DESK USED BY HAWTHORNE JOURNALIST AS AN ADVISER

Day Is Almost Gone When He is Made the Confidant of Rulers.

The recent appointment of Dr. G. E. Morrison, the well-known English newspaper correspondent, as edviser to the new Chinese government, is an exception which emphasizes the fact that the day is almost when the journalist is the conadant of rulers." Of course, one reason is the passing of master journalists of the type of Delane, Blowitz or Greeley. It is probable that none of those men could flourish today as they did in their time, for the reason that journalism itself has undergone a tremendous change.

When Henri de Blowitz got his famous "beat" on the Berlin treaty of 1878 it was the result of years of intimate contact and service to statesmanship. There were "leaks" in those days that spelled fame and fortune for the man who caught the leakage.

Such a relationship is well-night mpossible now. Today, and especially in our own country, the whole machinery of government is presssted, so to speak. Every great tment of our national life has the to the public, and through the max whose function is to dimensi-the to the public, and through the ms, a knowledge of its activities. wely, indeed, does a great piece of shurive news come out of Washing-m-or, for that master, from the

aropean capitals. All which simply goes to show that news, like overything else, has me to be a matter of system .--Munsey's Magazine.

WHY HE SHED TEARS

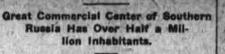
Famous Author Worked at it When He Was Surveyor of the Port

of Salem. The desk at which Nathaniel

Hawthorne worked when he was surveyor of the port of Salem, during a period in the Polk administration. is still in existence in Salem, carefully preserved by its custodians. Hawthorne secured the appointment as surveyor through the intervention of his Democratic friends, who were influential at Washington at the time. Senator Fairfield of Maine was especially active in the matter, and the munificent salary of \$1,200 enabled this somewhat financially straitened literary genius of the first rank to live in comparative comfort during his four years of incumbency.

With the election of Taylor and Fillmore the Salem Whigs conspired to have Hawthorne supplanted by an official of their own political stripe. and the result of this unnecessary proscription against one of Salem's most noted native sons was his greatest story, "The Scarlet Letter." Letter" is prefaced with an intro-. duction, a reminiscence of the author's experience at the dingy scat of Salem's customs. The collector at the time was Gen. James Miller, the hero of Lundy's Lane, and Hawthorne's references to the man who could say in an exciting emergency, "I'll try, sir," lends interest to what is really one of the most attractive portions of the book.

Hawthorne refers to this identical desk in his minute description of the business room of the custom house. "An old pine deak with a three-legged stool beside it," is the way he referred to this equipment.



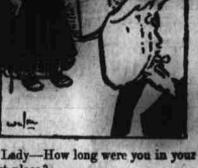
ODESSA YOUNG BUT LUSTY

Odessa is one of the youngest of European cities-only a hundred and twenty years ago Hdji Bey, a little Turkish settlement, nestled on the cliffs that overlook the harbor and dozed under the sultan across the Black sea. The long arm of Russia reached out and took it, and planted there, upon the plateau overlooking the bay, the beginners of a commercial city that now holds between five and six hundred thousand. The revolution in France soon sent refugees scattering over the world, and noble names came to Odessa, and one may read them still on street corners-Daribas, Richelieu and Langeron. Later Englishmen came and brought ships to carry away Russian grain; and then the Crimean war swept across this friendly relation. But the English stayed when the war had passed, and then Germans came, and afterward Americans, with reapers and plows and steam traction engines, to help Appropriately, too, "The Scarlet the Russians to grow more richly the grain that the English and the German ships carried out to the world. Last of all came the Jews, and they cut the business so fine that the English starved and gave up; so the business of exporting to-day is mainly in the hands of the Jews. A few hardy Germans and English are left .- Sydney Adamson, in Harper's Magazine.

ALL EXPLANNED



Dinks-Old De Close is a sort of iser, they tell me.



ast place? Girl-Jisht a month. Lady-Indeed? What was the rouble?

Girl-The trouble was, ms'am, that I got sick an' couldn't l'ave sooner.

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Drummer-I attended a funeral in a little village the other day at which even the undertaker shed tears.

Gunner-Was he a relative?

Drummer-No; but the deceased was the only doctor in the town.

CHARM OF TURGENEV.

"Turgenev," says William Lyon Phelps in his essay on the novelist, "although an uncompromising realist, was at heart always a poet. In reading him we feel that what he says is true; it is life indeed; but we also feel an inexpressible charm. It is the mysterious charm of music that makes our hearts swell and our eyes swim. He new life, as everyone must see it, through the medium of his own soul. As Joseph Conrad has said, no novelist describes the world; he simply describes his own her."

CONSTITUTIONAL POINT.

The Learned Counsel-Yes, the itation certainly forbids cruel and unusual punishments.

The Plain Vag-Den how about dis rock pile sentence of mine? It mure is cruel to put me to work, se work is de most unusual thing could happen to me .- New York Globe.

NOT HIS CLASS.

Why should that author have an

Why shouldn't be ?" muse he's a hack writer."

NO TIME WASTED.

"The dog you sent here this mornit at us and then ran away." Id show a case of smap and go."

PALPABLE HINT.

"I think a woman ought to make a clothes match her means." "Dear me! Are your me narrow as that?"

NICE DISTINCTION.

"Hubby, am I as dear to you at hen we were courting?" "Not as dear, wifey, but 1

Winks-Yes; but there is one thing he dispenses liberally. Dinks-What is that? Winks-His pessimistic talk.

HORSE SENSE.

"Why is it that the dog is always referred to as the most intelligent animal?"

"Because he knows how to get a good living without doing any work," replied the horse .- New Orleans Picayune.

WITHOUT HER.

"He said he couldn't live without

"He seems to be doing it, all right."

"Why, she married him?" "I know, but she's a club woman.

ENOUGH IS PLENTY.

Casey-Do you iver play cards, O'Brien?

O'Brien (a gardener)-Faith, no! Oi get me full av handlin' spades in the daytoime.-Boston Evening Transcript.

WHYT

"I permit my wife to run out ouse exactly to muit herself." "Why do you drag in the word ermit ?"

AFFLUENCE.

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"Is she rich ?" "Heavens, yes! A specialist get \$10,000 a year for do

CRAMPED FINANCIALLY.

"Why don't you keep a car, Pil kin ?" "Well, for one thing, I'd hate to

eg my gasoline from door to door."

PITY TIS, TIS TRUE.

Greene Some day I'm going ave a chicken farm. rown (who had)--On hands !-- Puck.

CIVIC JEALOUSY.

Squire Durnitt (of Lonelyville)-They tell me you felt that earthquake in your town th' other day. It didn't bother us none. Uncle Welby Gosh (of Drearyhurst)-Should say not. Ther hain't no woy o' gittin' to your blamed little village 'ceph travelin' by dirt road, an' no decent earth-

quake would take th' trouble to de

HIS JOB.

"There goes a man who was once pulling down a salary of \$15,000 a "What is he doing now?" "Serving as a horrible example for those who think they may as well spend their money as fast as they

VARIOUS STRATA.

get it."

The digging a well in my beak

"Struck water yet ?" "Not yet. I expect to strike opskirts by tomorrow noon."

TRYING TO PLEASE

"I told Will I would like to see him kiss me." "What did he do?"

"Did it before a looking glass."

IN THE CONSERVATORY.

"Don't say anything now. Rember, walls have ears." "Yes, and I notice all around are ubber plants."

SOME PUNISHMENT.

"What punishment did that do "I understand his lawyer charged him \$40,000."

AMBIQUOUS.

"Can you stake me off to a good nner P "Yes, if you're content to go with ext the steak



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