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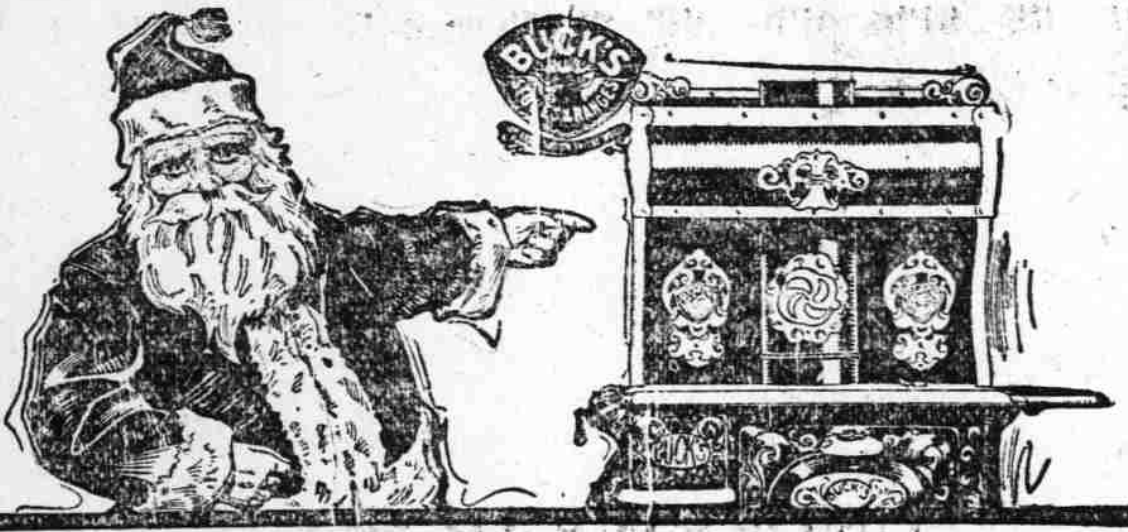
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UNHAPPY HOMES OF AUTHORS

Large Proportion of British Writers Have Been Unfortunate in Domestic Life.

Someone with a passion for genuine antique scandals has been poking into the private lives of classical English writers and finds among them a distressing proportion of celibates and of unhappily mated persons, says a writer in Success Magazine. For the benefit of book-loving gossips he has prepared a list of the foremost British authors with a short description of their domestic relations. The list is so full of matrimonial wrecks that the compiler is forced to wonder whether chessmen, stock brokers and the rest of us have as poor a chance at domestic happiness as poets and playwrights.

No fewer than 25 out of 68 well-known authors never were married at all. A number, including Milton, Bunyan, Southey and Hazlitt, made several matrimonial ventures. Of the rest, Shakespeare, Dryden, Addison, Coleridge, Carlyle, Ruskin and Dickens are the most notable of a long list of those who were unhappily married. Why should the production of literature be apparently so incompatible with a happy domestic life? Are literary men less capable than lawyers and plumbers of choosing congenial mates? The truth seems to be that the writer husband is at home so much of the time that he becomes as familiar an object there as the old cane-bottomed chair. Two persons who can survive 24 hours of each other's society per day without jars are happily married indeed.

"I have only one thing to ask you," said a wise young bride-to-be to the prospective husband, "and that is that you will promise not to be in to lunch."

WOULD NOT DENY IDENTITY

Admission of Charges, However, Might Have Been Made in More Dignified Manner.

A characteristic figure in the politics of the middle west once ran for congress from the state of Ohio. His free and easy manners made him popular with the boys, but his life had not been irreproachable, and from many quarters came evidence of opposition. This opposition crystallized finally at a meeting of the Miners' league of the district, and a delegation was sent to ascertain beyond question the truth or falsity of the charges against him. Though the object of their visit was known to the candidate, he received the ministers with a hearty greeting, and stood before them, smiling, while their chairman, a man of serious mien, unburdened himself of the questions previously agreed on.

