## 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, for Martino was the discoverer of the process for converting basic slag into manure, a discovery which has put millions into the peckets of German manufacturers, but from which he himself, it is stated, never reaped a penny.

The fluted rib for umbrellas, a new process for the extraction of nickel from its ore, a new development of platinoid - immensely important in electric work-and a brilliant invention for the reduction of gold ore, these are only a few of Martino's discoveries. And yet he was so lacking in business capacity that in spite of his extraordinary output of valuable ideas he died at Glasgow in 1903 a comparatively poor and obscure man, while dozens of others have been made richer by his genius.

In 1860 the chemist Lenoir patented a motor driven by an explosive mixture of air and gas. He used electric ignition obtained from a battery and a Ruhmkorff coil, actuating a sparking plug very similar to that in use in the modern motor. The system of valves by means of which the suction of the piston drew in the charge of gas for the next explosion was also designed by Lenoir.

In 1862 he actually produced a car which, if crude, was similar in all respects to that in use today, save that he employed coal gas instead of petrol, and this he actually drove himself through the streets of Paris.

Yet for reasons similar to those which caused the failure of Martino he never received the reward of his genfus, and it was left for Daimler, nearly thirty years later, to produce the first of the practicable autocars.

Lenoir died in 1900, poor and un-

Three years later, in 1903, the life of George Shergold came to an end in Gloucester workhouse. Shergold, originally a shoemaker, was the inventor of the safety bicycle. He built a machine of this order in the year 1876, the front wheel of which was twentyseven inches and the rear wheel some thirty-one inches in diameter.

In 1900, when it first became generally known that the man whose invention had made millions for others was as poor as when he had cobbled shoes, a public subscription was raised, and for some time an allowance of 5 shillings a week was made to Shergold. But the funds became exhausted, and poor Shergold ended his life in the

How many people have ever even heard of Scheele? Yet this poor Swedish chemist was perhaps the greatest discoverer of facts that the world has ever known.

We always hear in England that Priestley was the discoverer of oxygen. Yet Scheele made this most important of all chemical discoveries simultaneously with Priestley. And it was Scheele who discovered chlorine gas. Chlorine is perhaps the most important of all gases in commercial chemistry. It is the great bleacher that gives us white linen or white straw hats. It is also the best disinfectant known. It is essential to the manufacture of the great pain killer, chloroform, and it is used extensively for the extraction of gold from its ores.

Chlorine's value to the world has been incalculable, yet Scheele, the man who discovered it, lived hungry and died a pauper.

Professor Gore died a comparatively poor man, yet Gore was the inventor of the modern safety match, of the method of electrodeposition commonly known as electroplating and of many other processes which have put millions into the pockets of manufacturers. Gore's book, "Electrometallurgy," published in 1870, is still a standard work on the subject .- London An-

Value of Cinders.

A few years ago great heaps of cinders piled up, often being dumped into low places where new earth was needed. Manufacturing concerns were glad to get rid of the accumulations. But now the cinders are in great demand for use in the foundation for cement and concrete work. They form a perfect drainage material, and it has been found that frost acts very lightly on them. Furthermore, concrete work in which cinders are used is said to be of extreme durability. When cinders are ground and mixed with cement the mass becomes very hard.

The road to success is as easy as the road to ruin.—Benjamin Franklin.

Married Women's Names. In England and in the United States woman loses her identity in marriage. In Belgium and Spain the husband adds the name of his wife to his own. In the United States women sometimes retain the family name, as Mrs. Harriet (Beecher) Stowe. In the Channel islands the woman never loses her maiden name. In Spain the children write the names of both parents, as Llarena y Monteverde. In "Don Quixote" is the following: "Casajo was my father's name, and I, for being the wife of Sancho Panza, am called Teresa Panza, but by good right they ought to call me Teresa Casajo." 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. The fact that a woman on becoming the wife of a man loses her identity is apparent in many portions of the Bible, when under the ancient custom man, on taking a wife, declared that she became "flesh of my flesh and blood of my blood." thereby establishing the old time saying that man and wife are one.-Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Tyranny of the Tip. There have always been those who have revolted against the tyranny of the tip. So long ago as October, 1795, "Constant Reader," venting his griev-Times. "If a man who has a horse puts up at an inn," he complains, "besides the usual bill he must at least give 1s. to the waiter, 6d. to the chambermaid, 6d. to the hostler and 6d. to the jackboot, making together 2s. 6d. At breakfast you must give at least 6d. between the waiter and hostler. If the traveler only puts up to have a refreshment, besides paying for his horses' standing he must give 3d. to the hostler: at dinner 6d, to the waiter and 3d. to the hostler; at tea 6d. between them; so that he gives away in the day 2s. 6d., which, added to the 2s. 6d. for the night, makes 5s. per day on an average to the servants." They did the thing pretty thoroughly in those

