

TALES TOLD A REPORTER.

A HODGE-PODGE OF MATTER.

Good Habits and Good Character Not Always Synonymous—The Man Who "Hill and Fell With 'Em"—A Varying Size of Feet—The Simplicity of Great Men—How the Persistent Broker Won Out Even When They Set the Dogs on Him—Disappointment Caused by a Waitress in a Cheap Restaurant—A "Good Habit" is Justly Held in High Esteem by all Mankind—said a gentleman, who is a keen philosopher when he has the time. "But good habits do not always imply good character—did you ever think of that? To be more exact and truthful, maybe I should say that the lack of bad habits does not necessarily mean a good character. We all know men who go through the world doing good in an unobtrusive measure, with faith, hope and charity in their hearts and in their deeds, too. Yet many of these men would be and are called bad. It is the same with women. These persons could not stand creditably comparison with some others who are in reality far below them.

"There are men and women in the world who never have done any wrong to speak of, but equally they have done no good. They go through life according to the law. They never act by impulse; they weigh every atom of every act. They know not generosity and are charitable, because in their own little spheres, they cannot understand the other man or the other woman, who falls farther but also rises higher. I'll warrant that when the golden mean is measured, the plane of the man or woman with good character and perhaps bad habits will be higher than the self-centered, never-make-a-mistake individual. Join good character and good habits and you have not close akin to God. But merely good habits? No."

The man had not been in the habit of attending church since he was a little child. His life had been a turbulent one, and he had grappled with the goal of success and conquest. He had a fortune in money, a good heart and a desire to please. For the first time in years, then, he went to church, and it happened to be very high church, where the ceremonial entails standing, kneeling and rising again many times. Afterwards a friend asked him what he thought about the service.

"Well, it kept me busy, sure 'nough," replied the man. "But, Lord bless you, I riz an' fell with 'em—! an' fell with 'em sir."

"Has you got a pair of ole shoes?" asked a waiter at the Central Hotel. "Yes, but I don't s'pose they'd fit you."

"Oh, yes, dey'd fit all right." "What size do you wear?" "Fum 6 to 8, suh."

Those of you who have had occasion to seek out at various times the so-called great men of any community know that the greatest men are almost invariably the easiest of approach and the simplest in their manners. Exceptions, such as Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, to cite an extreme commercial instance, do not alter the rule. How often it is that you have had to pass lines of brass-buttoned men and officers only to find at last in the person sought, and who was responsible for all the red tape, a simple, unassuming man, whose cordiality makes you ashamed of the thoughts you had a moment before about him.

"There is nothing in the world like persistency in almost anything you undertake," said an old business man. "I knew a real estate broker in New York who, by his own hand and own steam yachts and things, who was a remarkable example of this truth. He was a most disagreeable sort, and his subservience made him despicable when he first started in business. He kept on plugging away, however, all the time, though there was little fruitage in the way of commissions. One day, however, the little persistent fellow, whom nobody liked and don't set for that matter, got on to the fact that a certain wealthy party had died, and was the crowd that came to New York just after the Steel Trust was formed and created a score of millionaires—wanted to buy a certain piece of property owned by an aristocratic old gentleman over in Long Island, and the old gentleman was poor, except for his valuable landed estate. Also he was proud, so that he would entertain no offers for the property by mail and refused to see any brokers who called.

gained greatest prominence in recent years as the grandmotherly old lady in various plays, which made Miss Annie Russell famous. It was this work which was known most so the present generation, although there were triumphs in by-gone days which our fathers and mothers remembered her in. But it was not until this season, with death fast approaching, that she became a star—the oldest star ever known in the history of the world. It was purely her loveliness that made her managers see the opportunity. To have reached the pinnacle at the age of four-score years and then to die in triumph—that was given to "Granny" Gilbert.

COTTON TALK.

Caused by the Government Report—Loss to the South—6,000,000 Bales in Farmers' Hands Still—Reasons for Decrease in Local Receipts Since Beginning of Season.

Since the government crop report, which came out Saturday, there has been all sorts of talk about it, and local cotton men and farmers, to say nothing of the citizens who take a more or less idle interest in the state of the cotton market, have expressed all sorts of opinions about its future. The report caused a drop immediately in prices that was estimated to be a loss of \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to the Southern planters, that is to say, the difference between what their staple would have sold at before and after the report amounts to that much. Although the market had been declining, there were many who believed that the bearish attitude could not last long. Consequently, there were many disappointed folks when the surprising depressing report was given out.

Local speculators were not let very hard, because they have kept out of speculation pretty much of late, but there were a few who sold short and gathered in the shakels. They were following Mr. Theodore H. Price, of New York, who, in the opinion of several brokers here, cleared in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 in this campaign. "There are about 6,000,000 bales of cotton in the farmers' hands now," said a prominent cotton man yesterday. "Now if the farmers will hold their cotton and decrease their acreage, they will catch good tail-end prices. The trouble is that you can get no unanimity of action among the farmers in this respect."

