislike of orchids was intense, and his earliest reading was the piquant annual Who's Oom? On discovering the reply to this question Mr. Paul joined the Daily News, and he now, while writing regularly in its columns, enjoys the unique distinction of being the only member of its staff who has not at one time or another acted as editor. Mr. Paul's favourite diversion is John Bull-baiting, varied by lurid forecasts of the paulo-post future.

Authorities: Information from the present member for South Edinburgh; *Horæ Paulinæ*; *Daily News*, passim.

MR. STEPHEN PHILLIPS.

PHILLIPS, STEPHEN, Director of Herod's Stores, was educated at Sidney Colvin College, Cambridge, where he played for the University polo team on a Broncho Trochee After serving in the irregular Foot he settled Pegasus. at Marlow, where his fortunes turned from bad to verse. Finding his feet in Mr. F. R. Benson's Company, he played the Ghost in Hamlet to crowded houses, until hearing from Mr. George Alexander (q. v.) that he had an empty pigeon-hole at the St. James's Theatre, Mr. Phillips at once set to work and wrote Paolo and Francesca to fill it. The fame that came to him from the non-performance of this drama decided him to devote his whole time to play-writing, and he is now engaged on a drama on the subject of the Fall of Man for Mr. Tree; on the Laocoon for Mr. James Welch; on John the Baptist for Mr. Bourchier; on Democritus for Mr. Wyndham; on the Queen of Sheba for Miss Marie Tempest; on Bel and the Dragon for Drury Lane; and on Phillips of Macedon (in Alexandrines) for the St. James's Theatre.

MR. STEPHEN PHILLIPS.

Mr. Phillips, whose height is 15.3 kill-a-metres, is now lecturing for Major Spondee in the Foot Hills.

Authorities: Dowie and Marshall On the Compression of Redundant Feet; Benson's Sacred Lamp; and information from Mr. James Douglas.

MR. A. W. PINERO.

PINERO, ARTHUR WING, Pessimist Philosopher, was born far from the madding crowd in 1855, but may be described as a naturalised Irisman. Beginning with a cheerful disposition, Mr. Pinero has gradually given himself up to the study of post-nuptial disaster. To his highly trained ear there is no difference between wedding bells and a funeral knell, except that the knell is a shade more jocund. Mr. Pinero is in the habit of engaging theatres for the periodical display of his sociological conclusions, which being presented in dramatic form, have been facetiously described as plays.

Authorities: Information supplied by Mrs. John Wood and Mr. William Archer.

C. B. RANJITSINHJI.

RANJITSINHJI, KUMAR FRY, C.B., was born at Brighton in Sussex in 1872, where his ancestors had been tribal rulers for many centuries; hence the name Sussex, i.e., home of the South Sikhs. Educated at the Rajkumar College, Repton, under Dr. Robert Abel, Prince Ranjitsinhji, loyally following the example of Royalty, proceeded to both Universities. Wadham College his corrulean exploits were made the subject of an entire Blue-book, while at Trinity, Cambridge, he took a First in the Theological tripos, owing to his masterly exposition of the Judicious Hooker. For a while he acted as assistant master at the Blue Coat School, but resigned his charge owing to the publicity given to a fracas in which he broke Dr. W. G. Grace's record over his head. Returning to his birthplace, where he electrified the athletic world by his classic long jump over the Devil's Dyke, Prince Ranjitsinhji fought with the Corinthian Legion in the Greco-Turkish war, and allured by the unexplored domain of politics, successfully contested the Chiltern Hundreds. Kumar Fry Ranjitsinhji received the decoration of C.B. on the completion of his Jubilee Book of Cricket, since which he has also written From the Pitch to the Printing Press; or, Every Cricketer his own Journalist.

Authorities: What I think of C. B. Fry, by K. S. R., and What I think of Ranji, by C. B. F.; The Centurion's Progress; Dr. Abel's favourite song, To-morrow will be Fry-day; and information supplied by George Newnes, Ltd.

MR. CECIL RHODES.

RHODES, CECIL JOHN, the Modern Bayard, was born at Cape Town and Cairo, in 1853. He was intended for the Church, but settled in South Africa. Subsequently he set up an apple-cart, and became deeply interested in the Flora of South Africa, making a special study of cacti and orchids. In stature inclined to be Lobengular, he wears a long blond Liberal Imperial, and a sombrero whose darkness may be veldt. His favourite author is Bret Harte, particularly the poem beginning—

'I reside at Table Mountain, and my name is Truthful James; I am not up to small deceit or any petty games.'