A Millionaire. The term "millionaire" is of international use, but it does not mean the same thing in the mouths of different | It looked so curious that I asked him nations. To every one it means the possession of a million, but not necessarily a million dollars. In Great Britain a millionaire has a million pounds, or nearly \$5,000,000, while in France they count francs, so that there a millionaire is a compara-

tively poor individual with but \$200,-000 to bless himself with. Millionaires are quite common in Prussia. but a million marks don't mean much these days, amounting to a trifle of \$250,000 in our money. For millionaires of real class it is necessary to go back to old Babylon. The Babylonian millionaire had 1,000,000 talents and would not be regarded as a poor man even by a Wall street office boy. A talent was about \$2,000, and a million of them would be \$2,000,000,000.

A Triple Play.

It was 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. A triple play! The game was the home team's.

The bleachers went wild .- Philade! phia Times.

Breaking It Gently. "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.

Dinner Among the Romans. 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. Concurrently we read of some not dining until sunset.

Early Morning Talks. He is always doing something that

causes a lot of talk." "Why, I never heard any of it." "He is the only one who he He is always staying out at night later than his wife wishes him to."-Houston Post.

A Scheme. Youthful Inquirer-Father, what is a scheme? Perplexed Parent-I can't exactly define it, my boy, but it is something which will fall through quicker

Coming. First Graduate-I hear that you've got a job on the road. Second Ditto-Yes; it hasn't reached me yet .- Ex-

than anything else on earth.

Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. - Haw- is godlike to love the world.-J. W.

III Timed Humor. Dr. Frederick Van Eeden, the Dutch physician and author, always kept in Many a Oxford Citizen Knows How sight the injustice of fate that subjects the poor to tortures from which the rich are exempt. He told the following bitter little anecdote, which occurred during his student days in Amsterdam:

Once a poor man was brought in affected with a very strange and rare following statement: disease of the spine that caused him, jump and to continue hopping when he neys were disordered, for the kidfessor wanted to show this to his students, and he requested the patient to stand on his feet. The poor man looked at the crowd around and said with a pathetic, imploring look:

would be serious.

And yet when the man began to long to drive aay my aches felt the tears come to my eyes and my fists close in my pockets.-World's

A Greenland Duel.

nations that French men of letters Kidney Pills. I still believe cannot fight their duels as duels are this remedy is an effective fought in Greenland. In Greenland in curing kidney trouble." when one man has been insulted by another the adversaries each compose a satire in verse. This each man rewe find that ubiquitous personage, cites to his household until the servants and the women know it by ances in the columns of the London heart. Then a place of meeting is appointed. "he two men, the insulter and insulted, the offender and offended. stand face to face, and each recites his poem. His friends and servants form a chorus. Each man tries hard to raise the laugh against his adversary. and after two hours of this wordy prairie. battle the meeting gives the victory to him of the two adversaries who has amused the whole assembly most.

> Colored His Sermons. "A minister has got to be alive and resourceful today," said a deacon of a big metropolitan church. "Ours finds be can't speak well extemporaneously, and he reads from a typewritten copy. I never knew how he managed to preach so effectively until one day I happened to see his manuscript. Half of it was underlined in different colors.

> about it. "'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. I keep crayon pencils of six different colors on my desk. Red means one tone, green yet another, yellow and blue yet others. As I turn each page I see at a glance just how I am to speak."-New York Sun.

Secret Societies 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. It seems to be natural for men to organize such societies for both good and evil purposes. Nearly all th ancient religions were of a two faced character, popular and secret, or, as they are called, "esoteric" and "exoteric," the first for the few, the initiated, the second for the rank and to do is to fling it jauntily over your file. The philosophers would teach one thing to the masses of the people and another to the select few who made up the "inner circle." Cicero tells us that the wise men of Rome and Greece beileved quite differently from the com mon run of Greeks and Romans.

