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### Ignorance.

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Sharpe—Back from where?  
Boreman—Why, I've been in Europe for a month, and I've had lots of interesting experiences.  
Sharpe—Shake! I've been visiting in Lonelyville for a week, and I tell you, I was surprised with the place. Let me tell you about it. You see—What, going? Well, so long!—Detroit Free Press.

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Jack—Was the church garden party a success?  
Julia—Well, I worked hard enough; I ate ice cream with every young man on the grounds.—Detroit Free Press.

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Mice cannot exist on Papa Little, an island in St. Magnus bay, on the west of Shetland. To test the truth of this, several mice, at various times, were brought here, but the soil proved so uncongenial that they soon died.—Exchange.

## SORES AND ULCERS.

Sores and Ulcers never become chronic unless the blood is in poor condition—is sluggish, weak and unable to throw off the poisons that accumulate in it. The system must be relieved of the unhealthy matter through the sores, and great danger to life would follow should it heal before the blood has been made pure and healthy and all impurities eliminated from the system. S.S.S. begins the cure by first cleansing and invigorating the blood, building up the general health and removing from the system all morbid and poisonous matter. **A CONSTANT BRAIN EFFETMATTER. UPON THE SYSTEM.** When this has been accomplished the discharge gradually ceases, and the sore or ulcer heals. It is the tendency of these old indolent sores to grow worse and worse, and eventually to destroy the bones. Local applications, while soothing and to some extent alleviate pain, cannot reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. does not matter how apparently hopeless your condition, even though your constitution has broken down, it will bring relief when nothing else can. It supplies the rich, pure blood necessary to heal the sore and to rebuild the debilitated, diseased body.

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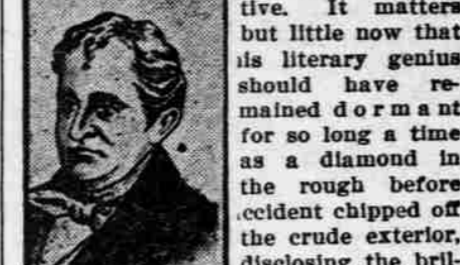
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## ONE GREAT NOVELIST.

### VARYING CAREER OF JAMES FENIMORE COOPER.

Unpromising Youth of This Recognized Genius—His Long-Dormant Powers—Change from Popularity to Unpopularity—Foremost American Novelist.

James Fenimore Cooper, the dean of American novelists, holds a position in our native literature at once of unusual importance and distinctive. It matters but little now that his literary genius should have remained dormant for so long a time as a diamond in the rough before the accident of the crude exterior, disclosing the brilliant luster within. It is his life story, however, that is his early life, spent in aimless pursuits, was wholly without promise of future achievement, and soon but a regrettable memory will also be the fact that during the last few years of his life through misunderstandings and misrepresentations his breast was filled with feelings of deep rancor toward men who should have been his friends and who in turn denounced both him and the products of his pen. The circumstances, the inevitable contradictory accompaniments of recognized ability, have waned indistinctly into a hazy background, against which stands boldly the undisputed truth that the author of "The Spy and The Pilot" is justly worthy of all praise that has been or may be accorded him.



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The life of this varying popular and unpopular author had its beginning September 15, 1789, at Burlington, N. J. His parents were both of Quaker extraction. Soon after the close of the Revolutionary war the Cooper family established a household within the borders of New York State near the headwaters of the Susquehanna River. They encouraged the populating of this vicinity and subsequently laid out the site of Cooperstown. The Cooper family decided to make their permanent home in the town founded by them and in 1790 completed the erection of a spacious manor house, known as Otsego Hall, which was for many years the most commodious and stately private residence in central New York.

To every reader that has been charmed with the spell of Cooper's Indian romances, the surroundings of his boyhood days are significant. During those years the foremost pioneers of emigration had barely begun to push their way westward through the Mohawk Valley, the first available highway to the west. Out of the forest that bordered Otsego Lake Indians came for barter, or possibly with hostile intent, and from these no doubt Cooper drew the portraits of the red men who live in his pages. Such wild surroundings could not but stimulate a naturally active imagination and the influence of the wilderness, augmented afterwards by the somewhat singular influence of a sea, pervaded his entire life.

