

BREVITIES

PREMIERS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

1. Dec. 23, 1780, William Pitt, Conserv.
2. March 17, 1801, Henry Addington, Conserv.
3. May 15, 1804, William Pitt, Conserv.
4. Feb. 11, 1806, Lord Grenville, Lib.
5. March 31, 1807, Duke of Portland, Conserv.
6. Dec. 2, 1809, Spencer Perceval, Conserv.
7. June 9, 1812, Earl of Liverpool, Conserv.
8. April 24, 1827, George Canning, Lib.
9. Sept. 5, 1827, Viscount Goderich, Lib.
10. Jan. 25, 1828, Duke of Wellington, Conserv.
11. Nov. 23, 1830, Earl Gray, Lib.
12. July 18, 1834, Viscount Melbourne, Lib.
13. Dec. 26, 1834, Sir Robert Peel, Conserv.
14. April 18, 1835, Viscount Melbourne, Lib.
15. Sept. 6, 1841, Sir Robert Peel, Conserv.
16. July 6, 1846, Lord John Russell, Lib.
17. Feb. 27, 1852, Earl of Derby, Conserv.
18. Dec. 28, 1852, Earl of Aberdeen, Lib.
19. Feb. 10, 1855, Lord Palmerston, Lib.
20. Feb. 25, 1858, Earl of Derby, Conserv.
21. June 18, 1859, Lord Palmerston, Lib.
22. Nov. 6, 1865, Earl Russell, Lib.
23. July 6, 1866, Earl of Derby, Conserv.
24. Feb. 27, 1868, Benjamin Disraeli, Conserv.
25. Dec. 9, 1868, William E. Gladstone, Lib.
26. Feb. 21, 1874, Benjamin Disraeli, Conserv.
27. April 29, 1880, William E. Gladstone, Lib.
28. June 24, 1885, Marquis of Salisbury, Conserv.
29. Feb. 1, 1893, William E. Gladstone, Lib.
30. July 26, 1896, Marquis of Salisbury, Conserv.
31. Aug. 15, 1892, William E. Gladstone, Lib.
32. March 10, 1894, Lord Rosebery, Lib.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

In 85 years there have been in France 22,865,000 marriages.

Austria has 26 divorces to 1,000 marriages; Hungary, but 6.

In England to 1,000,000 of population there are nine divorces every year.

The marriage of first cousins is forbidden in 14 states and territories.

The most common cause for divorce in Italy is cruelty from the husband.

In 29 years the ratio of divorces to marriages has increased from 100 to 250 per cent in every country of Europe.

In 1786 a law was passed in Massachusetts forbidding the marriage of white people with Indians, mulattoes or negroes.

According to the statistics of Mr. Carroll D. Wright, there is one divorce to every 479 marriages in the United States.

During the last 40 years 78,750 divorces have been granted in France on the ground of cruelty; 4,700 for other causes.

There is apparently some ratio between divorce and suicide, as in most countries a correspondence is observed between the numbers of the two.

A Connecticut man got a divorce because "the defendant would not get up in the morning, nor call this plaintiff, nor do anything she was told."

Darwin says that 450 per 10,000 marriages among the English nobility are between blood relatives, and over 19 per cent of such marriages are childless.

An Indiana divorce was some years ago granted because "the defendant pulled all the covering off of this plaintiff's bed, and she likewise ran a knitting needle four inches into his arm."—St. Louis Globe-Tribune.

STAGE GLINTS.

It is said that Rhea will not act in this country next season.

Kathrine Clemmons has quit starring for good, so it is said.

Richard Golden resumes his starring tour in "Jed Prouty" next fall.

Gracie M. Russell, soprano, met with a painful accident in New Orleans. She suffers from a broken arm and other injuries.

Among Mr. Tree's prospective arrangements at the Haymarket, London, is included a revival of "Fedora," with Mrs. Patrick Campbell in the title role and Tree as Ipanoff.

Miss Fortescue is going to make a professional tour in "Hypatia," with all the original scenery, costumes and accessories used in the London Haymarket production of Mr. Ogilvie's play.

Miss Effie Shannon, formerly a member of Daniel Frohman's Lyceum theater stock company, is now playing the juvenile roles with Miss Rose Coghlan in "A Woman of No Importance."

A sad consequence of the habit of accepting complimentary tickets to the theater occurred recently in Buffalo when a burglar sent two seats to a man and his wife, and while they were attending the performance robbed the house.

Clara Morris has not yet decided whether she will act next season or not. During the past four years, under the management of Edwin H. Price, she has added a great deal of money to an already comfortable fortune, so that physically and financially she is all right.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

George B. Platt, still hale and athletic, is the last survivor of Sheridan's daring headquarters scouts.

Senator Wolcott has the distinction of being the only member of the senate who is troubled with gout.

Rev. J. K. Hoops, pastor of the First Baptist church of Barboursville, Ky., has been appointed policeman of that town by the city council.

Few people know that Mr. Jabez Balfour, who was tried and found wanting, to speak, refused a benediction tendered to him by Mr. Gladstone.

Perhaps the oldest son-in-law in this country is Uncle Dave Brewer of Lebanon, Or. He is 84, and his mother-in-law is living with him at the age of 99.

The engagement of Miss Annie Seabury Brewster, daughter of William Cullen Brewster of New York, to Count de Frankenstein, a Russian-Polish sportsman and African traveler, is announced.

