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SWEPT INTO THE SEA.

Tragedy of the First Lighthouse on
Minot's Ledge.

The first lighthouse on Minot's
ledge was built in 1848. It was an
octagonal tower resting on the tops
of eight wrought iron piles eight
inches in diameter and sixty feet
high, with their bases sunk five feet
in the rock. These piles were braced
together in many ways, and, as they
offered less surface to the waves
than a solid structure, this light-
house was considered by all authori-
ties upon the subject to be excep-
tionally strong.

Its great test came in April, 1851.
On the 14th of that month, two
keepers being in the lighthouse, an
easterly gale set in, steadily increas-
ing in force. People on shore, and
no doubt the keepers themselves,
watched the heavy seas sweep harm-
lessly through the network of piles
beneath the house and feared no
harm. On the 15th, however, the
wind and sea had greatly increased,
and the waves were flung higher and
higher toward that tower in the air.
Yet all thought they surely could
not reach sixty feet above the ledge.

That night was one of keen anx-
iety, for the gale still increased, and
all through that dreadful driving
storm and darkness the faithful
keepers were at their posts, for the
light burned brightly. On Wednes-
day, the 16th, the gale had become
a hurricane, and when at times the
tower could be seen through the
mists and sea drift it seemed to bend
to the shock of the waves.

At 4 o'clock that afternoon an
ominous proof of the fury of the
waves on Minot's ledge reached the
shore, a platform which had been
built between the piles only seven
feet below the floor of the keeper's
room. The raging seas then were
leaping fifty feet in the air. Would
they reach the ten feet higher, for
if so the house and the keepers were
doomed? Nevertheless, when dark-
ness set in the light shone out as
brilliantly as ever. But the gale
seemed, if possible, then to increase.

What agony these two men must
have suffered! How that dreadful
abode must have swayed in the ir-
resistible hurricane and trembled
at each crashing sea! The poor un-
fortunates must have known that if
those seas, leaping always higher
and higher, reached their house it
would be flung down into the ocean
and they would be buried with it
beneath the waves.

To those hopeless, terrified watch-
ers the entombing sea came at last.
At 1 o'clock in the morning the
lighthouse bell was heard by those
on shore to give a mournful clang,
and the light was extinguished. It
was the funeral knell of two patient
heroes.

Next day there remained on the
rock only eight jagged iron stumps.

Grant's Sense of Humor.

General Grant had a keen sense
of humor and often expressed it
effectively. He once said of his
standing at West Point that his only
chance of getting anywhere near
the head of his class was to turn the
class wrong end foremost.

Another remark that is credited
to him concerned his lack of musical
talent. He said that he never could
whistle more than two tunes, that
one was "Yankee Doodle" and the
other was not, and that he was
never sure which tune he was whis-
tling.—Youth's Companion.

DISCUSSING THE MINISTER.

The Quaint Comedy That Was Enact-
ed by "Ian MacLaren."

Rev. John Watson, better known
to the world as Ian MacLaren, the
author of "Beside the Bonnie Briar
Bush," was a fascinating talker, says
Mr. William H. Riding in "Many
Celebrities and a Few Others." In
the quietest way he dramatized any
trifling incident that amused him.

Once I was luncheon with him at
his house in Liverpool. He was
about to resign from the Seaton
Park church, and he speculated as to
how he might be estimated after his
departure. In an instant, as he
talked, the table and those round it
vanished, and we were listening to
two elders with whispering voices
discussing a retiring minister.

"A good man, a verra good man,"
one of them was saying.

"Aye, he was that. There'll be
nobody to deny it. But Aw'm think-
ing—well, no, I'll no say it."

"Aw'm thinking the same mase!"
Was he no a bit off in his sermons
lately, did ye say?"

"Weel, perhaps."

"And no so keen as he used to
be."

"Pair man!"

"Aye, he did his best, nae doot."

"Ye minded him in the Sabbath
school? Strange, verra strange,
hoo the attendance dropped. I can-
na account for it. What'll you be
thinking?"

"I've heard creeticism, aye, severe
creeticism, no that I agree with it
or disagree with it. Mackenzie was
telling me we'll be lucky to be rid
of him, and Campbell opines that
he was ruining the kirk."

"Aye, and Ferguson was saying—
but I'll no speak ill of him."

"Pair man!"

"Aw'm thinking it's for the best
he will be going."

"Maybe. The new man's fine—
another John Knox, Mackenzie was
saying."

One could hear their undertones
as they damned with faint praise
and condemned by innuendo. One
saw them in their decent blacks,
askance, timorous, insinuating. Wat-
son's features hardly moved, nor
had he recourse to gestures. He
did not act the little scene, but
seemed to visualize it to us almost
by hypnotic suggestion.

The Seven Stars.

The Seven Stars or the Pleiades
are spoken of in the earliest litera-
ture that we have, and with reason,
since they constitute one of the
most conspicuous of the heavenly
objects. The author of the Book of
Job refers to the Pleiades, and fre-
quent references to the constella-
tion are to be found in the Greek
and Roman classics. As to the dis-
tance of the seven stars, it may be
said that careful calculations have
shown that Aleyone, the member of
the group around which the sun
and the whole solar system were
once thought to revolve, is some
954,000,000,000,000 miles from us
—a distance that it would require
light about 160 years to travel.

Know Where She Was Going.

A little girl and her mother were
waiting for a car. Mother, a col-
lege graduate, was greeted by a
member of the college faculty.

"Why, how do you do? And this
is the baby! My, what a great big
girl she is! I knew you, young
lady," and here the professor leaped
forward and adopted a confident
tone, "when you were just so
big. Let me see. You must be five,
going on six."

"I am five going on the car!"
said the young lady, and the profes-
sor straightened up and pretended
not to see the blush that spread itself
on mother's face.

She needn't have blushed. We all
do it.—San Francisco Call.

Depth of His Love.

"How long would you be willing
to wait for me?" she asked in tones
so low he could scarcely catch the
words. And then she went on:
"You know, George, my father has
recently invested in a silver mine,
and he is going there at once, and I
cannot leave mother alone. So I
ask you again, George, how long
would you be willing to wait for
me?"

"Wait for you, my darling?" re-
peated George, for this was no fleet-
ing love. "I will wait for you until
we learn how the silver mine turns
out."—Newark Star.

Diamond Polishing.

Diamond polishing was invented by
Louis von Berken, a Belgian, in
1475.

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