

LITTLE BIG HEROES.

THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF SOME GREAT PERSONAGES.

By Far the Larger Part of the Men Who Have Ruled the World, Either Intellectually or With the Sword, Were Small of Stature.

One of the natural instincts of men is that curiosity which all feel regarding the personal appearance of those persons who have stood mentally high above their fellows. Whenever we read or hear of a great man, and especially when we are familiar with his history, we unconsciously form a picture of his looks and stature to which the contrast of the actual man is often very disappointing.

During Napoleon's first campaign in Italy, in 1796, the Italians were greatly surprised at his personal appearance and his short stature, his pale face, the sickly thinness of his frail body, which seemed consumed by the fire of his genius, but was in reality made of muscles of steel, seized the imagination of the people by the contrast they presented to his dazzling feats of arms.

It is a singular fact that while nothing would seem to be easier than to ascertain the exact size of great men yet it is really difficult and often impossible to do so. How long did "the grand monarch," Louis XIV, pass for a large man, being described as such by courtiers and historians! Yet the measurement of his skeleton some years after his death revealed that he was under the average size.

Indeed, far the larger part of the men who have ruled the world either intellectually or with the sword have been men of small stature. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher who for 2,000 years maintained despotic sway over the world of thought, was a slender man with spindle legs, small eyes and a shrill, stammering speech.

Gregory VII, the mightiest and haughtiest of the Roman pontiffs, who de-throned sovereigns at his will, was a diminutive man, and so were Canute the Great and the great Conde, Voltaire, the literary autocrat of the eighteenth century and the most brilliant wit of the ages, was one of the thinnest and most spectral of human beings.

Montaigne, the father of essayists; Dr. Watts, the hymnist; the sickly Scarron, who, in reference to his ill health and insignificant stature, called himself "an abridgment of human miseries;" Alexander Pope, who wore three pairs of stockings to plump out his legs to a decent size and also wore stays; Campbell, the author of "Hohenlinden," "a pretty, little, delicate, ladylike, finical gentleman;" Thomas De Quincey, the "opium eater," were all dwarfish men.

Suwarow, the greatest of Russian generals; Frederick the Great, David Garrick, the wonderful actor, and Alexander Hamilton, whom Talleyrand pronounced one of the three greatest men he had ever known, were slender and below the middle height. The brave General Marion "was in stature of the smallest size, thin as well as low," and Dr. Kane, who surpassed all his arctic companions in braving torrid heat and polar cold, was but five feet six in height and weighed at his best but 135 pounds.

But more dwarfish than any of these ghostly beings was that phenomenon of the eighteenth century, the Abbe Galliani of Naples. "Personally," says Marmon- tel, "the abbe—who was but four feet and six inches in stature—was the prettiest little harlequin that Italy ever produced, but upon the shoulders of that harlequin was the head of a Machiavelli." Referring to the frequent and sudden alterations in his conversation, of great lofty sublime thoughts which, Sainte Beuve says, were worthy of Vico, if not of Plato, with pleasantries, jests and buffooneries, the abbe said of himself, "You see that I am two different men kneaded together, who, nevertheless, do not entirely occupy the room of one."—William Matthews in Saturday Evening Post.

The center slit in the pen is cut by a machine which seems almost to think. It consists of two chisels which barely pass each other when the slit is made, and the exact way in which the pen is poised so as to place the chisels in the proper position for cutting is one of the marvels of penmaking.

ONE OF HERRMANN'S TRICKS.

A Bit of "Mind Reading" by the Famous Magician.

"The late Alexander Herrmann always went fixed for an impromptu exhibition," said a theatrical press agent who was once associated with the famous magician, "and in the early part of his career he would go to extraordinary pains to 'lay his fences' long in advance for startling effects. In that way he was frequently able to do things that seemed next door to supernatural, and the result was no end of valuable advertising. In later years, when he became celebrated and systematic booming was no longer necessary, the old man, as we used to call him, would often refer to these exploits and laugh heartily over the mystification they had occasioned.