A Good Listener. Alfred Henry Lewis, the author, was

walking up Pennsylvania avenue one day when he met Louis Brownlow, the magazine writer. "Louis," said Lewis solemnly, "listen

to me-for three hours." "Why, what's the matter?" asked Brownlow.

"Why," said Lewis indignantly, "I've been in this town all day, and every body else has been doing the talking I do love my little conversation!"

Brownlow went to luncheon with him and, after doing a sprint in long distance listening, pulled out his watch with the remark: "Lewis, I've listened to you for three hours and nine minutes. Goodby."-New York Trib-

The Genuine Article.

"I don't know about this picture, Bobby," said the visitor as he ran over specimens of the youngster's camera work. "I am afraid a dog with a propeller instead of a tail is something of a fake."

"That ain't a propeller," said Bobby. "That's his tail. He kept waggin' it while his picture was being tookened." -Harper's Weekly.

Vulgar.

"When ordering champagne some people are not satisfied with the pop of the cork." "Think not?" "No; they think the waiter ought to

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.

also sound a gong."-Kansas City Jour-

Sarcastic. Major Mull-The doctor says he thinks I am suffering from brain fag. Miss Cynic-Rather a flatterer, isn't he?-London Opinion.

It is manly to love one's country; it

CERTAIN RESULTS .

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 citizensmost skeptical doubter. Read the

D. S. Fuller, Broad St., Oxford, by involuntary spasms of the legs, to N. C., says: "I kenw that my kid- going on in the periodical business. tried to stand on his legs. Our pro- ney secretions were unnatural and deposited sediment. I had a dull pain in my back and there were of two ways- either by mail sharp, shooting twinges in my kid-through a yearly subscription, or by neys. I rested poorly and all these troubles caused my health to become run down. When I heard "If the gentlemen will please not about Doan's Kidney Pills, I got laugh." The professor promised they a supply from the Hamilton Drug both to publishers and to a large Co., and it did not take hop the "gentlemen" roared. And I pains. Doan's Kidney Pills are by far the best kidney medicine I the development of the news-stand ever used."

> (Statement given in Feb. 1903.) RE-ENDORSEMENT.

On December 9, 1910, Mr. Fuller said: "I willingly verify my former It is rather a pity for the gayety of statement given in praise of Doan's In this manner the customer is that

> cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, the customer to buy more periodi-New York, sole agents for the United tSates.

Remember the name-Doan'sand take no other.

What the Stand Pipe is. One of the latest jokes is credited by the Washington Star to Sen-

ator Curtis of Kansas: A stranger travelnig through the state was surprised to see what he Each man speaks in turn, whipping took to be a tall chimney rising the individual customer years ago,

> "What is that chimney for?" he putting up a factory in this lonely occasional customer by delivering asked of his guide. 'Is somebody quarter.'

Joe Miller's well. Cyclone turned her bids fair to become. inside out."

NORMANDY NUGGETS.

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 many daring rescues as keeper sublime to the utilitarian. Many a the picturesque coast of Normandy has been sacrificed to provide him with shore of the English channel between Dieppe and Havre you will see men and boys searching for stones of a certain size and shape from a varied for 60 years she has been at collection of rocks which form the beach. These are put into sacks and shipped to America, where they are appointed keeper of the light converted into porcelain.

cupation-has grown to considerable proportions in the past few years. Its simplicity is perhaps its greatest charm. Having once learned the kind of stone you are looking for, all that she cannot recoveris required of you is to pick it up. If you do this steadily and uncomplainingly for several hours you will be sure to fill a sack. Then all you have shoulder, run across the bowlders to the superintendent and demand 1

With this wealth in your pocket you can then sit down and look dreamily over the water while you allow your imagination full play. You seem to see the stones after a long voyage across the Atlantic being slowly rescued from their rude state. Bit by bit they are dragged from their primitive nothingness up to the heights of twentieth century porcelain. They are then shaped, polished, mounted on a gold pivot-but why go into it? It is too painful.-Minneapolis Bellman.

Riddle of Gravitation.

Nearly 250 years ago one of the greatest intellects connected with science turned his attention to gravitation. In that 250 years physical science has made rapid advances. A boy who has completed a year's work in elementary physics could entertain Newton in electricity were it possible for the great philosopher to return to earth. After learning of the great progress in electricity I can imagine him in his eager desire for knowledge turning to the boy and expecting some light on gravitation. Alas, not only the high school boy, but not even the most learned. can give any definite information on gravitation. The problem is about where Newton left it .- Popular Science Monthly.