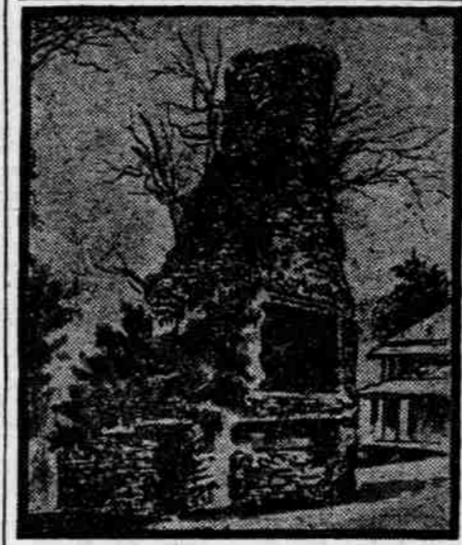
From a private tutor he received his earliest education and at the age of 13 entered the freshman class of Yale college. According to his own account, he learned but little at college. His love of out-of-doors freedom led him to neglect his books and he roamed about and explored the rugged hills northward of New Haven and the equally picturesque shores of Long Island Sound.

Upon leaving his studies the love of activity and adventure laid hold on the youth and he decided to take up the life of a seaman. In 1806 he made his first voyage as a sailor before the mast on the ship Sterling, sailing from New York with a cargo of flour for foreign markets. After this he served for a time as midshipman on the Vesuvius and was later ordered to Oswego, N. Y., with a construction party to build a brig for service on Lake Ontario. There he was given charge of the gunboat flotilla on Lake Champlain and was subsequently ordered to the Wasp. In 1811 he married a daughter of John Peter DeLancey, of Westchester County, N. Y., and resigned his position in the navy to settle into a quiet, domestic life. In deference to his wife's wishes he built his home in Westchester County on what was known as the Angelina farm in the town of Scarsdale, in which locality many stirring events of the Revolution had taken place. The impressions gained from the historic associations surrounding him here were of inestimable value to him in the descriptive coloring of "The Spy." There still remains standing near Scarsdale the ruins of a chimney once within the Disbrow House, wherein the original of Cooper's Harvey Birch is said to have successfully hid from his pursuers.

At 30 years of age James Fenimore Cooper was following a quiet, commonplace existence, and no thought of literary life had as yet entered his mind. One day while reading an English novel to his wife he half-jestingly remarked: "I believe I could write a better story myself." His wife was sure that he could and so encouraged the idea that he made the attempt. His initial work was "Precaution," a novel in two volumes, published anonymously in an inferior manner during the year 1820. This first novel was in no respects a sample of the author's talent. It dealt with high life in England, a subject with which the writer was personally unfamiliar, save through the pages of fiction, and while the venture can hardly be said to have enabled him to taste of the sweets of authorship, it had the effect of stimu-

lating the desire to write. Its modest success caused his friends to urge him upon some more familiar theme, and remembering an interesting tale of a spy that he had heard some years before from the lips of John Jay, he set about putting it into a story. "The Spy" was the result and during the winter of 1821-22 the American public awoke to the fact that it possessed a novelist of its own, and the immediate success of the book, which was unprecedented at the time in the annals of American literature, determined Cooper's future career.

The next five years witnessed the publication of some of his best work, among them being "The Pioneers," "The Pilot" and "Lionel Lincoln." In 1826 his popularity had attained its zenith with the publication of "The Last of the Mohicans." But with fame came envy and uncharitableness from his contemporaries at home and abroad. English reviewers claimed him as a native, fixing his birthplace in the Isle of Man, and denounced him as a renegade. Naturally of a head-strong and combative disposition, he resented the accusations and insinuations thrust upon him and in so doing could not help but give offense to a large class. His self-assertive manner made him



A RELIC THAT RECALLS COOPER. (Chimney of the Disbrow House in Mamaroneck, which was the hiding place of Harvey Birch, a character in Cooper's "The Spy.")

Enemies among men who could not understand his nature. He made frequent visits to England, during which his company was sought by the most distinguished men of the time, and during one of these visits he was unwillingly brought into a controversy over the economy and efficiency of the United States government. His utterances on this subject were misconstrued and his published letters brought forth what now seems an altogether unexplainable bitterness against their author.

As one of the most successful of authors, Cooper's fame is assured. His liberal suits and controversies are forgotten, his offensive criticisms are seldom read, and he is remembered only as the most brilliant and successful of American novelists.

