

BRAINY PAUPERS.

Brilliant Inventors Who Reaped Pitiful Rewards.

DIED IN POVERTY AND WANT.

Some Men of Genius Who Were Doomed to End Their Days in Obscurity, While Their Fruitful Ideas Made Millions and Fame For Others.

Now and again a man is born whose brain fairly bubbles with inventive genius. New ideas stream from him, and all branches of science are mastered with hardly an effort.

Such was Frederic William Martino, one of those many brilliant Italians who left their native land to seek fortune in a foreign country.

Martino came to England, and his name is most familiar from the Martini-Henry rifle, the breechblock of which was one of his numerous inventions.

It is an irony of fate that Martino's name should go down to posterity solely through a warlike invention which he himself thought little of when his greatest work was done in the cause of peace.

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Married Women's Names.

In England and in the United States a woman loses her identity in marriage. In Belgium and Spain the husband adds the name of his wife to his own.

In Scotland both names are preserved, and the woman is always known by her maiden name. In Wales it is the custom to describe the woman by her maiden name.

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Ill Timed Humor.

Dr. Frederick Van Eeden, the Dutch physician and author, always kept in sight the injustice of fate that subjects the poor to tortures from which the rich are exempt.

Once a poor man was brought in affected with a very strange and rare disease of the spine that caused him, by involuntary spasms of the legs, to jump and to continue hopping when he tried to stand on his legs.

And yet when the man began to hop the "gentlemen" roared. And I felt the tears come to my eyes and my fists close in my pockets.—World's Work.

It is rather a pity for the gayety of nations that French men of letters cannot fight their duels as duels are fought in Greenland.

Each man speaks in turn, whipping the enemy with epigram and quip, and after two hours of this wordy battle the meeting gives the victory to him of the two adversaries who has amused the whole assembly most.

A minister has got to be alive and resourceful today," said a deacon of a big metropolitan church. "Ours finds he can't speak well extemporaneously, and he reads from a typewritten copy.

"A little scheme of mine," he said laughingly. "I found I was delivering what I had written in the same tone. So now, early on Sunday morning, I go over the copy I carry into the pulpit.

Secret societies are so ancient that their origin is lost in the mists of the past. They existed in Egypt, Persia, India, at the earliest times with which history or legend gives us any insight.

At the end of the ninth inning. Yet, though the home team was two runs to the good, things looked black for them.

The visitors were at bat. There were no outs, and three men were on bases; also Terrible Terry Tomkins was up, and Terry's batting average reached the clouds.

Terry hunched his shoulders and waited confidently, and a groan went up from the bleachers.

The ball flew in three pieces, and the pieces flew in three directions. One was caught by the pitcher, one was pulled out of the air by the shortstop, and one landed in the first baseman's mitt.

The bleachers went wild.—Philadelphia Times.

I have called, sir, to see the photo of the lady with \$25,000 who wants a husband."

"Can you keep your face straight?" "Of course I can."

"Very well. We'll break you in first with the \$5,000 applicants, and then gradually, as you grow stronger, we will work you up to the big prize. This way, please, and don't get frightened."—Exchange.

The Romans in the time of Cicero and Augustus took an early breakfast, from 3 to 4 in the morning; a luncheon at 12 or 1, and at about 3 o'clock the coena, or principal meal of the day, corresponding with our dinner.

He is always doing something that causes a lot of talk."

CERTAIN RESULTS.

Many a Oxford Citizen Knows How Sure They Are.

Nothing uncertain about the work of Doan's Kidney Pills in Oxford. There is plenty of positive proof of this in the testimony of citizens.

D. S. Fuller, Broad St., Oxford, N. C., says: "I knew that my kidneys were disordered, for the kidney secretions were unnatural and deposited sediment. I had a dull pain in my back and there were sharp, shooting twinges in my kidneys."

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

What the Stand Pipe is. One of the latest jokes is credited to the Washington Star to Senator Curtis of Kansas:

Stones That Find Their Way Into the Mouths of Many People. It is a far cry from "the lonely stretches of the wave kissed shore" to false teeth, but by unexpected paths we often descend abruptly from the sublime to the utilitarian.

NO HOPE FOR IDA LEWIS. Has Been Keeper of Lime Rock Light 44 Years.

Newport, R. I.—Ida Lewis, who many daring rescues as keeper of the Lime Rock light, in Narragansett Bay, has earned for her the title of the "Grace Darling of America," was still unconscious tonight as a result of the stroke of apoplexy she suffered yesterday while at her post of duty.

Miss Lewis is 72 years old, and for 60 years she has been at the Lime Rock light. In 1867 she was appointed keeper of the light by special act of Congress, to succeed her father upon his death.

With this wealth in your pocket you can then sit down and look dreamily over the water while you allow your imagination full play.

Riddle of Gravitation. Nearly 250 years ago one of the greatest intellects connected with science turned his attention to gravitation.

Deserted at the End. William the Conqueror was a man of very gross habit of body and at the siege of Mantes was hurt by the rearing of his horse, the pommel of the saddle striking the king in the abdomen and causing injuries from which he died in a few days.

A Vague Impression. "What is your idea of the character of Lady Macbeth?"

Major Mull—The doctor says he thinks I am suffering from brain fog. Miss Cynic—Rather a fatterer, isn't he?—London Opinion.

It is mainly to love one's country; it is godlike to love the world.—J. W. Conklin.

Women and Youth. She—A woman, you know, is as young as she looks. He—Yes, but unfortunately she isn't always as young as she thinks she looks.—Exchange.

Valor consists in the power of self recovery.—Emerson.

IMAGINATION IN BUSINESS.

A Fresh Application of it Now Going on in the Periodical Trade.

Woman's Home Companion, Imagination, as applied in business, foresees what the public needs and then makes a profit by furnishing it.

Many news-stand dealers will now take your order for a periodical and deliver it to your house each month in this manner the customer is saved the trouble of going to the stand and carrying his periodical home.

Newspapers of course developed the delivery of their product to the individual customer years ago, but dealers in periodicals have not generally done so.

Home Treatment for Tuberculosis. Consumptive patients need no longer dread either the fate that formerly overtook all sufferers from lung trouble, or costly and often terribly inconvenient journeys far from home to other climates or to some expensive sanatorium.

Nowadays women may have an individual bank account—something that no woman should be without. We have provided a Lady's Department, which will make it easy for our feminine patrons to maintain that which is so necessary to independence—money in the bank.

Oxford Savings Bank & Trust Company. H. G. COOPER, B. S. ROYSTER, W. T. YANCEY, President. Vice-President. Sec-Treas.

HOW OLD PEOPLE

May Prolong Their Lives

At an advanced age waste is more rapid than repair. The organs act more slowly and less effectually than in youth. The circulation is poor, the blood thin and watery, the appetite poor and digestion weak.

Try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you.

Hamilton Drug Co., Oxford, N. C.

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