"Mr. Blank," said the chairman, "are you the man who has been seen frequenting race tracks? Are you the man famous in this community for your devotion to games of chance played for money? Mr. Blank, are you the man whose notorious immorality has for years been a blot upon this town and a shame to all its honest citizens? Are you the man we have described, Mr. Blank?"

The statesman's eye twinkled as the catechism was concluded. "Gentlemen," he said, returning to courteous gravity. "I am that identical son of a sea cook."

Needless to say, in spite of continued opposition, the popular favorite was overwhelmingly returned.

Ink at \$100 a Pound.

"The best India ink—it should really be called China ink—never leaves China," said a missionary. "It costs \$100 a pound, and the scribes use it in writing the correspondence of the royal family and the mandarins."

India ink is made of the oil of the poisonous seeds of the osamum or colza tree. Varnish and pork fat are added to this oil, and then, by means of combustion, all is changed to lampblack.

"The lampblack paste mixed with glue is beaten for days on an anvil, fine musk is gradually mixed in to give perfume, and the purest gold leaf to give a rich luster. Finally the ink is dried in molds for about a month."

"What makes the best India ink so costly is its purity, and, above all, the long time given to its combustion and subsequent beating. If you saw its beauty you wouldn't think it dear at \$100 a pound."

How Could He Do It?

"Dear me," gasped Mrs. Hollonutt, "here's a terrible item in the paper. My word, how the poor man must have suffered!"

"Well, what is it?" asked the husband.

"Why, one of those unfortunate Marathon runners over in New York swallowed a sponge."

"What? Let me see." After carefully reading the paragraph Mr. Hollonutt flung the paper down. "There never was a woman yet who could grasp a simple fact in print. This doesn't say the fellow swallowed a sponge."

"I know it doesn't in those exact words," assented his wife; "but, then, how on earth could the poor man throw up the sponge if he didn't swallow it?"

Sanctum Confidences.

"Brooks," said Rivers, "can you give me a synonym for 'utility'?" I've used that word twice already."

"I suppose I can," growled Brooks, "but what's the use?"

"Use? Use? Thanks; that'll do." Thereupon the rattle of the typewriter began again.

JEFFRIES' SUPERB CONDITION.

Physician Declares Big Fighter to be Fit for a Battle.

That Jack Johnson is a fit specimen for a championship heavyweight fight is admitted, but there has been and is still great doubt expressed regarding James J. Jeffries. Many feel that Jeffries "can not come back." Jeffries is a mystery. The Chicago Tribune, in an attempt to get at the real condition of the white man, had him agree to undergo a close examination by Dr. C. W. Piper, of Englewood. The doctor found Jeffries to be surprisingly fine. Here is what he has to say: "A gorilla man of the stone age brought back to the flesh! a reincarnation of a mighty Berserker; or a medieval mountaineer of the Atlas region, birthplace of the strongest men—any one of these might envy the huge frame and mountainous muscles of the Jeffries who passed the ordeals of science yesterday."

"I have seen many athletes and have examined a number, but never before has such a perfect, symmetrical physique been presented for scientific examination, at least to my knowledge. Indeed the only figure in classic art even that would compare favorably with Jeffries in sheer exposition of power is the Farnese Hercules. But these are generalities. This is what the examination indicated: Heart in perfect condition; lung power tremendous; circulation good; absolutely no indication of muscle degeneration; nervous system in excellent order; no enlargement of kidneys; no sign of Bright's disease, the bane of many big men; no disorders that will affect stamina; one fault, right arm crooked at elbow as result of injury received in a ball game.

"When Jeffries stripped in a room at the Chicago Athletic Association, I first measured him, using a steel tape in order to obtain the correct dimensions. I then suggested that he step on the scales, but the big boy laughingly declined, with the remark it would not be fair to his friends in the East, who had tried in vain to discover his exact weight. He claimed his poundage was not more than 235 pounds, but I fear he was joking, as I should say he weighed at least 250 pounds. This is not an excessive weight, however, for such a massive frame to carry. Following the taking of the measurements, I applied the usual instrumental tests, first using the stethoscope.

