

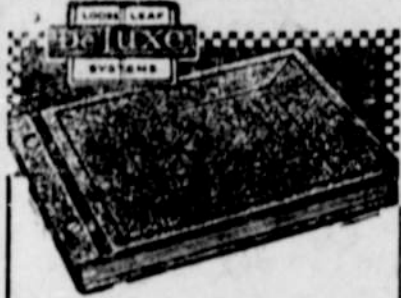


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Creations of Dickens Real to the Author

Many of Charles Dickens' creations were worse than nightmares, as all strong characters in fiction must necessarily be. They were daymares. They were with him in his long mechanical walks, governed by milestones and timed by a stop-watch. He was glad of a congenial companion to exercise these spirits. They came back to him in the evening, and in the dead of night they often moved him to rise and walk that long tramp's tramp of 27 miles from Tavistock square to Gadshill through the mists of early morning.

In writing his strongest characters, Dickens always acted them. He could hardly do otherwise with his dramatic temperament and the dramatic nature of his works. Why more dramas have never been manufactured out of these works is found in the fact that they contained too much dramatic and "objective" material rather than too little.

From the creation of dramatic fiction the step to dramatic recitation was easy and simple. It was always a mistake to call these "readings." They were the most dramatic of recitations.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lives Sacrificed to Superstition and Fear

In the early days of shipping there grew up on the west coast of Scotland a strange superstition that some grave misfortune would fall upon a man who took a drowning sailor from the sea. This was at a time when shore dwellers helped themselves to the cargoes of wrecked vessels. This superstition was very widely believed and resulted in some horrible brutalities before it was finally stamped out, writes J. D. Whiting in his book, "Stein Fighters." There is a legend of one wreck on the rocky shores of the lonely Zetland islands, where six men tried to get ashore by means of a hawser fastened to a rock. The inhabitants who were gathered on the rocks must have been good enough to make the hawser fast (unless the shipwrecked sailors had a quite in conceivable skill in the art of lassoing). However, superstition showed the minds of the island dwellers with the fear that their winter stock of grain might not go around if they were saddled with six unexpected guests, so they cut the rope and the sailors were drowned.—Detroit News.

Rome's Legendary Tower

The medieval Torre delle Milizie, sometimes called the Tower of Nero, because of the legend which says that Nero stood on the top of it to look at the spectacle of the city in flames, has been opened to the public, writes the Roma correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. The legend has, of course, no foundation, and the tower is one of the feudal fortresses of the Twelfth century. A magnificent view of the city, however, can be obtained from its top. It was erected by the sons of Peter Alerius, a baron attached to the party of Senator Pandolfo de Salerni, on the site of a building called "Hostium Mille," hence its present name. It leans to the southwest and was originally much higher, but the earthquake of 1348 brought it to its present dimensions.

Georgia "Crackers"

Authorities differ as to the origin of the term "Crackers," as applied to natives of Georgia. According to Olmstead, the nickname was applied to these people on account of their peculiar dialect, almost incomprehensible and difficult to report or describe. Another theory is that the name was given because of the cracked corn formed their chief article of diet. In a publication dated 1835 it is stated that the "Crackers" received their name because they were accustomed to using a particular form of whip, which had a piece of buckskin at the end known as a "cracker."

What a Question!

"Where are you going in such a hurry?" asked Mrs. Bibbles. "Over to John Jaghy's house," said Mr. Bibbles. "He has just telephoned to ask if I could lend him a corkscrew, and I'm taking it myself." "Couldn't you send it?" "Mrs. Bibbles," said Mr. Bibbles in cutting tones, "the question you ask me shows why most women are unfit to lead armies and make quick decisions in business deals involving millions. When the psychological moment arrives they don't know what to do with it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Nerves Give Off Heat

New researches at Cornell university seem to show that an impulse traveling along a nerve is a high-speed chemical reaction. It was the old belief, based on the fact that stimulated nerves had never been found to give off heat, that the nerve impulse was a sort of electrical current. By using an electric heat-measuring device capable of recording a temperature change of one twenty-millionth of a degree, it was found that a nerve gives off a minute quantity of heat when it reacts.