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. Before his death he was deserted by all his attendants, who stole and carried off even the coverings of the bed on which he lay. The body remained on the floor of the room in which the king died for two days before it was buried by char-Itable monks from a neighboring monastery.

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

"Really," replied Mrs. Cumrox, "there is so much gossip about people connected with the stage that one scarcely knows what to believe."-Washington Star.

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

IMAGINATION IN BUSINESS. A Fresh Application of it Now Go-

ing on in the Periodical Trade.

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have obtained their copies in one purchase at a news-stand. The yearly subscription method is a permanent institution, accommodating class of customers. The new movement that is taking place is towad

Many news-stand dealers will now take your order for a periodical and deliver it to your house each month saved the trouble of going to the stand and carrying his periodical For sale by all dealers. Price 50 home. The system tends to induce cals and to buy them more regularly than does the accidental purchaser who drifts from one news-stand to another and in stormy weather stays away entirely. The general results are extension of business and stability.

Newspapers of course developed the delivery of their product to retorted the grouchy customer. the enemy with epigram and quip, above the monotonous level of the but dealers in periodicals have not his periodicals, but the movement "No,' was the reply. That's just has never become general as it now

NO HOPE FOR IDA LEWIS.

Has Been Keeper of Lime Light 44 Years.

Newport, R. I.-Ida Lewis, we often descend abruptly from the the Lime Rock light, in Narraganman calmly chewing an indestrucible sett Bay, has earned for her the steak in America little dreams that title of the "Grace Daring or America," was still unconscious tonight molars. Such is the painful fact, how- as a result of the stroke of appoever. If you walk along the southern plexy she suffered yesterday while at her post of duty.

Miss Lewis is 72 years old, and Lime Rock light. In 1867 she was special act of Congress, to succeed The industry-for such is the term her father upon his death. She is used to designate this invigorating oc- the only woman, it is said, ever to receive that honor.

The attending physician says that while she may live for another day

## HOW OLD PEOPLE

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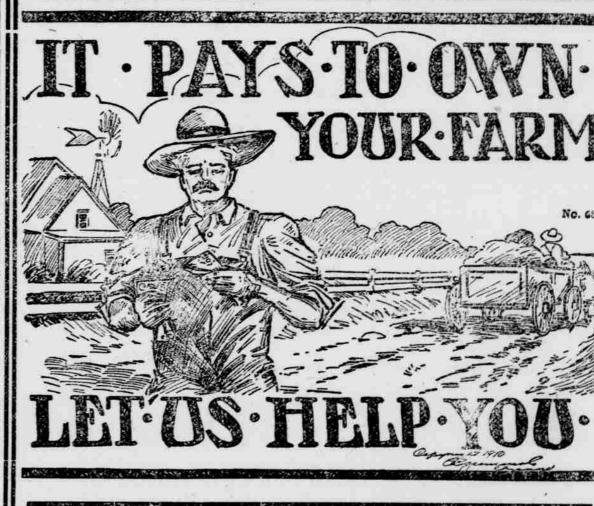
"Please wrap up all my purchases said the grouchy customer "Why, I've done so," replied the "Beg pardon, but you haven't."

'What have I left undone up?" "That thumb of yours you weighed with the butter, also the one generally done so. An occasiona you weighed with the meat. Wrap dealer may have accommodated an them up, I want them for dog meat -Mack's Monthly.

> **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. Hundreds are now staying quietly at home curing themselves at no expense beyond the cost of a few bottles of medicine. Here is one who speaks from experience: 220 S. 4th St., Colwyn (Darby), Pa. "Gentlemen: For four troubled with cough, which gradually be came worse; I had night sweats and pains in my chest. I was losing my appetite and had become so thin and weak I could ot attend to my household duties. physician pronounced my case Consump-tion. Not being satisfied, I was examined by the physicians of the Polyclinic Hospital; they also pronounced the dis-ease Consumption, which was proven later by an examination of sputum, as Tuberculosis Bacilli was found. I was ordered to a Consumptive Hospital. My nephew would not allow me to go until I had tried Eckman's Alterative. Be-fore I had taken the medicine three weeks I had marked relief, night sweats ceased; pain in the breast relieved; cough be-came loose and easy; fever left me and I commenced getting well. My health became normal. I am in excellent health now and have been completely cured for ten years. I strongly recommend it."
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