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Much of Sir Walter Scott's Literary  
Success He Acknowledged as  
Due to Her.

In the Cornhill magazine, Archibald Stalker, writing of Sir Walter Scott's mother, says:

"She had about £300 a year, of which a good third went in charities of her own. On the remainder she was able to keep a quietly hospitable house. Out of his superabundance Sir Walter Scott often offered her assistance, which was scornfully refused every time. She lived to see her lame son a baronet, to read not only his verses but his novels, and to point out to her visitor the discrepancies between Walter's plots and the real stories.

"He attributed a good deal of his knowledge of the manner and habits of the two or three preceding generations to her conversation. She had a fine memory and a gift for telling stories, and all the Scottish passion for genealogy, and could rattle off the ancestry of everybody she knew or had ever heard of. She had proverbs also for every occasion, and two of them were often in Sir Walter's mouth: 'We must do as we do,' that is, as we can do, and 'We'll betide her that bides.' Both of these illustrate a patient mind and a happy knack of minimizing present troubles."

### PERSONAGES OF HIGH FAME

Celebrated Nine Worthies Left Deep  
Impress on the Pages of Ancient  
and Modern History.

The Nine Worthies were famous personages who are often alluded to and classed together in a rather arbitrary manner, like the Seven Wonders of the World, or the Seven Wise Men of Greece. The Nine Worthies have been counted up in the following manner: Three gentles of ancient times, Hector, son of Priam, king of Troy, who was killed during the famous siege, described by the Grecian poet Homer; Alexander the Great, king of Macedonia, who carried his conquest to what is now British India; and Julius Caesar, who made himself ruler of the Roman world, and practically laid the foundations of the empire; three Jews, Joshua, the conqueror of Canaan; David, the second king of the children of Israel; and Judas Maccabaeus, a patriarch who fought against foreign domination; three Christians, King Arthur of the Ancient Britons; Charlemagne, who built an empire in western Europe after the Western Roman empire had fallen to pieces; and Godfrey of Bouillon, a valiant knight of western Europe during the Middle Ages.

### A Puzzle.

Billy and Mary stopped in the house next door to see the new talking machine. After they heard a piece or two, Mary started to look it over, and said: "It's not like ours."

Mrs. Case asked: "What kind of machine have you?"

Mary engaged in deep thought. At last she exclaimed: "It's a Scotch collicie."

Mrs. Case said: "Why, I never heard tell of that kind of a talking machine."

Billy spoke up, saying: "Mary is always getting things wrong; it's a fox terrier. If you don't think I'm right, Mrs. Case, you go over and look at the picture on it."

### Stimulated Memory.

Judge Henderson claims that the oldest joke is the one about the Irishman who was in a brown study on the street. Another Irishman met him and said: "Why so downhearted, Mike?"

"Well, Pat," said Mike, "my wife told me to get her something for dinner and for the life of me I can't remember what it was I was to get."

"Oh, cheer up," said Pat; "there, have a cigar; maybe you can recover your memory while you smoke." Mike lit the cigar and puffed it. After a few whiffs Mike brightened up and said, "You are right, Pat. That cigar made me think what the wife wanted. The wife wanted cabbage."—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

### The Farewell Meeting.

The young man on the train, observing that the handsome girl across the aisle was looking at him very intently, thought he had made an impression, and in a few moments he changed his seat to the vacant one beside her.

"Haven't we met before somewhere?" he ventured to ask.

"Well, I'm not quite sure," she replied, "but I think you are the man I saw hanging around the night our automobile was stolen."

The young man vanished into the smoking car amid the snickers of those who had overheard them.—Boston Transcript.

### Saving Mother.

Two bread rolls were left on the plate, and as it was passed Richard took the largest one.

A troubled conscience immediately caused him to look at his mother, whose stern countenance spoke plainer than words.

"Well, mamma," he said, although not a word had been spoken, "I didn't want you to be the hog."

Mr. Crimsonbeak—You know, why is a medicine.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak—I can't believe it.

"Why can't you?"

"Because you never make a face when you're taking it, and if it was a medicine you couldn't help making a face."

### SUCCESS MUST BE EVIDENT

Crowd Is Always Ready to Fleck  
Wherever There Is an Indica-  
tion of Prosperity.

Most of the involved explanations we see in print about why one business is a great success and another a failure are pure humbug. One man or one business succeeds, while another fails, largely because of superior ability, or greater opportunity, or a happy combination of the two, and that is about all there is to it.

In a score of ways we may note how seriously people take that which is successful, the nation's business says. Let a theater put up a sign that tickets are to be had only for performances three weeks in advance and a crowd will form in line for two blocks trying to reach the box office. One restaurant man hit on the scheme of never having quite enough tables to take care of the crowd. At a season of the year when the crowds were larger he had more tables, but never quite enough. A few people always had to stand a little while before obtaining seats. In this way customers got the impression that they were in an something especially good, because it appeared that the demand exceeded the supply.

### PRESIDENT HAD HIS HOBBIES

John Quincy Adams a Stickler for  
Regular Hours—Known as Stu-  
dent of Astronomy.

John Quincy Adams was a stickler for regular hours at the White House. Promptly at ten o'clock every night all lights had to be blown out. He believed in going to bed early and getting up early. During the summer months he arose at four o'clock, and, accompanied by his son John, who was his secretary, would hustle down to the Potomac and indulge in a good swim for an hour or two, while Mrs. Adams was overseeing the preparation of a good breakfast for them. When it became too cold for swimming he remained in bed until six o'clock, and would then take a brisk walk up to the capitol and back before breakfast.