"At this point in the examination I received my great surprise. I confess I had been prejudiced against Jeffries, by the reports of his five years' idleness and dissipation on the coast. I believed it would find evidences of fatty degeneration of the heart and possibly serious valvular trouble. I found neither. The conclusion is that the reports were greatly exaggerated, or Jeffries is such an abnormal man that he is still proof against the ill-effects of dissipation. I found the heart to be in the strongest condition. The beat was steady, powerful, and normal in every way, there being not the slightest indication of a lesion, enlargement or atrophy. Before exercise, the vital organ registered seventy-two beats to the minute—an ideal mark. After moderate exercise I counted eighty beats—still using the stethoscope.

"Realizing that the form of exercise had not been of a severe nature, I had the retired champion skip rope for at least three minutes. The dancing and hopping necessary in this movement have a direct effect on the heart, and I anticipated a greatly increased beat. But it was only ninety-two, and there was not the slightest indication of fluttering, which would have betrayed any hidden weakness. Within one minute—the period between rounds in a ring encounter—I again examined the heart, and to my surprise found it registered seventy-two—its normal. This may be regarded as significant of wonderful recuperative power. What a battering this man could receive, and after drawing from the reservoirs of his strength return for more! Is there a man in the world with power sufficient to continue hammering that matchless frame until its fibres take flight? That is the question I asked myself after completing the heart test. I am half inclined to answer it in the negative before the battle of July 4th."

"The Raven" Revised
Once upon a morning foggy while I loitered, grouched and froggy,
Over biscuits that were seggy, and an egg that was a bore,
While I dawdled almost dreaming and my coffee ceased from teaming
Suddenly there came a scolding—screaming never heard before.
"Tis some suffragette," I muttered, "screaming at my open door;
Just a noise and nothing more."

Effective.
"And why should I give you an interview?" demanded the great man.

"I must take back something," replied the reporter. "Unless you answer my questions, I'll attribute a lot of mildewed anecdotes to you."

He got the interview.—Washington Herald.

CONSTIPATED?
TAKE
SIMMONS
LIVER
REGULATOR
HEADACHE?

HENRY SPIVEY

Under Sentence of Death, Has Been Granted a Reprieve.

Raleigh News and Observer.
Governor Kitchin granted a reprieve in the case of Henry Spivey, a negro, of Bladen county, who was to be hanged on the twenty-first of January. The extension of time is to the fourth of March.

Spivey appealed to the Supreme Court, but the decision of the lower court was affirmed and the Governor set the extension for the twenty-first of January. The reprieve is granted as the negro's attorneys ask time to present reasons for a commutation of sentence.

The Governor gives as his reasons for the reprieve:

"Reprieved till March 4, 1910, for the reason that attorneys employed to present his application for commutation have not sufficient time to prepare his case without reprieve. See letters of McLean, McLean & Snow, and McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor."

In the Spring.

"Mary," said Mrs. Brown, "have you enough cleaning powders?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"A good mop?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"A tack hammer and a step ladder?"

"Yes, ma'am. I think we have everything."

"Two pails and a window rubber?"

"Yes."

"Then we can start cleaning house this morning. But wait! Is there a cold hambone in the pantry for Henry to pick at when he comes tonight?"

"Yes."

"Good! It would never do to start house-cleaning without a cold hambone."—Detroit Free Press.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance, the kidney-poison ed blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, head ache, back ache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

Bladder troubles almost always result from a derangement of the kidneys and better health in that organ is obtained quickest by a proper treatment of the kidneys. Swamp-Root corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often through the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest because of its remarkable health restoring properties. A trial will convince anyone.

