

BANDON RECORDER.

THE POET BURNS.

A Criticism Which Appeared In the Edinburgh Magazine In 1786.

The following brief criticism on the poems of Burns appeared in the Edin burgh Magazine, October, 1786, shortly after the second edition of his works "The author is indeed a came out: striking example of native genlus bursting through the obscurities of poverty and the obstructions of la borious life. He is said to be a com mon plewman, and when we consider this light we cannot help rethat wayward fate had not placed him'in a more favored situation. lettered criticism and judge by the fastidious rules of art will discover that he has not the Doric simplicity of Ramsey nor the brilliant lungunation of Ferguson, but to those who admire the exertions of untutored fancy and are blind to many faults for the sake of numberless beauties his poems will afford singular gratification. His obacute and sagacious, and his descriptions are lively and fust. Of rustic pleasantry he has a rich fund, and some of his softer scenes are touched with inimitable delicacy. He seems to be a boon companion and often startles us with sentiments which will keep some readers at a distance. Some of his subjects are serious, but those

ENGLISHMEN OF GENIUS.

Some Statistics as to Their Origin and Length of Life.

Havelock Ellis' studies of the origin and habits of the British men of genius show that most came from business life, many from "good families," so called, and few from the clerical carpenters, five of shoemakers, five of weavers and four of blacksmiths. Browning's father was a clerk, and so was Bradlaugh's; Turner's was a barber, Carlyle's a mason, Huxley's a



FAYING TELLER'S LAPSE.

sive heat of the interior. grazier and Whitefield's an innkeeper.

Men of genius are long lived. Of those on Mr. Ellis' list more died be tween sixty-five and seventy-five than in any other period. Those living bevond seventy-five numbered 230, those past ninety.

A genius is not often an only son. He is more likely to spring from a large family. Nor is he often the son of a distinguished father. He is some times a tall man. Twenty-six instances are cited of great men who were six Darwin, Millais, Sir Walter Scott, Tennyson, Borrow, Thackeray and Fielding.

OLD TIME COFFEE.

The Way to Brew the Beverage They Did In 1662.

An old cookbook, published in 1662, recipe for coffee. The recipe reads: "To make the drink that is now

much used, called coffee: "The coffee berries are to be bought at any druggist's, about 7 shillings the

pound. Take what quantity you please, and over a charcoal fire in an old frying pan keep them always stirring un- at Ukiah. The botanist will simply get free bouquets at Niles, Mich., where til they be quite black, and when you revel in the varied flora that carpet the Michigan Central Railroad has just crack one with your teeth that it is hills, valleys and canyons with their rebuilt its hot-house on a scale that black within as it is without, yet if you exceed, then do not waste the lavish with her floral attractions in not whether it be midwinter or the Oyl, and if less, then will it not deliver its Oyl, and if you should continue fire till it be white it will then salt. Beat and force through a lawn his or her special whim by consulting stops. More than a decade ago the ofsieve.

"Take clear water and boil one-third formation so that you can arrange to raising enough flowers to enable them of it away, and it is fit for use. Take one quart of this prepared water, pet It in one ounce of your prepared co: fee and boil it gently one hour, and It is for your use. Drink one quarter of a plnt as hot as you can sip it. It doth abate the fury and sharpness of the Acrimony, which is the gender the disagreeable features of camp life. of the Diseases called Cronical."-Many people who have been in the Boston Cooking School Magazine.

The Aristocracy of Pork.

When Theodore Parker first visited Cincinnati, at that time the recognized leader among western citles, he said that he had made a great discovery namely, that while the aristocracy of Cincinnati was unquestionably foundpatrician. It was the difference, Parker said, between the stick 'ems and the stuck 'ems, and his own sympathies, he confessed, were with th present tense.-T. W. Higginson in Atlantic Monthly.

Each Chinese schoolboy must furnish Are you run down and worn out by his own stool and table for school work. constant attention to business and and the "four precious articles," which household cares? Then visit some are the ink slab, a cake of India ink, a beyond eighty 130, and twenty lived quiet sequestered nook. Take one or brush for writing and paper. With

string of trout, for the waters are annu-

ally stocked with myriads of the little

fish from the company's own hatchery

more of the new books that are being these he begins his weary task of learn- man" even in the best trained circles .talked about and while you sway lazily ing to write and read the thousands of in the hammock read and dream to Chinese characters. These are to open your heart's content and rest the weary the way to the Chinese classics, and : brain and tired nerves. Possibly your knowledge of this ancient literature and physician has told you to do nothing wisdom means education to the Chifooters and over. Among them are but cat, sleep and drink, and you will nese. At the opening of a Chinese school find that by following his advice you a paper on which is written the name are gaining pounds and losing the of Confucius is pasted on the wall.