Adams was a great student of astronomy, and had a telescope on the roof of the White House so that he could study the heavens at night. He planted many trees in the White House grounds and urged members of congress to collect seeds and send them to their constituents.

### NO JURISDICTION IN HADES

Pope's Witty Reply to Official Who  
Complained of Being Portrayed as  
a Lost Soul.

The classical example of a painter's spite, or artistic punishment, is that of Michaelangelo in his famous fresco of the "Last Judgment" on the wall of the Sistine chapel. When one of the papal chamberlains reported to the pope, Paul III, that the painter was exceeding proper bounds in his use of the nude, the artist, in disgust, took occasion to immortalize his critic by giving his features to one of the figures in the infernal regions, of which there is a glimpse at the bottom of the great fresco. The aggrieved official complained to Paul III and begged him to order the painter to remove the portrait.

"Where did you say he has placed you?" inquired the pontiff, who did not care to interfere with the foremost artist of his age.

"He has put me into hell!" replied the indignant chamberlain.

"Ah!" said the pope. "I have no jurisdiction there."—Youth's Companion.

### The Stilled Small Voice.

Judge Gray, down in Mississippi, was about to adjourn court when an old colored man of his acquaintance moseyed in his countenance showing worryment.

"Jedge," he mumbled, "mah conscience done trouble me, Is yo' got a charge against me?"

"Why, no, uncle; I haven't any charge."

"Jedge, mah conscience suttinly am disturbin'. Yo' ain't missed a couple of yo' chickens, has yo'?"

"No, uncle, I haven't; but, even if there were a couple gone, I wouldn't know it. I never count them."

"Don' neber count 'em? Mah-h goodness. Mah conscience am appressed. Good-day, suh, good-day."—American Legion Weekly.

### A Fire Every Minute.

A fire rages somewhere every minute of every day in the United States. Most of them are preventable, Charles E. Case, a New York insurance man and fire prevention expert, told the chamber of commerce at a "Fire Prevention" luncheon at the Hotel Baltimore. The epidemic of preventable fires the last year was attributed by Mr. Case to easy-going wastefulness because of prosperity. "It is as if the people of the United States squandered \$300,000 and 60 human lives each day," he said.

### Nervy.

"Pardon me, miss. Although a perfect stranger, I must tell you that you are beautiful."

"Sir, I shall call a policeman."

"I am sure he will agree with me."—Detroit Free Press.

### Heard in an Office.

"Sewing on your own buttons? Why, I thought you were married."

"Oh, I'm married, all right, but you see I keep my independence."—Boston Transcript.

## The Midnight Mass

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"Och, won't ye stay over Christmas with us atself," says Lanty.

"Isn't he goin' to stay all week?" cry several.

"A month you mean," says Mrs. MacFadden.

Yankee Kilbride looks from one to the other—a bit embarrassed. Then he slowly turns his eyes to one who hasn't yet spoken—to Gracie Brennan. "Do you hear what they're asking me?" he says. "To stay Christmas with them—a week with them—a month with them—but you haven't said e'er a word to stay, at all?"

Gracie turns on him one swift glance from black eyes that might well bewitch a granite-rock. An alarming blush oversweeps her countenance. She lowers her eyes as quickly as she lifted them. Quickly she raises them again, after a moment—now with just the faintest hint of mischief in them—a look not new to him. "Och!" she says, "stay with us till—till—till I put ye out."

Dennis Kilbride, his eye shining with hope, lays an affectionate hand on Gracie's black head. With the other hand he tosses a sovereign to Mickey, saying: "Pay Mrs. Hegarty for her car, and pocket the remainder for a Christmas present. Tell her that Yankee Kilbride disappeared last night. And there's no stranger here—only Lanty's people and their old friend, 'Dinny Kilbride.'"

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### The Strenuous Part.

"I nalled the lie."

"Yes, but I was hammering the liar."

### A Drawback.

"I hate those revolving doors."

"So do I; you can't slam them when you're mad."

### Sure Thing.

Dean—In what course do you expect to graduate?

Pupil—In the course of time.

### And May Go Double.

Jonus—A man and his wife are one. Bonus—That's singular!—Cartoons Magazine.

### The Big Job.

"Do you have any trouble with your furnace?" "Getting my husband to look after it is all."

### Naturally.

"Do you think you will win the wrestling match?"

"Well, I have a fighting chance."

### Magnanimous.

"Dearest, you don't want to marry me for my money, do you?" "No, darling, but I don't hold it against you."

### A Good Reason.

"Why is the hour glass made small in the middle?" "To show the waste of time."—Cartoons Magazine.

### Equivocal Comfort.

"When I got in that strange company, I felt like a fool."

"I am sure it was very natural for you to feel that way."

### Another Alexander.

"Jack says I am all the world to him."

"My dear, he's said that to every girl he's been engaged to—then he's looked around for new worlds to conquer."—Boston Transcript.

### Nothing Serious.

"That man is trying to cover up something. Did you find out what it was?"

"Yes, he was trying to give a little money to the poor and didn't want it known."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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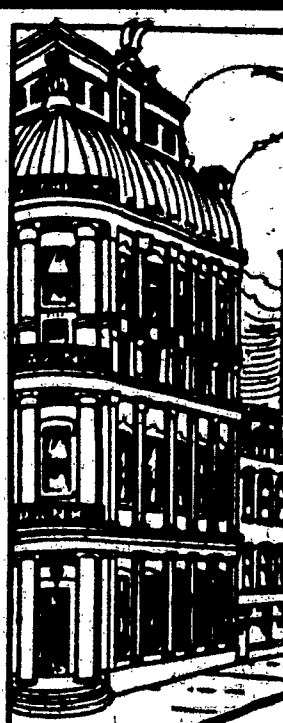
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