"On one occasion, to give you an illustration of his patience and forethought, he was in a notice bar in Pittsburg and chanced to notice a barbook lying on a desk behind the cigar counter. The cover bore a printed number, which was in plain sight, and when he got outside Herrmann quietly made a memorandum of it in his notebook, together with the address of the place. There was not more than one chance in a hundred that the information would ever be of any service to him, and he simply filed it away, so to speak, for possible future reference.

"Well, fully six months afterward, when he was playing a return date in the city, he piloted a party of friends one day into this identical bar, and the proprietor, who was present, was called up and introduced. All hands sat down at a table to have a bottle of wine, and, as usual, Herrmann was urged to give an example of his skill. He performed several neat tricks, and, remarking that he would wind up with a little exhibition of mind reading, asked the cafe proprietor to think of some number that could afterward be verified. 'Take the number of your bankbook,' he suggested, 'if you remember what it is.' 'I don't recall it off-hand, but I can easily find out,' said the barman, and going over to his safe he unlocked an inside compartment and privately inspected the book. 'All right,' he said when he returned to the table; 'I am thinking of the number now.'

"Herrmann took him by the hand, looked him in the eyes in his peculiarly impressive fashion and said, 'The number is 129,068.' 'That's right,' gasped the cafe proprietor in an awestruck voice. He was absolutely stupefied with amazement, and so, for that matter, were the others in the party. The fact that the book had been locked in the safe and the apparent impossibility of Herrmann knowing anything about it in advance made the feat seem almost miraculous. It is talked about in the house to this day."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THRIFT VERSUS MEANNESS.

Young People Should Save Money, but Not Too Industriously.

Most young people are not willing to save money. As it costs them little or nothing they are lavish in spending it. This is a great mistake. All should try to save money and never spend it without a reason or without getting something worth what they pay for. They will not always have parents to take care of them. As they grow up they will need money. Young men need it, and young women. Persons should rarely or never marry unless they have some money saved or are receiving so much for their labor that they can take care of themselves if they should for awhile be sick. Those who do not marry and save nothing are in a pitiable condition when old age overtakes them or sickness prevents them from working or leaving their homes.

Once in a great while a youth is found with a morbid desire to hoard. Personally we have known but few such, but in them the habit grew until they became notorious for meanness. A story is told of a celebrated bishop who grew so mean that one day when he cut his finger with a penknife and no court plaster could be found a clergyman standing by brought out his cardcase and took from it a 5 cent stamp and gave it to the bishop to use to stop the flow of blood. The bishop accepted it gratefully, placed the 5 cent stamp in his own cardcase and then took out a 1 cent stamp and pasted it over the still bleeding wound. This seems almost too much to believe.

But a celebrated minister in New England was offered a hat by a hatter who was a friend of his and who admired him in most respects. He asked him if he had another kind. "Yes," he said, "though not quite so good as that." He said he would like to see one and asked what the price of the first one was and was told \$5 and of the second \$3. "Well," said he, "as you offered me the first one, if I should take the second would you give me the difference in money?" A young person should not be a spendthrift, neither should he be stingy.—Christian Advocate.

Quite Proper.

"Mr. Untidy," began his talented young wife one night as she stood knee deep in a bowl of dough, "can you tell me one thing?"

"I certainly can," grumbled the ambitious husband, who was standing in the corner peeling some of the apples which had been sent to them by his mother-in-law up in Potomac.

"Let me see," scowled Mr. U., "didn't Eve pick them just before the fall?"

And immediately after this utterance a frightful noise evolved from the parlor, where Wilfred was trying to take the temperature of the cat's ear with a piece of dough, despite the feline's unceasing shrieks.—New York Herald.

The Honeymoon Out of Style?