### COMING TO AMERICA.

M. Paul Deroulede, Noted and Eccentric French Agitator.  
The announcement that M. Paul Deroulede, the French political agitator, is coming to this country to live has caused no little interest among people conversant with French politics. Deroulede has been prominent in his country for more than three decades, as dramatist, hero, poet, agitator, duelist and deputy. He had gained some fame as a dramatist when he went into the Franco-Prussian war. He was wounded at Sedan and was made a prisoner, but escaped from Brest and joined the army of the Loire, with which he fought throughout the campaign. In 1882 he founded the "Ligue des Patriotes," to keep alive in the breasts of Frenchmen hatred of the Prussians. When Gen. Boulanger came to the front, Deroulede was his most enthusiastic supporter. He became a member of the Chamber of Deputies in 1889.

Won by Wit.  
The University of Pennsylvania has not as large funds at its command as the authorities think to be necessary, in which respect it is not greatly different from other institutions of the same kind. It finds the means to put up new buildings and pay expenses through the untiring energy of its provost, Mr. Harrison, whose little black subscription book is well known in many a Philadelphia office.

Mr. Harrison was pleading persistently with a broker for a subscription not so very long ago, but without success. Finally the broker said: "See here, Mr. Harrison, I will give you something on one condition—that you promise not to come into my office again until I ask you to do so."

"Certainly, Mr. T. I agree to that," said the provost promptly, and walked out smiling with a check for one thousand dollars.

A month or so later he heard a knock at his door. "Come in!" he called, and in walked Mr. Harrison. He had the black book under his arm.

"Good-morning, Mr. T.," he said. "I want you to help me with a little university matter I am—"

"Look here, Mr. Harrison!" the broker interrupted. "When I gave that last thousand dollars wasn't it on the express condition that you wouldn't come into my office again until I invited you?"

"Why, yes," returned the provost, "I believe that was the condition. But didn't you say 'Come in!' just now when I knocked?"

They say the check this time was for five thousand.

They Were Attentive.  
A clergyman, preaching in a country church for the first time, was delighted to find the congregation very attentive, and told the verger so after the service.

The verger replied: "Lor' bless you, sir, we was all looking for you to disappear!"

## GOOD Short Stories

"I wonder what makes my eyes so weak?" a fierce Radical once said to Disraeli. "It is because they are in a weak place," was the reply.

William Black was once the victim of an amusing typographical error. In one of his books the heroine died of a dose of opium; but the compositor got in his line work on the passage, and when the novel appeared the first edition stated that she died of a "dose of opium."

A well-known judge on a Virginia circuit was recently reminded very forcibly of his approaching baldness by one of his rural acquaintances. "Judge," drawled the farmer, "it won't be so very long 'fo' you'll hev to tie a string around yer head to tell how far up to wash yer face."

A raw Irish volunteer, during the late war in Cuba, was discovered by the sergeant of his company in a hole, well out of the way of even a stray shot, when he should have been engaged in active service. "Get out of that hole!" commanded the sergeant, sternly; "get out of it this minute!" The broad Irish face looked up at him with stubborn resistance written on every feature. "You may be my superior officer," he said, boldly, "but all the same, O'm the wan that found this hole first!"

During the examinations given recently in the public schools, one of the questions on the civil government paper for fifth grade pupils was as follows: "What do you think of a man who takes all the things the country, the State and the city do for him, and then tries to get out of paying his taxes?" On one paper the brief and succinct answer was given: "He is a low man." It is unnecessary to say that the boy received the maximum of credits for his very comprehensive answer.

In her lecture on the stage in New York recently, Clara Morris related some mishaps in the theater to show what self-control the young actress must exercise. One evening, she said, she was playing "Camille," when, during the scene with Armand, she discovered that the flower, the camellia, on the giving of which the plot turned, was missing from her breast, where it should have been pinned. "I tried to warn Armand," she related, "but he was making love and did not hear. In despair, I went across the room. There was the supper-table, and on it was a beautiful bunch of celery. It was the work of a minute to wrench off some of the greenest leaves. The poor man did not know anything of what was coming. You should have seen his men when I handed him the celery, saying, as my part required: 'It is a strange flower.' 'I agree with you,' he whispered back. That was smart, but unkind. When I ended up with my last 'keep it,' he nearly threw a fit. He did not help me out at all. But I got even with him. I might have hid his exit, but instead I swept away from him, leaving him alone in the center of the stage, and then in full view of the audience he had to kiss the celery. Nowadays he cannot smell that vegetable without thinking of me." Miss Morris did not give away the actor's name, but it was probably Stuart Robson.

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