

LITERARY MEN AND THE PIPE.

Many of These Detest the Weed, While Others Find Solace In It.

The following from Edmund Yates' "Recollections" appeared in a London periodical: "Mr. (Christie) 'detests' tobacco; Mr. Matthew Arnold 'abhors' it; Mr. Ruskin 'hates' the man who 'pollutes the purity of the morning with cigar smoke.' But we are not consoled by the abstinence of those great men; they are the devotion of others of eminence. Therefore, once declared that he did not desire to see a bishop holding out of the Archbishop with a cheroot in his mouth, or, at any rate, a pipe stuck in his shovel hat! But if we have not a smoking bishop, we have a smoking poet laureate (alluding to the late Lord Tennyson), familiar with tobacco, Latakia, Connecticut leaf, Penique, Lane Jack, Michigan, Killbuck, Highlander for any of the English brands."

"How did he take the gentle weed? At his feet was a box of white clay pipes. Filling one of these, he smoked until it was empty, broke it in twain and threw the fragments into a box prepared for their reception. Then he took another pipe from its straw or wooden inclosure, filled it and destroyed it, as before. For years Professor Huxley, like Charles Lamb, tubed after tobacco, 'as some men after virtue.' At a certain debate on smoking he told the story of his early struggles in a way which utterly put the anti-tobaccoists to confusion."

"For 40 years of my life," he said, "tobacco had been a deadly poison to me. (Loud cheers from the anti-tobaccoists.) In my youth, as a medical student, I tried to smoke. In vain! At every fresh attempt my insidious foe stretched me prostrate on the floor. (Repeated cheers.) I entered the navy. Again I tried to smoke and again met with defeat. I hated tobacco. I could almost have lent my support to any institution that had for its object the putting of tobacco smokers to death. (Vivid cheers.)"

"A few years ago I was in Brittany with some friends. We went to an inn. They began to smoke. They looked very happy, and outside it was very wet and dismal. I thought I would try a cigar. (Murmurs.) I did so. (Great expectations.) I smoked that cigar—it was delicious. (Groans.) From that moment I was a changed man, and I now feel that smoking in moderation is a comfortable and laudable practice and is productive of good. (Loud and confused cheering from the anti-tobaccoists. Roars of laughter from the smokers.)"

"There is no more harm in a pipe than there is in a cup of tea. You may poison yourself by drinking too much green tea or kill yourself by eating too many beefsteaks. For my own part, I consider that tobacco in moderation is a sweetener and equalizer of the temper." (Tonal rout of the anti-tobaccoists and complete triumph of the smokers.)"

A Curious Fact.

The Popular Science News calls attention to a most remarkable account of the position of certain planets as located in "Gulliver's Travels." This book, written somewhere about 1726, contains the following words: "They spend the greater part of their lives in observing the celestial bodies, which they do by the assistance of glasses far exceeding ours in goodness. They have likewise discovered two lesser stars, or satellites, which revolve about Mars, whereas the innermost is distant from the center of the primary planet exactly three of his diameters and the outermost five. The former revolves in the space of 19 hours, and the latter in 21 1/2, so that the squares of their periodical times are very near in the same proportion with the cubes of their distance from the center of Mars."

One hundred and fifty years before it was known that Mars had a satellite, when the theory that it had one would have been met with ridicule, or at least disbelief, the author of the remarkable book described the exact number of satellites that Mars possessed, told their location and unusual speed; also a peculiarity in the relation of the speed to the central orb, a peculiarity based upon no principles with which astronomers are familiar. A careful study of the statements made by many writers of marked ability will almost inevitably lead us to the conclusion that certain imaginative minds have the gift of prophecy, or, at all events, there may be flashes of divination possibly unsuspected by the writers themselves.

Meats in the Dark Ages.
Few references can be found as to the manner in which a meal was served and eaten during the dark ages. As near as we can learn, the soup was put in a big bowl with ears, called a "porringer." There was seldom a spoon for each person. Those who had spoons dipped them into the porringer, and the liquid was carried directly to each mouth. Those who were without spoons drank their soup from the porringer, holding it by one of the ears, or else borrowed a spoon of their neighbor.

The meats were placed in a large vessel in the center of the table. Each person present at the meal picked out with his fingers such bits as he desired. One or two knives answered for half a dozen spoons. Those who were without knives borrowed from those who had one. As a rule, the guests at table used their own knives. There is no evidence that napkins were supplied to guests at this period. At any rate, no mention is made of them.—Lippincott's.

Disappointed.
Mrs. Wickwire threw down the paper in a way betokening some irritation. "What's the matter, dear?" asked Mr. Wickwire.

"Oh, nothing."
"Oh, yes, there was something. What was it?"
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