Authority: Private information obtained at ruinous expense from Buller's International Detective Agency.

EARL ROBERTS.

ROBERTS, FIELD-MARSHAL EARL, V.C., first-rate fighting man, was born longer ago than we care to remember, and learned his A B C with such care that nearly all the letters of the alphabet still adhere to his name. Sent to school at Eton, he soon distinguished himself among the dry Bobs, and went out in 1852 to India, where he spent eight lustres and gained a fresh one for himself. In South Africa he lost his only son, saved the situation, and won the undying gratitude of the Lord Roberts, who does not underrate cavalry, nation. though he has had three horses shot under him and who was mentioned twenty-three times in despatches before he began to write them about others, would at no time of his life have satisfied the existing standards of height, weight, and measurement imposed on candidates for Commissions. these grounds, presumably, the Daily News refuses to regard him as a bonâ fide British officer, while owing to his miserably small appetite, his refusal to keep a French cook, his indifferent taste in champagne, and his fetish-worship of efficiency, he has been cashiered from the command of the Cinematograph at the leading Music-halls. Motto: Multum in parvo.

Authorities: The Heart of a People; Love me little love me long.

..LORD ROSEBERY.

ROSEBERY, Fifth Earl of, ARCHIBALD PHILIP PRIM-ROSE, Historian, was born at Pittsburg, in 1847, and educated at Dame Durdan's, Eton. Always attracted by the wild freedom of the biographer's life, it was not, however, until the editor of the Daily Mail (see Harmsworth, Alfred) appropriated the house adjoining his own in Berkeley Square, that Lord Rosebery found his true métier, Happening one day to look over the garden wall, he caught sight of his neighbour's Napoleonic lineaments, and by this happy chance his thoughts were turned towards the Man of Destiny. Thereupon to produce Napoleon, the Last Phase was the work of a moment. Lord Rosebery is now engaged on the lives of Lester Reiff, Tod Sloan, the Duke of Wellington, Charles James Fox, Sir William Harcourt, and General Boulanger.

Authorities: Called Back, by Sir Wemyss Reid, and information from Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., and others.

LORD SALISBURY.

SALISBURY, ROBERT ARTHUR TALBOT GASCOYNE-CECIL, Inventor of the Salisbury cold-water cure for political hyperæsthesia, Chemist and Humourist, was born at Algiers, After enduring great privations in the Australian goldfields, Dr. Salisbury joined the staff of the Latter-day Pooh-Pooh, and was raised to the peerage for his services as special correspondent at the Berlin Congress. In the House of Lords Lord Salisbury is never so happy as when fluttering the episcopal dovecotes, or discouraging the ebullitions of enthusiastic philanthropy. Thus, when an ardent champion of temperance had spoken of the temptations to which the working man was exposed by the mere number of publichouses, Lord Salisbury replied that he never found he wanted to go to sleep any more because he had forty empty bedrooms to choose from. His heroic detachment from actualities may best be illustrated by the facts that he has never been able to distinguish Sir Francis Mowatt from Lord Welby, and that he has more than once conferred decorations on dead worthies, and bestowed titles on the inconspicuous namesakes of living luminaries. Lord Salisbury, who wears a No. 8 hat, and closely resembles the bust of Homer, has a villa in France,

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where he resides only at periods of extreme political tension. His favourite motto is understood to be: 'It will be all the same a hundred years hence.'

Authorities: Gibson Bowles on Nepotism; and confidential communications from Earl Selborne, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Lord Cranborne, and Mr. Fowler, Lord Salisbury's précis writer.

MR. J. S. SARGENT, R.A.

SARGENT, JOHN S., R.A., 'Truthful John,' on the principle that good Americans when they are born live in Italy, first saw the light in Florence in 1856. His surprising gift for portraiture asserted itself very early, and before he was six his nursery walls were covered with scarifying portraits of his relatives. These mural cartoons are still preserved, and the house has become a place of pilgrimage for Mr. Sargent's admiring fellow Academicians, who are never so happy as in gazing upon his work. Mild and amiable as a pet lamb in private life, when once he takes his brush in hand Mr. Sargent is transformed, and he has more than once been prosecuted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Dukes.

Authorities: Semitic Studies; The American Invasion; and information from the Duke of Portland and Mr. Isidore Wertheimer.

MR. G. B. SHAW.