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HUMOR

HE HAD ENOUGH.

The Man in the Barber Chair Didn't Want Any More.

Barber—Did you read about that terrible murder in the papers this morning?

Castleton—I glanced over it.

Barber—Horrible thing. I've been nervous over it ever since. I tell you, sir, it doesn't do for a man to read many of those things. It unsettles him. Have a close shave today?

Castleton—Not very. Do you mean that it makes you nervous?

Barber—Well, sir, when I read those horrible things about people being cut in pieces, it kind of haunts me. There's a sort of fascination about it.

Castleton (uneasily)—I see. As if you wanted to do something like that yourself. Is that what you mean?

Barber—Well, yes. I suppose that is it. You see, a man comes in and sits down to be shaved. I have a dozen razors ready for him, and all the time I keep imagining to myself about those murders I read. Why, sir, that man might be my best friend, but—

Castleton (turning white)—You don't mean to say that you have an impulse to cut a man's throat?

Barber—How does this razor feel. All right? Well, yes, that's the way I would feel if I allowed myself to do so, but of course it wouldn't do to give way. You see, it becomes a struggle with me. The man lies before me helpless—just as you are. I feel the sharp razor in my hand. Zip, and the thing is done.

Castleton (the cold sweat coming out all over him)—You don't mean to say that you would murder me in cold blood?

Barber—Oh, no, sir! Not at all. Shave your neck? Of course I have always managed to control myself before this, but there is no telling—

Castleton (wildly)—Let me up, quick!

Barber—Why, don't you want your hair fixed?

Castleton—Not much I don't (throwing down 50 cents and reaching for his hat and coat). If I can get out of this place alive, I shall be satisfied.—Brooklyn Life.

A Lucky Player.

Two travelers in the express from Paris to Nice got into conversation.

"Going to Nice?"

"Yes."

"Also to Monte Carlo?"

"Oh, yes. I go there every year."

"You play there occasionally, no doubt?"

"Certainly. Once in the morning and once in the evening—twice a day regularly."

"And you lose now and then?"

"Never."

"How is that? Do you mind telling me how you manage it?"

"That is very simple—I play the violin."—Figaro.

That Settled It.

A man was being wheeled away with the dead at the time of an epidemic. The victim suddenly raised his head and demanded of the man who was taking him along the street where he was taking him to.

"To the deadhouse," was the reply.

"But I am not dead," said the poor man.

"Oh, you be quiet!" said the man who was pushing him along. "I guess the doctor knows more about this than you do, and he says you are dead."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Direct From the Museum.

"I see that the india rubber man and the ossified man are to have a walking match."

"Then I bet on the india rubber man."

"Why?"

"Well, he may not do so much on the first half, but he is sure to show himself on the home stretch."

"That's all very true, but at the same time he'll find the ossified man a hard man to beat."—New York Press.

Some Good In It.

Banker—I understand your house was burned down the other night. Sorry to hear it, old man. And you had such a fine library too.

Hill—But most of my books were saved.

Banker—By the firemen?

Hill—Oh, no. My friends had previously borrowed them.—Truth.

Better Than a Remedy.

Drug Clerk—I'm not sure I've got anything that will cure those spring boils right off, but here is a bottle of Miraculous Beard Producer that inside of three days will bring out such a growth of hair on your face that nobody will know you've got any boils at all.—Texas Siftings.

A Lazy Boy.

Teacher—You are the laziest boy I ever saw. How do you expect to earn a living when you grow up?

Lazy Boy (yawning)—Dunno. Guess I'll teach school.—Good News.

Not Her Fault.

Mother—To think that my little Ethel should have spoken so impudently to papa today at dinner! He never hears us talk that way to him.

Ethel (stoutly)—Well, but you chided him, and I didn't.—Brooklyn Life.

Egypt Over the Same.

The characters in the "Thousand and One Nights" may be almost imagined to step out of their setting words and to take form and glow with the generous warmth of life before one's very eyes.

The natives still drink the same coffee and eat the same cake; they smoke the same pipes; they wear generally the same dresses; they play the same primitive instruments that whisper the same strange and plaintive tones; the funeral processions wind their way along the streets as of old; the popular festivals or merrillies are still observed with the same untiring capacity for enjoyment; the public reciters still practice their profession before admiring crowds; the water carriers still carry their burdens so welcome to the thirsty lips; except in the fancies of the rich and thoroughly Europeanized, the food is still eaten with the fingers and in the same manner, and the hands are washed in the same basins and ewers; the mosque of El-Azhar still attracts its crowds of students.

Even the old wooden locks and keys are still in use, and the water jars are still kept cool in the lattice work of the overhanging mashrabiya window frames. Instances of this sort might be multiplied a hundredfold. It is indeed a wonderful change and contrast that is presented to the eye when you leave the European and enter the native quarter.—Gentleman's Magazine.

How He Lived.

"Does anybody know what Blinkin's business is?"

"Why, certainly; he's a loan agent."

"Indeed?"

"Yes; hasn't he struck you yet?"—Detroit Tribune.

VIGOR OF MEN

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BALD HEADS!

What is the condition of yours? Is your hair dry, harsh, brittle? Does it split at the ends? Has it a lifeless appearance? Does it fall out when combed or brushed? Is it full of dandruff? Does your scalp itch? Is it dry or in a heated condition? If these are some of your symptoms be warned in time or you will become bald.

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