> weight of care and responsibity that Before this honored name the pupils it which the debt is to be paid, but has worn you out and made you ill and and teachers burn paper money and the wide possibilities possessed by an irritable. Possibly you will be ordered joss sticks and bow their heads three arbitrary creditor in stipulating just what coins and in what amounts he to the springs to drink the mineral wa- times to the floor. The teacher then will receive payment are enough alters with their healing properties which tells Confucius the day, the month and most to discourage borrowing.

gush forth in clear and sparkling abun- the year when the school is opened and gives what is perhaps the first English dance in this section. The angler will begs for his favor. Every morning take his fishing tackle and saunter when the pupils arrive they must bow along beside the numerous streams and twice, once for the teacher and once for lakes, confident of bringing in a good Confucius,

Flowers En Route.

cents. If you could get as much as 85 worth of old silver three cent pieces of another generation you could unload

You can't force a mean creditor to

take more than 25 cents' worth of

nickels or 25 cents' worth of copper

LEGAL TENDER.

The Amounts a Creditor May Accept

In Different Coins.

Ordinarily when a debtor appears be-

fore a long time creditor there is no

\$5 worth on him, just as he would Over a half million women annually have to take \$5 worth of the silver five cent pieces and \$5 worth of the obsolete twenty cent pieces, which made so much trouble in the late seventies. But you can pay out \$10 in silver fragrant blossoms. Nature has been doubles its former capacity. It matters limes and silver quarters and silver half dollars. The trade dollars, of this favored part of the world, and blistering months of summer, there is a which there are a few still coming every jaunt into the woods reveals some fragrant shower of cut flowers at this into the trasury of the United States make no coffee, but only give you its new treasure. Everybody can gratify pretty country station as soon as a train for redemption, are worth nothing, while the standard dollar is an unlimited legal tender, as is the old "dollar of our dads," the first of which

Chicago Tribune.

was coined in 1794 and the last in 1873. Coins that virtually have disappeared from circulation are gold three and one dollar pieces, the trade dollar of silver, the nickel three cent piece, the copper two cent piece, the copper half

cent and silver three and five cent pieces.-Chicago Tribune.

TWO COMPOSERS.

Rossini Was an Easy Worker, While Meyerbeer Was Strenuous.

Giacomo Meyerbeer went at every thing ferociously. The work of com posing made him restless, excitable and caused him many sleepless nights cart, with a few groups of peasants This condition was always worst in poured down in torrents and humanity ing such natural upheavals the great composer was in his element. Deluged with ideas, his fingers charmed from the piano the rarest and most wonder-

ful melodies. New York is pre-eminently the eandy | Compared to Meyerbeer, Rossinl was ity of the world. It has more estab- an easy worker and always ready with

in a quarter of an hour."

see serpent ever known."

First Case of See Serpent.

Adam hastily made an inscription in

"I want it to go on record," he ex

plained, "that we had the first case of

Feeling he had the bulge on the rest

of humanity, he strutted about with a

satisfied air.-New York Herald.

he discovered that he had been busy in a tenement cellar perpetually wet lightedly: just then in closing up an important by the Shockoe creek, which then flow-"Why, this is a much better picture deal with a man named Smith. That ed through the middle of the street. of me than you took before. I wonder was the only possible explanation for Here the wretched woman contracted why that is?" his slip. He has had the canceled pneumonia and died. And from the

check framed, and it now hangs in his cellar the future poet, described as a office as a reminder that "to err is hu- "baby skeleton," was rescued by Mr. Allan.

difference." Sixty years and more later Rosalle Poe, the poet's younger sister, appearbeen so," added the queen instantly. ed on Richmond streets in poverty as "The last time you were here 1 remembitter as her mother's had been to get ber I had on very tight boots. How a few coins by selling photographs of can any one look cheerful when her ier brother.

The man who was perhaps America's Press. greatest poet and certainly one of the

few poets who have vitally influenced questioning of the United States coin the literary art both in prose and verse was born into the most wretched poverty and left need as keen behind him.

When Onlons Are Odorless.

