STORIES OF KIPLING.

Interesting Characteristics of the Noted Author.

EXPERIENCE IN A YANKEE COURT.

Curiosity of His Fellow Citizens In the Bulestier Case-A Critic's View of Kipling's Work In India - Description of His Home Near Brat-

Apropos of the visit of Rudyard Kipling to the United States the following father is John Lockwood Kipling, C. L. story about the author will be of inter-

"You remember," said a friend, "the difficulty that Kipling had with his wife's brother, Beatty S. Balestier, in the spring of 1896? Well, you remember that he had Balestier arrested for using improper and indecent language toward him and threatening his life? When Balestier came up for examination. Kipling had to go on the stand. The courtroom was crowded with as many of the citizens of Brattleboro and the surrounding country as could be packed, jammed and wedged into it.

"From the time Kipling first came to that section of Vermont none of the At people had ever been able to find out and in the interest of the women and much about him. He held himself aloof children, I gave notice that the threatfrom the natives, minded his own busi- ened bombardment would not take place ness and discouraged any advances that until noon of July 5. On that day I most of them made toward establishing telegraphed to Washington that I should friendly relations. They wanted to not open fire until I got Lieutenant know what his house was like on the Hobson and his men out of the city inside. They never found out, because and should not then, if the taking of the they never got farther than the door, place required an assault, as I consider-They wanted to know how he lived and ed that starving the enemy out was betworked, what he ate and when and how ter. Having a number of Spanish prisonmuch he slept. They never had a ers, I determined to effect the exchange chance to gratify their curiosity until of Hobson, if possible. On the 6th Genthe Balestier case came up. Then they eral Toral assented to my proposition, concluded that they might have a and Lieutenant Miley was sent to effect chance to feast their eyes and ears.



KIPLING'S VERMONT HOME.

ing their own popularity, they asked Kipling all sorts of questions. Neither Kipling's nor Balestier's lawyers interposed many objections to questions that clearly had no bearing on the casewere irrelevant and immaterial, as the

"It happened, therefore, that Kipling was obliged to give, in the course of his examination, a great deal of personal and family history. While he was on the stand Brattleboro learned more eight miles away, would be likely to hit about Kipling than it ever hoped to it. I was very glad to get Hobson and know and was greatly pleased in con-know and was greatly pleased in con-bis men out of the way. The fact that sequence. Kipling had taken much they were released by the army has that his neighbors were just devouring the navy, who simply speak of the rethemselves with a curiosity that they turn of Mr. Hobson to his duty. had no means of gratifying. When he found that he had to tell so much about himself he was the most disgusted man in the state of Vermont. The one thing How the Chief Executive Gave Senahe wanted was to get away from the place and forget, if he could, all about arations for their foreign trip.

prompted the trip. A few years ago a critic, writing of Kipling's work done in India, said: 'Besides the silly world ance of a cane. that disports itself throughout most of his poetry and some of his prose, there in the private elevator, lugging a big is another Anglo-Indian world, which bundle of papers supposed to be on the for high aims and a certain steadfast- district judgeship. After a satisfactory ness in effort, after the personal interest interview, during which the situation in effort is well nigh dead, has never was canvassed, the Illinois senator with had an equal in history. Some day a infinite difficulty prepared to go down writer will arise-perhaps this young stairs. man—who will make that nobler Anglo-Indian world known as it really is. criticism than any that was ever made

to follow its suggestion." Rudyard Kipling was married on Jan. Sr., a wealthy resident and retired lawland place, London. It was said to be smile, said: the fulfilment of a wish expressed by Mrs. Kipling's brother, the late Walcott Balestier, Jr., in collaboration with whom Kipling wrote the novel. "The