Aquarium Cement

Cement for panes in aquariums is produced from litharge and glycerin. The former must be as finely powdered as possible and the glycerin very condensed, of a sirupy consistency and limpid. Mix the two ingredients into a semi-liquid paste, coat the places, or pour the tough mass into the respective cavity, and press into it the pane to be cemented on. The surplus oozing out must be removed at once and the place cleaned, as the putty hardens very rapidly.

Rulers Believed in Early Working Hours

The old Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria used to leave his bed every morning at four o'clock, sometimes even at three. And in an old worn-out general's bed, and on his hand the only correct regulation officer's cup in the entire Austrian army, he worked until six. He went to bed every night at eight.

Frederick the Great always began his day at five, and during the last ten months prior to his death his privy councillors had to bring him their reports at four in the morning. He consoled them with the remark that "it would not last much longer."

Emperor William I was at his desk every morning at seven; while his grandson, the ex-king, when he came to the throne, always rose before seven. This was a severe trial to Prince Bismarck, who hated to have to attend in conference on the sovereign at eight in the morning.

Up till midnight the iron chancellor generally had a gathering of friendly politicians about him, then he worked till four, and slept till ten the following morning.

Flint Axes of Stone Age Found in Sweden

The 4,000-year-old stock-in-trade of a Stone Age peddler in flint axes has been found by some workmen in a gravel pit in the Swedish province of Soedermanland. The peddler's board consisted of a number of light gray flint axes of exquisite shape and workmanship, evidently hidden in the ground by the trader, who seems to have wandered a long way from the south of Sweden to barter his axes for the precious furs of the hunters of the Soedermanland forests. The poor peddler seems to have met death, for he never returned for his axes, that now are said to be the best find of its kind ever made in that part of Sweden.

Almost every week new important discoveries of treasures hid den thousands of years ago, rune stones, grave mounds and well drawings, are reported from different parts of Sweden, the soil of which has turned out to be a vast treasure house for archeologists.—Kansas City Star.

Couldn't Hang Murderer

John Lee, the Babcockville murderer, murdered Miss Keyse on November 12, 1884. He was to be executed at eight o'clock February 23, 1885, at Exeter jail. At the first attempt to hang Lee the drop in the scaffold would not work. The prisoner was removed to the prison and the official tried to remedy the defect. A second and a third attempt were made to hang him, but each time the apparatus would not work. The sheriff then ordered the execution stopped, pending communication with the home secretary. It was found later that rain on the preceding day had caused the planks of the drop to swell. At the time there was much public interest in this case, many ignorant and superstitious persons claiming that there had been an intervention by supernatural powers. John Lee was subsequently reprieved and imprisoned.—London Mail.

Tuning Church Bells

It is said that an English clergyman was the first to call attention to the fact that bells are rarely in tune and that the fault can be remedied if a church bell was originally in tune with itself. According to his theory, a bell must have at least five tones at correct intervals to form a perfect musical chord.

At first the work of tuning was done with a hammer, a chisel and a file, and a magnificent toll bell in Norfolk, England, was thus reduced three-quarters of an inch in diameter; but modern bell foundries employ a machine with a revolving cutter that shaves the metal near the crown of the bell until the tuner, aided by a tuning fork, has hit the right pitch.

How Youth Studies

The average, or even somewhat better than average, male student's behavior when at work on a thesis is something like this: A leisurely stroll to the library, a chat with the girl at the reserve desk, an apologetic request for a philosophy book, a few minutes spent in settling down in the most comfortable position possible in a library chair, the counting of the pages in a chapter, a half-hearted effort to read three or four pages, a yawn—and for the remainder of the afternoon a semi-whispered conversation with the girl in the nearest chair.—From the Bookman.

Pity the Woman Artist

Good artists are treated very badly. If one is a good artist and a woman, it is even worse; and if one is a good artist and a good woman, it is, if you will pardon me saying so, absolutely hell. There are moments when I long to be a member of the leper colony of Sumatra. These unfortunate objects of romantic interest, where artists, or at any rate good artists, are not. It is hardly respectable to be good nowadays.—Edith Sitwell.