George Eliot will be interested to hear How many times has every flat about, says the Boston Herald. dweller entered his home only to cry This house figures conspicuously in out in disgust because the odor of the Adam Bede" as the home of the imonion or the turnlp or something else mortal Mrs. Poyser and her unfortuhas permeated the entire six or seven nate niece, Hetty Sorrel. The novelist menns?

was born within three miles of the "Let's stop having such things for place, and American pilgrims to scenes dinner," he suggests to his wife. "Why, of her early days have always been it's mortifying to invite a friend to shown this house on the main road to dine when one knows this sort of at-Nuneaton. mosphere is going to knock him down Who has now purelesed it and

as soon as he enters the door." whether it must go the way of all oth-As a matter of fact, there is no need er remantic landmarks has not yet for excluding the onion or the other ofbeen divulged, but once when the Poyfending catables. The simplest way in ser farm was pointed out to a great the world to solve the difficulty Is this:

admirer of George Eliot the lady said Have the cook put into the cooking she had rather live in it than in the vessel with your onions just a plece of finest house in Brookline, and I've no stale bread about as big as your fist. doubt she meant it too. Somehow or other the bread absorbs the odors, and you don't know onions Fish and Dog Story From Kentucky are on your menu until you sit down

A Frank Comment.

John T. Parish of the Holland coun at the table. New York Times.

death, he was invited to dine with a his wants known to his dog, and in a

try says he has a dog that can catch more fish and better fish than any Housekeepers will appreciate this man. He says that when he arises in little story of Dean Stanley; During a the morning, if he feels as if he would visit to America, not long before his relish a fish for breakfast, he makes

Mrs. Poyser and Hetty Sorrel.

certain college president in a southern very short time a nice fish is in the town. Early in the meal the dean in- frying pan. Mr. Parish lives near the river, and quired of his hostess: "Mrs. G----, would it be impertinent to ask what is he says he has crected a little platthis gumbo soup?" "Perhaps I can form on the edge of the water for his best answer," was the amused reply, dog's use and benefit. He says the dog by telling you Lady A--'s comment will perch himself on this platform on the dish when she dined with us and watch for his game. When a nice resources and riches known all over once on a time. She leaned across the tish that he likes the looks of comes the world." A branch office is estabtable and called to her husband; 'You | near enough he dives from his perch would better try the soup. It's not and never fails to make a catch. Durnearly so nasty as it looks?" "Ah?" ing shoaling time he frequently catchsaid the dean, smiling, "that was ex- es two fish at a time.-Allen County | that 40 per cent of the cotton crop of of mine!"-Harper's Bazar.

> Stock For an Alligator Farm. Several French dealers have recently

Zoological Nomenclature. The buffalo in the United States is visited the United States to purchase a bison; the partridge of Michigan and stock for an alligator farm which they pheasant of Pennsylvania and other propose starting in the south of

states is a ruffed grouse; the rabbit, France. Alligator skin has become so so plentiful in the market at times, is highly prized throughout France that

the hour for closing the public houses be 11 p. m., as at present, and not 10

A company has been organized in "Your majesty has now a more Chicago which contracts to bury people heerful expression," ventured the art- and let them pay on the installment plan. The installments must all be ist. "Perhaps that is what makes the paid before the funeral occurs, how-"And I know why that should have ever.

The corporation of Vienna has voted the golden Salvator medal to Herr Turk, the Austrian Sandow, in recognition of his having brought honor to feet are being pinched?"-Philadelphia the city by establishing world records in weight lifting.

Lloyd Conway of Baltimore has issued a challenge for a talking contest. A picturesque but impretentious old open to the world. He says he is the building known as Corley Hall Farm champion talker, and he insists that he was recently sold at auction in Bircan speak 65,040 words in an hour. He mingham, England, that readers of is a clerk in a railroad office.

> Citizens of Manchester, England, are complaining bitterly and writing to the papers because the conductors on the train cars "squeeze twenty persons into seats constructed for eighteen," and, worse still, "allow some people to stand up."

A small boy whose father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Kerchew, were staying with him at a Chicago hotel became lost. When found, he had forgotten his name but remembered it when he heard a man sneeze and was restored to his parents.

The last survivor of a little band of buffaloes, the only animals of that variety at large in Colorado, has been siain by a pothunter despite the heavy senalty fixed by the legislature. The band had been hidden in Lost park, Park county, for several years.

Joseph Wlodarczyk (pronounced Vlodarksick), a Russian, went into the common pleas court at Newark, N. J., the other day and got permission from the judge to drop from his name the four letters c, z, y and k. Now his name is spelled W-l-o-d-a-r, and he calls himself Vlodar.