SHAW, GEORGE BERNARD, Millionaire, was born at Smithfield, in 1856. At an early age the abnormal appetite which he has carried into later life asserted itself, and it was considered nothing for him to demolish at a single sitting lalf 'Full mouth, empty pocket,' is an old saying the truth of which is falsified in Mr. Shaw's case, for his riches grew steadily, no other purveyor of English meat approaching him in popularity. In course of time he entered Parliament as a staunch Conservative, and on the declaration of war with the Boers he fitted out a regiment at his own costs. Nothing but his interest in a vivisection laboratory, which he was then building at St. Pancras, prevented him from accompanying his regiment to the Front in person. Mr. Shaw, who is next year's chairman of the Mildmay Conference, is short and stout, and is always faultlessly dressed in the fashion of the moment. His motto is: 'The majority is never wrong.' Address: The Nest, Brixton. Clubs: Constitutional, Turf, Guards', Beefsteak.

Authorities: Memoirs of Shaw the Lifeguardsman, The Licensed Victuallers' Gazette, and four novels of his nonage—A Carnivorous Vegetarian, How to Make Both Ends Meat, The Unconscientious Objector, The Quintessence of Jaegerism.

MR. G. R. SIMS.

SIMS, GEORGE R., better known as 'Dagonet' of the Referee, was born at Liverpool, in 1847. He was born without hair, a defect which was, however, quickly remedied by the application of 'Tatcho,' without a bottle of which Mr. Sims has never since left the house. During his play hours, while at school at Hanwell, Mr. Sims, already an ardent vegetarian, was impressed by the lack of suitable reading for the Sunday breakfast table, and after some unsuccessful experiments on a piece of Welsh flannel, succeeded in rearing the first crop of that mustard and cress which for so many years has gilded the laggard hours between the morning meal and the happy village chime. Mr. Sims finds relaxation from the labours of editing Living London and writing three plays a month, by equestrian exercise in the Park on his liver pad (which he charters from Carter's Little Livery Stables), followed by a pack of hounds named exclusively after his personal friends and his most flagrant dramatic successes.

Authorities: Buchanan's Balder the Beautiful; Mayne Reid's Scalp Hunters; The Heir to the Crown, and The Romany Dye.

THE HON. C. R. SPENCER.

SPENCER, The Hon. C. R., M.P., was born in 1857 at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Imbued from his tenderest years with the most pronounced Radical views, Mr. Spencer worked for a time in the fields with Mr. Joseph Arch, but abandoned the plough on his appointment as Constable of the Tower; hence his nickname of 'Bobby.' As Liberal Whip he has endeared himself to all parties by his homely exterior, dégagé attire, and bluff quarter-deck manners. Mr. Spencer is devoted to music, preferring a Collard to all other makers.

Authorities: Annals of the A.D.C., Virgil's Bucolics, Researches into the Origin of the Cholera Morbus, and information supplied by Messrs. Harborow, and Messrs. Beale and Inman.

.MR. ST. LOE STRACHEY.

STRACHEY, J. ST. LOE, Editor of the Spectator, was born in 1860, at St. Kitts, in the Catskills. He was educated at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, and the Dogs' Home, Battersea. The only other spec on Mr. Strachey's record was his prosecution by the R.S.P.C.A. for collecting dogs' tales. Decoration: C.B. Motto: 'Laudabunt alii clarum Rhodon.' Address: Mewland's Corner. Club: Kitcat.

Authorities: Information from Sir William Harcourt, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, and Mr. Charles Boyd.

MR. A. C. SWINBURNE.

SWINBURNE, ALGERNON CHARLES, Professor of Natation, was born in a bathing machine at Worthing, in 1837, and has remained true to the surf ever since, varying his life as an instructor in swimming by poetical exercises of unique The story of the Professor's first attempt as a poet is curious and instructive. He happened one day, as a youth, in the early fifties, to be bathing off the South Coast in company with his friend, Mr. Aylwin Watts-Dunton. 'Why, Swinburne,' remarked that fine critic, 'you remind me of the glory that is Greece.' 'How so?' said the Professor. ' Because you swim superbly, and come out dripping,' was the This sally naturally turned the thoughts of the Professor to the land of Homer, and Atalanta in Calydon was the happy result. Professor Swinburne is probably alone among the exponents of his art in being able to write while cleaving the billows; but, supplied with the excellent waterproof pocket-pad invented by Mr. Watts-Dunton, he has attained so perfect a mastery of the trudgeon stroke that even during the intricacies of water polo he has been known to compose and transcribe a triolet to a baby's Webbfeet, while his songs before sunrise, addressed to Agnes Beckwith, were all indited

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in the profundities of Brill's Baths at Brighton. In 1884 the Professor electrified the swimming world by negotiating the Horse-shoe Fall at Niagara in a Delphic coracle, and was promptly elected the first President of the Bath Club. He now resides at Putney, and when the University crews are in training, may frequently be seen disporting himself in front of the rival eights with the deft dexterity of a diaphanous dolphin.