Made Name Famous

At first Napoleon was known by his full name, just the same as any other citizen or soldier of France. Later, when he became emperor, he assumed the name of Napoleon I. It is customary for kings and emperors to have but one name, as Wilhelm III of Germany, Nicholas I of Russia, etc. They also have family names, such as Hohenzollern and Romanoff, but these names are seldom used in referring to them.

Do You Know?

Questions—14

- 1—What President was elected by the house of representatives?
- 2—Where did the United States flag first fly in the face of an enemy, and when?
- 3—What causes a lump in a person's throat?
- 4—What is the hottest place in the United States?
- 5—Who is the British open golf champion?
- 6—What composer was not only a master of dramatic music, but was himself a dramatist of great genius?
- 7—What continent, in proportion to area, has the longest coast line?
- 8—Who wrote a famous diary in shorthand, which was not deciphered for a hundred years?
- 9—Who said: "Look! There is Jackson standing like a stone wall?"
- 10—In what country is most of the diamond cutting done?

Answers—14

- 1—John Quincy Adams.
- 2—Fort Schuyler, New York, 1777.
- 3—Sudden emotion causes the muscles of the throat to work upward, pressing against the wind-pipe, and causing one to feel as if there was a lump in the throat.
- 4—Death valley, California.
- 5—T. T. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.
- 6—Wagner.
- 7—Europe.
- 8—Samuel Pepys.
- 9—General Bee of the Confederate army.
- 10—Belgium.

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Verdict Leaves Sting

"Not proven" is a verdict allowed in criminal cases in Scotland when the evidence is insufficient for a conviction but strong enough to give probability to the charge. The prisoner cannot be tried again for the offense, but a moral stigma, however, remains on him for life.

Feasting His Eyes

Mrs. Cornatass, from the rural districts, stopped her husband at the city's busy corner. "Hiram," she expostulated, "th' way you stare at the limbs of those shameless city hussies is something scandalous. One would think you'd never seen legs afore."

"Well, Maria," drawled Mr. Cornatass, "that's just what I was beginnin' to think myself."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of the State of Oregon for Lane county, administrator of the estate of Lucy Frances Heckler, deceased, by an order bearing date the 28th day of December, 1927.

All persons having claims against the estate of Lucy Frances Heckler, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the law office of Herbert W. Lombard, First National bank building, Cottage Grove, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 29th day of December, 1927.

JULIUS A. HECKLER, Ad-
ministrator of the Estate
of Lucy A. Heck-
ler, Deceased.
HERBERT W. LOMBARD,
Attorney for Estate. 429-126(T)

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Lovina P. Beals, deceased, has filed his final report and account therein, and the county court of Lane county, Oregon, has set Monday, January 23, 1928, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the county court room in the courthouse at Cottage Grove, for final hearing thereon, and all objections thereto should be filed or made on or before said time.

Dated and first published December 22, 1927.

O. T. BEAL, Administrator.
WHITTEN SWAFFORD, Attorney. 422-119(T)

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that the following described real property, to-wit: The south half (S½) of north-east quarter (NE¼) and the east half (E½) of southeast quarter (SE¼) section thirty-two (32), township twenty-two (22), south range 3, west Willamette meridian, Lane county, State of Oregon, will be sold at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, January 18, 1928, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day on the above described premises to be sold located on the London road about 8 miles southeast of Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon.

Warranty Deed and Abstract of Title showing said premises free and clear of encumbrances to be furnished.

J. K. GREEK, Auctioneer
and Agent for Emma C.
429-112(T) Jones' Heirs.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Lane county, State of Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Alicia Harrington, deceased, by an order bearing date the 5th day of January, 1928.

All persons having claims against the estate of Alicia Harrington, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the law office of Herbert W. Lombard, First National bank building, Cottage Grove, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 5th day of January, 1928.

ETHEL APPLEWHITE, Admin-
istratrix of the Estate of
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