The prevailing opinion was that cotton will sell higher than 8 cents all about if there is no rush to unload. Some interesting figures are shown in the report of the local receipts since the season began September 1st. There were 9,877 bales received here, while last year in the same period there were 10,922 bales. When asked to explain why there was such a discrepancy, local cotton men said that as a matter of fact there was more cotton raised in Mecklenburg county this year than last. A great deal of it has been effected to other places for sale, and also there is more in the farmers' hands than there was last year this time. There are so many growers who have been awaiting for an increase in prices.

ELOPED COUPLE AT BUFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Slattery Were Married Here Yesterday Afternoon in Romantic Fashion—The Bride a Monroe Girl and the Groom From West Virginia—Particulars. On the Buford register last night appeared "G. T. Slattery and wife." The reporter was looking over the names of the guests, when the clerk put his finger on the above registry, and said, "Bride and groom." The reporter picked up his card for an interview, and the servant brought the reply that the reporter was to go up and knock at No. 31. This he did, and Mr. Slattery appeared at the door, and in reply to a question made known that the bride was Miss Leola McCall, of Monroe, West Virginia. The groom, who appeared "G. T. Slattery and wife," and aged 21. She came yesterday morning to Charlotte. The groom is from Bluefield, W. Va., is aged 22, and is a railway agent for the Norfolk & Western Railway. It was an elegant wedding. The groom has been here since Thursday. Yesterday afternoon, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Robert Bias, Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron married them. They are going home to West Virginia. The groom left this morning for home, Bluefield. When the groom got things tangled, the bride would speak up, and in a very sweet voice set him straight.

NOT A KIDNAP.

When Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roane Took Negro Girl With Them to Greensboro, They Were Satisfied That Her Parents Knew—But the Latter Thought She Was Kidnaped.

When Mr. and Mrs. James H. Roane left Charlotte last Friday to make their home in Greensboro, they took with them the colored girl who had been employed by them for some time. Apparently there was nothing strange about such a procedure, but an old negro man and woman hurried into the office of Chief of Police Irwin the next day and began a voluble talk about "dere kidnaped chile," and the old man thrust forth a bunch of money to pay for all that might be done to accomplish her return. It was simply a case of over-excitement over their daughter who had gone to Greensboro with the Roanes. Chief Irwin assured the anxious pair that all would be well, and then he wired Chief W. A. Scott, of Greensboro, to look into the matter. Yesterday a letter came saying that the Roanes were astonished at the outcome of their hiring a servant. They had told the girl before she left here to let her parents know and she had told Mrs. Roane her mother was willing for her to go. However, the girl was sent back to her parents, John and Mary Oehler, yesterday afternoon.

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ELKS' CHURCH SERVICES.

Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt Preaches Special Sermon to the Lodge on Friday—Unusually Strong Musical Programme, With 48 in the Choir.

The special Elks' services last evening at St. Peter's church were largely attended and Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt in a most impressive address of half an hour spoke to his brother Elks. It was well seasoned and full of kindness and magnanimity. He chose "Fidelity" as his theme—fidelity to mankind, fidelity to principle and fidelity to God. To mankind he showed how to each other the lodge members were faithful and true, helping one another and making happiness for the old members in their declining years. He next showed what a noble thing was fidelity to principle, how it actuated and prompted the noblest elements of character. How it made possible the self-sacrifice of one for the benefit of others, and how honesty was the foundation for all the principles which go to make up a perfect man. Faithful to principle, though at the expense of popularity, was a splendid thing, he said.

In closing, he said fidelity to God was the highest and best, over-reaching all others, and making the future consistent with the present, raising man to a level with the sublime and God-like. The singing portion of the services were especially good, and added beauty and loftiness to the ceremonial atmosphere. There were thirty-eight persons in the lodge members were faithful and true, helping one another and making happiness for the old members in their declining years. He next showed what a noble thing was fidelity to principle, how it actuated and prompted the noblest elements of character. How it made possible the self-sacrifice of one for the benefit of others, and how honesty was the foundation for all the principles which go to make up a perfect man. Faithful to principle, though at the expense of popularity, was a splendid thing, he said.

PALL-BEARERS NAMED.

For Funeral of Dr. O'Donoghue—Interment to be in the Monastery Cemetery at Belmont.

The following-named have been chosen pall-bearers for the funeral of the late Dr. Dennis O'Donoghue, which will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church. Messrs. James W. Conway, John Crowley, Michael Houch, Charles Williams, Charles W. Gallagher, John M. Miller, James McLaughlin and T. C. Toomey.

After the solemn pontifical high mass, celebrated by Bishop Hall assisted by Rev. Father Joseph, of Salisbury; Rev. Father James, of Belmont, and Rev. Father Francis, the remains will be taken to the Southern Railway depot, to be borne to Belmont, where the interment will take place in the cemetery of St. Mary's Monastery. A large number of Charlotte people will accompany the body to its final resting-place. Bishop Hall will arrive to-night from Newark, N. J.

Advertisement for 'The Weekly Wash' featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'Charlotte Steam Laundry', 'The Weekly Wash', 'is the biggest part of the week's work', 'We have a few cents for a few cents we can relieve you of this burden.', 'List takes in all Bed and Table Linen, Towels, etc., both washing and ironing. We are careful of the goods, too.', 'CAROLINA CLOTHING CO. J. A. SOLOMON, Mgr.'

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