Authorities: The Life of Thomas Mailland; Alliteration, its Use and Abuse; The Life of Walter Savage Leander; and Byron's Hellespontica.

MR. BEERBOHM TREE.

TREE, HERBERT BEERBOHM, the Last of the Dandies, was born on the Quai d'Orsay, Paris, in 1853. A fastidious taste characterised him from the first, and life was almost unbearable in the household if his bib was awry, or his perambulator not in the middle of the stage. As he grew older he became more and more exacting. When at Eton even his running gear was built by Poole, and at Magdalen he made eleven changes every day, and never wore the same collar-stud twice. was the first to use trees for boots; hence their name. he did not content himself with such inventions. He studied postures also, and was the first exponent of 'Hip-utility; or, what to do with the left arm in an attitude of repose.' He also discovered the Lime Light treatment for profiles. Altogether his services to photographers and Bond Street clothiers can hardly be over-estimated. Mr. Tree—whose productions are a household world in the Yosemite Valley, under the title of the Big Tree Brand—recently produced The Seats of the Mighty by way of a full rehearsal to his imminent elevation to the House of Lords, but the only result to date is that Mr. Gilbert Parker, the author, has been elected to the House of Commons.

Authority: Gilpin's Forest Scenery.

MR. H. G. WELLS.

WELLS, H. G., Prophet, was born at Old Moore Park, in Hertfordshire, in 1866, and after being duly vaticinated in accordance with the Act, was apprenticed to Zadkiel. Wells served under this famous soothsayer until 1896, when he became the ally of Captain Coe and Old Joe, his 'snips' sho wing extraordinary foresight and sagacity. After acquiring a large fortune on the turf by means of his uncommon gifts, Mr. Wells, in order to study other civilisations, made a trip to Mars, and also to the Moon, in the company of M. Santos Dumont, M. Jules Verne, and Sir George Newnes, with what result is well known. On returning, he built himself a house at Sandgate, on an eminence commanding an extensive view of the future, into which he gazes continually, dreaming of a millennium of middle-class efficiency. In such time as he can spare from casting the horoscopes of the crowned heads of Europe, who are continually visiting him incog., he writes light fiction, or takes short runs into the empyrean on his His motto is: 'How happy could I be in æther.' aeropile.

Authorities: The Lives of the Prophets, Applied Mechanics, and Anticipations.

MR. HENRY J. WOOD.

WOOD, HENRY J. PETER - ILIITSCH, Queen's Hall Lightning Conductor and Russian Artillerist, was born at Wotkinsk in the province of Wiatka in 1870, and proceeded at an early age to Professor Hairkomer's Bushey Academy, where he studied the instruments of percussion under Signor Tamtamagno, dancing and deportment under Professor Arthur Nikisch, boxing, gymnastics, and single stick, under Sergeant Mottl, and wind instruments under Dr. Blowitz. On the completion of his studies Gospodin Wood returned for a while to his native country where he amassed a complete and unrivalled collection of the works of Krag-Jorgensen, Hotchkitzky, Pompompsikoff, Skobeleff, Kruppsky-Maximovitch, and Pobiedonosztzeff. When Mr. Robert Newman, on the dissolution of the German Reed Company, established a Russian Brass Works next door, Gospodin Wood returned from Manchuria to undertake the post of Director of Ordnance, and assumed, by Royal letters patent, the additional surnames of Pathetikoff-Casse-Noisette. favourite mottoes are: 'Russ in urbe,' and 'Britons ever shall be Slavs.' His telephone number is '1812.'

Authorities: Newman's Loss and Gain; The Rivals, by Albert Chevalier; articles in the Pellmellikoff Gazetzky; Ruskin on The Pathetic Fallacy.

MR. CHARLES WYNDHAM.

WYNDHAM, CHARLES, our youngest Actor, was born at Brighton in 1841, served in the American War as a headless horseman, and is thus sixty years young. As he grows younger every day, it is estimated that by 1920 he will be fitted for Infant Phenomenon parts at Drury Lane, and will have to apply to the magistrates for leave to appear. Mr. Wyndham, contrary to the usual custom, grows more serious as he diminishes his age, and by the advice of of his physician, Dr. H. A. Jones, no longer plays the sprightly, irresponsible parts which he once frolicked through. Mr. Wyndham is a very busy man. Although acting every night, he rigorously spends his day in his office attending to the numerous arduous duties that beset a Chief Secretary for Ireland, and is famous for his wide reading and highly-polished culture. His motto is: 'Wyndham's is no Criterion.'

