

AFTER DINNER SPEAKERS

The Only Ones Who Enjoy Making Them Are Men Without Any Sense of Shame

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Years ago in one of my rare lucid intervals I made a speech which, surprising as it may seem, was regarded as a gem. Up to that time I had been a merry, laughter-loving youth, and earling care rested lightly upon my clustering curls. Now look at me. Gaze upon this countenance "sickled o'er with the pale cast of thought," and this wasted form filled with high resolve and pepsin tablets, and pause ere it is too late. Become an opium eater if you will, drunkard, or sink lower still and become a cigarette smoker if you must, but never, never, contract the after dinner speaking habit.

After dinner oratory is a curious business—painful, but apparently necessary; severe on you, but worse on us. To see us bursting with suppressed eloquence you might think we have a cinch, but such is not the case. I know of no class of men who work harder and get work oftener than us orators. Some few orators really enjoy speaking, but they are men without any sense of shame. Chauncey Depew says that he fairly dotes on after dinner speaking. As for me, I am free to say that I would rather be the humblest bank president and sit down and relish my victuals than be in the fierce light which beats upon the head table and get my dinner for nothing and have lovely ladies nearly tumble out of the boxes as they hang upon my slightest word.

The idea generally obtains that all an after dinner speaker has to do is to assume a dress suit and an engaging smile, rise up when called upon and captivate an audience with wit or eloquence born of the moment and inspired by the surroundings. This is largely the fault of the speakers themselves, who spend most of their allotted time jollyng the listeners into the idea that the call is unexpected and the speech spontaneous.

This is not only untrue, but it robs the orator of the credit which is his due. How much more honest it would be if he would admit that for one or two long, sickening weeks his speech has been ranking in his vitals, and that for 'most as long his innocent wife and children have been made wretched by having to listen to rehearsals thereof; that he has aroused suspicions as to his sanity by muttering it in public places and has been shadowed by the police as he patrolled lonely streets at night addressing imaginary after dinner audiences.

Some bold diners out have recently tried to break over the ancient custom or after dinner speaking by substituting for us orators who make a specialty of clothing our thoughts in beautiful and felicitous phrases, soubrettes who, it is said, do not bother about clothing at all. It is awful to think that we are to be thus brought directly into competition with living pictures and skirt dancers.

However, let a man keep at after dinner speaking long enough, and he will get softening of the brain and either land in the cabinet or some big public office or in a lunatic asylum. Mr. Depew landed in the United States senate, but it was a toss up where he should be sent. Horace Porter is minister to France, Joe Choate is tossing verbal nose-gays at King Edward.

In Perfect Accord.

Some years ago there came to an American city a delightful German. Herr von Blitz, who intended to support himself by giving lessons in his native tongue. When he had been here several months and had secured a moderate number of pupils, he went one day to the mother of one of them and to her great surprise asked for her daughter's hand in marriage.

"But, my dear sir," said she, "my daughter has no fortune."

The suitor smiled upon her in an expansive generosity.

"Me, too!" said he reassuringly.

"And, although we are not rich, we have thus far been able to give her every comfort. She is indeed used to luxury."

"Me, too!" was the smiling rejoinder.

"But, Herr von Blitz, she will never be able to manage affairs."

"Me, too!" rejoiced the lover.

"And I feel obliged to tell you that my daughter has a very high temper."

"Me too! Me too!"

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JUDGE PETER STENGER GROSSCUP.

Judge Grosscup, who denies that he will resign to become attorney for the Northern Securities company, has been United States judge of the circuit court of appeals, seventh circuit, since January, 1899. He is a native of Ashland, O., and is famous as a jurist throughout the country.

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United States Land Office.

Oregon City, Ore., Oct. 22, 1904.

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"An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Columbus W. Cowan, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6223, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 12, T. 2 N., R. 6 W., and lots 1, 2 and 3 of Sec No 7 in Township 2 N., Range No. 5 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Ore., on Friday, the 8th, day of January, 1904.

He names as witnesses: James B. Houston, W. A. Trites, L. R. Houston, W. A. Gordon, all of Portland, Ore.

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