The Colorado promotion and publicity committee has opened headquarters at S13 Seventeenth street, Denver, and announces that "from now on every energy will be bent on making Colorado, its wonders, its opportunities, its lished at the chamber of commerce of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Whereas in 1876 it was estimated the south was produced by whites and 60 per cent by negroes, it is now claimed that the whites produce 60 per cent and the blacks but 40 per cent. This, southern men say, indicates that the south must look to foreign immigration to supply it with labor if its cotton crop is to be increased.

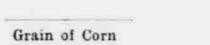
Statistics compiled by the zemtvos

Grain of Corn

A Flemish artist has produced what habit of spending their summers along is said to be the smallest painting in the line of the California Northwestern the world. It is a picture of a miller Railway for several years past have mounting the stairs of his mill and carcome to find out that it is the garden spot of California and have purchased rying a sack of grain on his back. Th homes where they arrange to spend mill is depicted as standing near a terrace. Close at hand are a horse and the entire season in the pretty homelike bungalows they have erected for ed on pork it made great difference their families and for the entertain- idling in the road near by. All this is the spring of the year. He did his best

whether a man killed pigs for himself ment of their friends. One of the de- painted on the smooth side of a grain work when the wind howled, the rain or whether his father had killed them, cided advantages to the business man of ordinary white corn. It does not The one was held plebelan, the other who can only get away from Saturday cover a half-inch square, and it is in generally sought refuge indoors. Durmany respects one of the most remarkto Monday is the nearness to San Franble art productions of the day. cisco and the admirable arrangement of the train service to meet the require-The Candy Ci y. ments of these men whose families are

spending their vacation in the country.



'Vacation 1904,'' for it furnishes in- ficers of that road conceived the idea of stop at a hotel or private house in some to throw in the lap of each woman pastown, at a mineral spring resort, rusti- senger a boutonniere of cut flowers.

cate on some farm where you can take An employe in uniform, bearing a baslife easy, or enjoy camp life with all the ket filled with the favors, passes through conveniences about you, to be had for a the train distributing the fragrant

Where Fashions Come From. was once driving in the park when her hat was blown off. The carriage wheels passing over it made it a fearful and wouderful shape, but as the wearer could afford to defy criticism she put it on and calmly continued her drive. The next week dozens of hats exactly like the damaged one appeared. This tion .- London Woman.

A Financier.

Maud-Isn't the man you are engaged to a speculator? Clara-No, indeed! He's a financier "How do you know?" "He didn't buy the engagement ring until after I had accepted him."

because he doesn't do better? This is the meanest meanness in the world .-Atchison Globe.

Self Sufficient.

A distinguished comedian who tells back refreshed and rested after their stories very well was invited to a din outing except my wife, and she was ner and for the greater part of th even more tired than when we started. evening entertained the company. She gets all the cooking she wants at When he returned to his hotel, thor home, and I made up my mind last oughly tired, his wife said: year that it wasn't fair and that we "Well, did you have a good time?" "No, I can't say that I did. Indeed would never go camping again unless if I had not been there I should have we could afford to take somebody along to do the cooking and cleaning up, herself. been borod "

If you haven't got "Vacation 1904," then get one, for a perusal of it will lishments engaged in its manufacture It is said that a leader of fashion convince you that you have found an and more stores handling it than any ideal place for a summer resort.

nominal prices and which removes all bunches.

city on earth. The output of England, France and Germany is not as large as

I heard two gentlemen discussing the output of the United States; and tala brought him the words to the celethe subject of where they were to spend probably New York City alone pro- brated prayer song in "Moses." Rostheir vacation this summer the other duces more than either of the three sini read the text, and the poet, fearday. Finally one of them took "Vaca- countries alone. The iron and steel ing some sarcastic remarks on the part tion 1904" out of his pocket and handed output of New York State together do of the former, said, "It took me an story may be true, but it sounds like it to his friend with the remark, "Keep not equal in value the candy output. hour to write these verses." a mere, malicious, masculine inven- it, for I have another. Don't think The business has assumed the propor-"An hour to write such verses?

you will find any trouble if you glance tions of a giant among the manufacover that, for it has solved the problem turing industries.

for us. My boys and myself would rather go camping, but my wife does Within the last few years the various

not see it exactly in that way. She colonies of Europeans in Egypt have that inimitable prayer song in his opsays she knows how it would be. She built their own hospitals. There are era, "Moses."

would have to do all the cooking for a now in Cairo French, German, Ausravenous family who would come in trian, Anglo-American and Italian hostoo tired to get the game ready for the pitals.

