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HAD QUEER MENTAL STREAK

Stories Told of Oliver Cromwell Would Lead One to Doubt His Complete Sanity.

If Oliver Cromwell had lived in these days a committee of alienists doubtless would have investigated his sanity before now. For the Protector had a most abnormal streak in his mental make-up. Fancy a man that could sign the death warrant of a king and then turn and spatter the ink from his pen into the face of a friend. In his youth taverns were the chief resort of Cromwell. His rancor and boisterous behavior early estranged him from his equals and he came to associate with a class beneath him. For he could brook no interference or contradiction. The matter of the score at the inn where he caroused concerned him very little; the bills frequently went unpaid and he became extremely unpopular with the alewives of Huntingdon who, when they saw him coming, would lock the doors to keep out the noisy bully. So Oliver turned out to be a wild and dissipated youth. The same incorrigible spirit ran throughout his life. It led him to encourage his soldiers to play practical jokes upon each other, such as putting hot coals in the other fellow's boots. At the marriage of his daughter in 1657 to Rich, the Protector threw sack posset among the ladies to soil their rich clothes, which they took as a favor from him, strange as it may seem. And he put sticky candy upon the chairs where his guests were to sit, and pulled off his son-in-law's peruke, pretended to throw it into the fire, and ended by sitting on it.—Philadelphia Record.

OBJECT TO MENIAL DUTIES

Reason That Is Assigned for the Present Scarcity of Trained Nurses in Hospitals.

The full utility of many hospitals is now impaired by a lack of nurses writes "Girard" in the Philadelphia Press.

Howard Butler, Jr., is trustee of an important hospital here and he tells me they need 30 per cent more nurses than they can get.

"Why are nurses so scarce?" I asked.

"I presume," answered Mr. Butcher, whose business, as you know, is that of a banker and broker, "it is because girls think they can earn more money in an easier way in some other occupation."

I have talked with doctors of wide hospital experience about it and they say that the old practice of making girls in training for nurses do drudgery for a year or so has prevented many young women from entering the profession.

"What good," said one great surgeon, "did it do to a nurse's skill to make her scrub floors or wash windows? As well make medical students polish shoes, keep up the furnace fires and sweep out the lecture rooms."

Another physician of long experience and who is connected with a big hospital, added:

"The hospitals will be obliged to cut out the manual labor for training nurses and will probably reduce the years of training, or the country will go back to the conditions when it had few or no trained nurses."

He Made Eugenie Weep.

An old singer living in England, M. L. Albani Gye, recalls an incident which indicates how heavily the late Empress Eugenie bore her many sorrows.

"Many years ago I used to take my holiday on Deeside," he writes the Daily Telegraph. "and once at least every season was called to Balmoral to sing before Queen Victoria. On one of these occasions the empress, who was on a visit at the castle, came with the queen to hear me. I believe that she had not heard any music since the death of the emperor, and I had scarcely finished my first song when she burst out crying. The queen, on seeing this, began to cry also, and I, too, from sympathy. I presume, with the two great ladies, could hardly restrain my tears. I, however, very soon recovered my composure and was able to continue my work."

Gardens of Ashes.

The town of Sheephead Bay some years ago entered into an arrangement with the borough of Brooklyn whereby the contents of all the Brooklyn ash barrels were delivered for the filling in of a great swamp.

The refuse, reaching Sheephead Bay in large metal tanks, was carried out into the swamp by specially constructed trolleys and dumped. In this way some hundreds of acres were converted into dry land.

The refuse contained so much vegetable and animal matter that almost immediately grass and sunflowers began to grow on the surface of the material, and by the end of the second year thrifty Italians had planted most of the area with cabbage and other vegetables. The ash dump became a truck garden.

Timber From Dead Trees.

Some prejudice exists against the use of timber cut from dead trees, says the American Forestry Magazine. As a matter of fact when sound dead trees are sawed into lumber, and the weathered or charred outside is cut away, there is no method known to the forest products laboratory by which the lumber can be distinguished from that cut from live trees, except that the lumber from dead trees may be partly seasoned when sawed.

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