Honeymoons seem gradually disappearing. Their days are shortened, their solemnity is being modified. The fortnight of our grandmothers' honeymoons has merged into a few days, and during that time all kinds of amusements are admissible. We read of brides going out hunting, attending theaters (abroad in this case), paying visits and otherwise mitigating the seriousness of the tete-a-tete until it is quite possible that we may be approaching the extinction of the honeymoon.—London Graphic.

An Egotist.

Henry L. Clapp, in a company of good fellows, once said of a well known editor who was constantly impressing people with his own importance, "Yes, he is a self made man, and he worships his creator."

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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A WOMAN'S AWFUL PARIL.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful stomach, liver and kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, Try it. 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by all druggists.

A RAGING, ROARING FLOOD.

Washed down a telegraph line while Chas. C. Ellis of Abson, La., had to repair, standing waist deep in ice water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold and cough. It grew worse daily. Finally, the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had Consumption and could not live. They began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung troubles by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00 trial bottles free. Two wrongs will not make a right.

A KEEN CLEAR BRAIN.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25c box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by all druggists.

All men have equal rights but not resolution to reach them.

You are much more liable to disease when your liver and bowels do not properly. DeWitt's Little Early Risers remove the cause of disease. All druggists.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Dr. King's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Pretty little boas, collars or whatever they may be called come in chiffon with rows of platings, edged ruchings and sprays of flowers fastened in the front and running the length of them.

THIS WILL INTEREST MANY.

To quickly introduce the famous blood purifier B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) to new homes, we will give away 10,000 treatments. B. B. B. will positively cure all blood and skin troubles—ulcers, scurf, eczema, eating sores, itching ulcers, sweet, pimples, boils, carbuncles, bone pains, rheumatism, catarrh, blood poison, affectings throat or bones, mucous patches, cancer swellings. Persistent pimples or wart. B. B. B. makes the blood pure and rich, heals every sore or eruption. B. B. B. makes the blood pure and rich. For free treatment address Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice given, until cured. B. B. B. cures all deep-seated cases that refuse to heal under patent medicine or doctors' treatment. B. B. B. composed of pure botanical drugs and is the finest blood purifier in the world. God works in moments.

Advertisement for Platts Chlorides disinfectant, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'Platts Chlorides Disinfectant. The Odorous Disinfectant. SMALL POWERFUL PREPARATION. Cleans, Disinfects, and Deodorizes. Sold by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00 trial bottles free. Two wrongs will not make a right.'

Advertisement for Wo Racks O EXAS, featuring a rack illustration and text: 'The people who talk most about their citizenship in heaven are often those who pay no taxes there.'

Advertisement for Frisco Line, featuring a train illustration and text: 'Announces the Opening of its Red River Division to Denison and Sherman, Texas. Through Train Service will shortly be established from St. Louis and Kansas City over the Frisco line to Texas. Shortest Line to Texas.'

Advertisement for Cascarets, featuring a box illustration and text: 'ASK YOUR GROCER FOR Cascarets. The 5 Minute Breakfast Food. BEST FOR THE BOWELS. Genuine stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. Beware of the dealer who tries to sell "something just as good."'

Special Low Rates To the Southwest. May 29th and 30th, 1911. Your wish to visit Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Indian Territory or Oklahoma at a small cost, can now be realized. All roads will make low rates to Memphis for the Confederate Veterans' Reunion, May 27th to 30th. The limit on the tickets (June 19th) will enable you to extend your visit into the Southwest. That you may do so cheaply, the Cotton Belt will sell special low-rate tickets (stop-overs allowed) from Memphis to Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma on May 29th and 30th—return limit three weeks. Such an opportunity is not likely to occur again in years.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY IN EFFECT DECEMBER 9, 1910.

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Carolina & North-Western Railway

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Advertisement for Dr. King's New Discovery, featuring a bottle illustration and text: 'MILLIONS GIVEN AWAY. It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern which is not afraid to be generous. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles and have the satisfaction of knowing it has cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, La Grippe and all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases are surely cured by it. Call on any druggist and get a trial bottle. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00. Every bottle GUARANTEED.'