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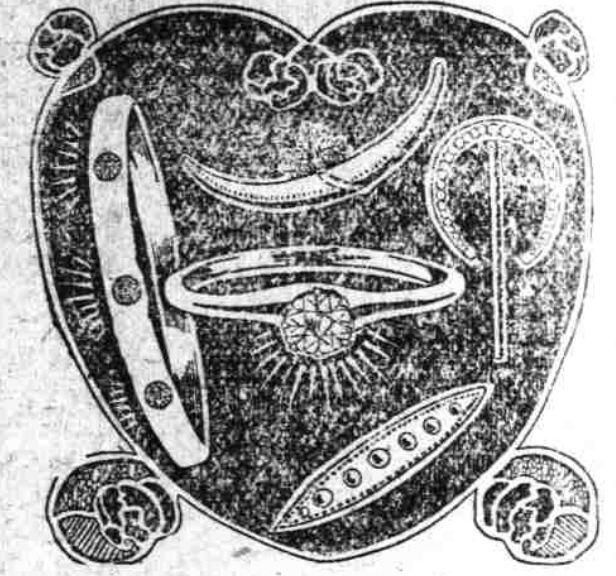
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NORTHBOUND—WILMINGTON AND THE NORTH.

	No. 48	No. 42
	Daily	Daily
Lv Wilmington...	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar Goldsboro...	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson...	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar Norfolk...	5:55 pm	*8:55 am
Ar Weldon...	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar Petersburg...	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar Richmond...	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar Washington...	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar Baltimore...	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar West Phila...	3:40 pm	11:35 am
Ar New York...	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND

	No. 41	No. 49
	Daily	Daily
Lv New York...	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv West Phila...	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv Baltimore...	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv Washington...	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk...	*3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv Richmond...	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv Petersburg...	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv Weldon...	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv Rocky Mount...	5:05 am	12:50 pm
Lv Wilson...	5:36 pm	2:09 pm
Lv Goldsboro...	6:49 am	3:05 pm
Ar Wilmington...	9:30 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH AND WEST.

	61	65	42
	Daily	Daily	via Wilson Daily
Lv Wil'tn	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar Flor...	9:25 am	5:30 pm	4:01 am
Ar Col'ba	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar Aug'ta	3:00 pm		
Ar Atl'ta	8:20 am		
Ar Nash	6:35 am		
Ar Mem.	3:30 pm		
Ar Lou'v.	1:10 pm		
Ar Cin'ti.	4:35 pm		
Ar Chars.	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am
Ar Sav'h.	3:55 pm	2:20 am	9:30 am
Ar Jk'ville	8:15 pm	7:15 am	1:50 pm
Ar Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

NORTHBOUND

	50	54
	Daily	Daily
Lv Tampa...	9:00 pm	10:30 pm
Lv Jacksonville...	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv Savannah...	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv Charleston...	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv Columbia...	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv Augusta...	4:25 pm	2:45 pm
Lv Florence...	7:58 pm	9:25 am
Lv Florence...	8:03 pm	9:25 am

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	Westbound	Eastbound
	53 Daily	52 Daily
8:40 am	Lv Wilmington	Ar 8:05 pm
11:45 am	Ar Fayetteville	Lv 4:50 pm
12:10 pm	Lv Fayetteville	Ar 4:45 pm
1:40 pm	Ar Sanford	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

	Northbound	Daily Except Sunday	Southbound
	62	63	63
3:25 pm	Lv Wilmington	Ar 12:50 pm	
5:17 pm	Ar Jacksonville	Lv 10:55 am	
6:44 pm	Ar N. & S. Jet	Lv 9:35 am	
6:50 pm	Ar New Bern	Lv 9:30 am	

*Via Petersburg and N. & W. Ry.
**Daily except Sunday.

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Sleeping Cars with Broiler Service between Wilmington and Washington connecting with Pennsylvania Railroad for all points East.

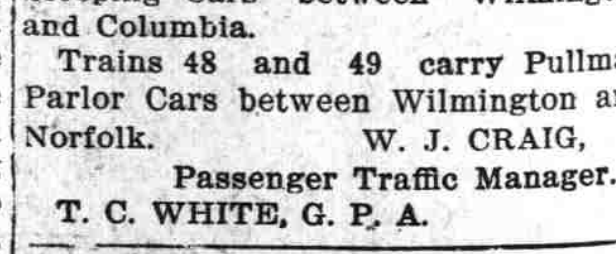
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