Have you a friend who does well and frying-pan and it would keep her cook-The use of electricity in connection with whom you occasionally find fault ing and washing dishes almost convith farm work is being strongly advostantly. It would be about the truth, rated. The idea that light is deleterious too, judging from past experience. to vegetation is said to be all wrong, Every year we have camped out, and

and that the contrary holds good. all the rest of the family would come The man who thinks the world ow s

More Definite Information Wanted. nim a living usually loses no time try-"Now, William," said the man of business to the office boy, "I am going ng to collect. out to get shaved."

"Please, sir," said the boy, hesitating, Some donkeys wear long ears, others sport decollete vests. "if any one calls and wants to know

where you are will I say you've gone The lovable woman always forgets to the barber's or down to Wall

street?"-Yonkers Statesman.

his diary.

his pen. Some of his most charming a hare. Both species of grouse, the the animal dealers believe it will pay of forty-nine provinces of European compositions originated under the most ruffed and the pinnated, are called commonplace circumstances. One day pheasant, partridge and patrige, and while the composer was still abed enthe pinnated grouse is universally retertaining a few friends the poet Toferred to as the prairie chicken. Prairie chicken is not a bad name for the pinnated grouse, for it is original and does not confound it with other birds. but it is not right to use the names to our grouse, for these are the correct names of European specimens. cried Rossini. "Pll set them to music

Heathen Business Methods.

He asked for pen and paper, and in Business among the Chinese, accordten minutes, while his friends chaffed ing to a Russian traveler from Manthe author, the great maestro wrote churia, is on a co-operative basis. There are neither proprietors nor employees, but all who work in an establishment are partners.

From time to time small allowances are doled out to them-barely enough to live on-but at the end of the year all the profits are divided.

The Chinese merchants are so honest Looking For a Cinch. that among all the ten branches of the Tommy-Are you and Sister Ethel Russo-Chinese bank located in China goin' to get married? Mr. Stedilythere has been no record since their Why-er-what put such a question in establishment of a single protested your head, Tommy? Tommy - Oh. nothin', only Billy Daly wanted to bet note.

About the Size of One. "Is that a chicken?" asked the a little inside information .- Puck. boarder dismally.

"What did you think it was?"

well to raise the alligators on this, the Russia showed that \$91,000 peasant first farm of its kind in the world, families, representing a population of Not long ago President Louis in perhaps 7,000,000, had only nine acres reived a present of a hunting suit of of land to the family, and that 2,219,alligator skin. The skin is said to be 444 peasant households, representing growing scarcer each year, and there a population of about 18,000,000, had is always a great demand for it for only twenty-one acres each, although boots, shoes, handbags, writing pads, i hundreds of thousands of such housepartridge and pheasant when referring portfelios and toilet articles.-Chicago holds consisted of from eight to twen-News. ty-five members.

> With the view of ascertaining the Polygamous Monarchs. proportion of foreign gold coin com-No less than six foreign monarchs pared with the French, the directors of with whem the United States and oththe French mint requested the Bank of er great Christian powers maintain France to obtain 50,000 pleces from diplomatic relations, accrediting ministhe tills of different branches in the ters plenipotentiary to their courts. provinces. An examination of that practice polygamy. They are the Mos- coin showed that 41,583 were French lem sultan of Turkey and shah of Per- and 8,417 foreign, the latter representsia, the Buddhist king of Siam, the ing nearly 17 per cent. The allen gold Shintoist mikado, the Confucian em- was principally Belgian, Italian, Ausperor of China and the emperor of Ko tria-Hungarian, Swiss, Russian, Greek, ren.-Kansas City Journal. Spanish, etc.

Faicoury in Turkestan.

In a remote part of Turkestan Dr. Sven Hedin, the explorer, some years ago discovered the ancient art of falcoury in full flower. "Among the horsemen were eight falconers," he writes, "two of whom carried eagles, the others falcons, all duly hooded. In this part of the world falconers form an indispensable adjunct in any formal parade or procession. Later in the day they gave us an exhibition of their birds' powers by letting them kill four hares and a deer, all of which were presented to me."

"Of course," replied the landlady,

be served .- Chicago Post.

"A canary," answered the boarder, as he counted the number of people to

me a nickel against a cent that the

match 'd never come off, and I'd like

His Field.

"Why do you always speak fit of your friends?"

"What would you have? I don't know any other persons."