Naulahka." Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kipling came to America for a brief visit. They visited Mrs. Kipling's family at Brattleboro, and so charmed was Kipling with the country that he bought a piece of property in the little hamlet of Dummerston, a short distance from Brattleboro, and there built a house, which, with furnishings, is said to have cost \$50,000. The house is a long, low building, 90 by 26, with projecting roof that has just the suggestion of a thatch. A wide veranda extends along one entire end of the house. A long hall divides the house in the middle, there being 11 rooms on either side of the hall. The house looks not unlike an Indian bungalow. It is built on a hillside overlooking the Connecticut river, and the only entrance is in the rear. At every approach to the house is to be found the sign, "No trespassing on these grounds." Kipling's room is in the southeast corner, from the windows

of which a view of the river may be had for miles up or down. In the daytime Kipling, following

he style of some Englishmen, was acustomed to go about in the shabblest of clothes. He was always home an our before dinner, however, and in that hour he made a complete change of toilet. When he appeared in the dining room, he was arrayed in immaculate tinen and full evening dress. It was his unvarying custom, when engaging a servant, to pledge him to absolute secrecy regarding the daily life of his master or any of the customs of his house. It is not generally known, by the way, that by his marriage Kipling became related to William McKinley. Mrs. William Glidden, Mrs. McKinley's aunt, is Major McKinley's first cousin. Kipling was born in India in 1865. His E., for many years principal of the Mayo School of Industrial Art and curator of the museum at Lahore. Rudyard Kipling was educated in England and then returned to India in 1880, where his best known works were written.-New York Sun.

BOMBARDMENT AVERTED.

How Hobson and His Men Regained Their Freedom.

In the February Century, General Shafter, writing of "The Capture of Santiago," tells how he procured the release of Lieutenant Hobson and his

At the request of the foreign consuls

it. The commissioner appointed by the "The lawyers on both sides, local Spanish commander was Major Yrles. practitioners, understood the motive The meeting took place under the broad that attracted so many people to the ceiba tree where the surrender aftertrial, and, wishing to do all they could ward was made. After an hour was confor their fellow citizens, thus increas sumed in arranging the details, three Spanish officers were taken out blindfolded. To Lieutenant Miley's surprise, the Spanish commissioner selected an officer who had been wounded in the arm at the battle of San Juan, an acquaintance of his. We had intended to parole him if he had not been taken, and Lieutenant Miley had a paper in his pocket for that purpose. Seven Spanish soldiers were exchanged for the seven American sailors. Lieutenant Hobson was then brought within our lines, where he was enthusiastically cheered by the army.

I had learned from the English consul that Hobson was confined in one of the large buildings nearest us. It was in plain sight, and from it floated the red cross. It was under fire, and as it was a building full of windows I was afraid he might be in danger. Gun fire would not have been directed toward it, but shots will go astray, especially rifle shots. The fleet, which was bombarding pleasure, up to this time, in knowing never been acknowledged by officers of

STORY OF THE PRESIDENT.

tor Cullom an Elevator Ride.

White House attaches have many his first and only experience in an stories of the unfailing democratic American law court. Almost immedi- courtesy of the president which has ately after the case was concluded and made him so popular with public men. Balestier was bound over to keep the Their latest story is of an incident peace the Kiplings began to make prep- which concerned Senator Cullom. A week or two after his fall on the ice, "But there is another reason-one from which he is still suffering, Senconnected with his literary career—that ator Cullom called at the White House.

He was accordingly taken up stairs

"Not that way, senator," said the president. "Let's take the elevator." Kipling paid more attention to that On reaching the elevator the president found to his dismay there was no conof his writings. He made up his mind ductor. "Step in, senator. I guess I can manage this thing all right," and before he knew what had happened the 18, 1892, to Miss Carolyn Balestier, a Illinois senator was being carried to daughter of the late Walcott Balestier, the main floor with the president of the United States as his elevator boy. yer of Brattleboro, Vt. The wedding The situation was so curious Senator took place in All Souls' church, Port- Cullom forgot all his pains and, with a

"You're a pretty good machine man,

after all, Mr. President. "Of course I am," said the president as he deposited the invalid senator safely on the ground floor and started back to the upper floor to the consternation of the attendant whose humble duties were freely assumed by the chief executive.-Chicago Tribune.

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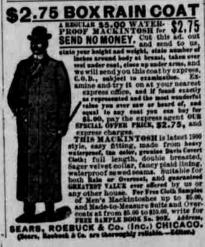
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