Authority: The Garrick Memoirs.

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MR. WILLIAM GILLETTE.

with features perfectly adapted for chromo-lithographic representation on the London hoardings. In founding the Bachelors' Club he provided a field for those bulls-eye lantern entertainments which are so greatly relished by the nobility and gentry.

Authorities: Baden-Powell's Aids to Scouting, J. S. Mill's System of Deductive Logic, The Strand Magazine, Gaboriau passim.

MR. PIERPONT MORGAN.

MORGAN, JOHN PIERPONT, Electrician to St. Paul's Cathedral, was born in 1837, with a golden spoon in his mouth. For many years he worked at the tiresome routine of monopolist, and only in 19Q1 reached his true vocation, the lighting of St. Paul's. Mr. Morgan has not yet decided whether to provide the motive power from Niagara Falls, or whether to buy up Buckingham Palace and place his engines there. In filling up a confession album in the house of one of our more affable duchesses, Mr. Morgan stated Trust to be his favourite quality, and Steele his favourite author. Mr. Morgan's favourite game is Puss in the Corner, and his favourite song 'Johnny Morgan lit the Organ.'

Authorities: Fortunes Made in Business, The Lives of the Millionaires, Fata Morgana.



LORD ROSEBERY.

ROSEBERY, Fifth Earl of, ARCHIBALD PHILIP PRIM-ROSE, cloth merchants' traveller, was born in the island of Lewis, in the Hebrides, in 1847. On joining the great Highland firm of Sutherland, Gamp, and Co., manufacturers of Harris tweed, of which he is now the predominant partner, he quickly became their most efficient agent, and sent up the sale of that article by leaps and bounds. For this service he was given the title of Lord Harris, and, after a mercantile visit to America, of Boss Tweed. Lord Rosebery himself wears a suit of Harris dittos, trimmed with the blue ribbon of the turf—a very striking costume. His motto is: 'Try our winter suitings.'

Authorities: The works of Mrs. Tweedie; The Admirable Crichton.

MR. J. P. SOUSA.

SOUSA, JOHN PHILIP, whose ancestors came over to America from Portugal vià Cape Horn, was born in the Cave of Æolus, in March, 1860, and educated at Brazenose College, Yale, under Dr. Blow. As a child he was of a curiously ingenious turn, and it is related of him that he melted down all the doorhandles in his father's house to make a bombardon. For a time he held the humble office of bugler to the White House —an engagement which he has celebrated as his Washington post-but was discharged for injuring the favourite brassy of the President (a great golf player) by attempting to convert it into a saxophone. Justly incensed at this treatment, he thereupon collected a following of his own, known as the Band of Rebellious Sousa, by whose instrumentality he soon achieved a more resounding fame than any President could possibly attain. Mr. Sousa's favourite dish is braised beef, and his motto: Exequi monumentum ære perennius.

Authorities: The French Horn Book; Lord Brassey's Annual; Cymbalism, by Arthur Symons; Shaw's Captain Brassbound's Conversion; and information supplied by the Field Cornets of the Argentine Army and the House Physician of the Hospital for the Deaf.

MR. YERKES.

YERKES, EDISON VOLTA, Tubular Millionaire, was born in the Catacombs, in 1841, and has been described by an enthusiastic Irishman as a 'rail gintleman.' after squandering upon America his lusty youth, descended upon the shores of this island a little while since, and by raising Tubal Cain, gave our railway system shocks. passing an electric current along the metals, he claims to be able to stimulate porters to civility, station-masters to humility, engine-drivers to punctuality, and directors to decency. name, which is usually pronounced as if it rhymed with that of his colleague, Mr. Perks, is rightfully a dissyllable, thus providing a much-needed rhyme to 'circus' and (at a very long distance) to work'us.' Mr. Yerkes, who, as becomes one who has so many irons in the fire, is a great poker player, finds a Home from Ohm in the spacious hotel built on the Embankment by Lord Hugh Cecil to accommodate the members of the Cabinet in consequence of their aversion to Downing Street. His motto is: 'Tube be, or not tube be.'

Authorities: Holberg's Adventures Underground; Studies in Blue Clay, by a Miner Poet.



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