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EST MAN THAT EVER LIVED." The Great Author's Friendliness For the Youtha Who Worked In the Brickyard. His Kindly Manner When He Said,

"Well, My Little Man, How Are You?" Henry T. Jones, a ploneer of Chicago, who lives at the corner of Wood and Superior streets, was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1823, and has some interesting memories of Charles Dickens. Mr. Jones was employed in a brickyard where Dickens was in the habit of stopping on his tours of observation, and the boy with whom he talked longer and more frequently than with any one else in the place remembers him now in his years of threescore and ten with an adoring re-

"Charles Dickens was the kindest man that over lived in England, and I believe no kinder man over lived in the whole world," said Mr. Jones. "He had a kind and pleasant word for every one, but more Watches. especially, I think, for boys. Why for boys? Oh, because of his own neglected childhood. You know it is said that the early history of David Copperfield is the story of his own youthful days. I know he always spoke to boys whenever he would come into contact with them. He had a way of laying his hand on a boy's shoulder and of looking into his eyes and saying, 'Well, my little man, how are you?' that made the boy remember it as long as he lived. Yes, I have had the master's hand on my shoulder many a time. It made ine proud than his greatness. I admired his appear ance too. Some of his pictures of that time resemble him, but he wore when I knew him a nice brown beard, and his pletures never make that beard as handsome and becoming as it really was. He was a noted man then, for he had pub

England was talking about him. I have all his works, and they are my greatest "Our brickyard, where I worked," continued Mr. Jones, "was just a short distance from Gadshill, the home of Mr. Dickens, and scarcely a day passed that he did not come to visit the place. Why, he came sometimes as early as 4:30 o'clock in the morning, although the yards only opened at 4. He was so fond of watching laboring people, and brickmaking is—or was at that time in England—a slow and tedious process, one brick being made by hand at a time. In 1847 they could make six bricks at a time in America, but be fore that I had heard of the new country across the sea, where bricks were made by machinery, and I talked with Mr. Dick ens about plans for coming here. I often wondered if the men were rude or surly, and if that was why he talked to boys in

lished two of his great novels-'Oliver

Twist' and 'Nicholas Nickleby'-and all

preference, but I suppose he liked to get into a boy's thoughts, and that is perhaps the secret of his capital studies of boys.
"The boys on their part had the greatest respect for him, a fact which was noticeable, for brickyard boys are, as a rule, a rather tough lat. They were all the way from 11 to 15 years of age, and their greatest sport was the molesting of passers. 303 W. Saratoga Street, by. They always threw stones or called names after everybody not of their own class and had quick and complete revenge on any one who dared to oppose or answer them. Many a ruined suit of clothes they bynamos, were responsible for, and the offender papers. could never be punished, for too many were guilty. But they made a great exception of Mr. Dickens. When any one saw him coming down the street, he quickly informed the rest, and the boys would all stop to brush their hair with their hands and rub some of the clay off their clothes, and all were glad and excited. The cry would go forth, 'There's Mr. Dickens coming—don't 'ee see him?'
"Then he would come up and shake hands with them all. He had such a hearty handshake, and he always told us that he honored the hand of a laboring boy more than that of the greatest landowner. And we believed him. If you ever read his will, you will know how he remembered all his servants and instructed his executors not to put Mr. or Esquire on his tombstone, but just Charles Dickens. And I think his reference to the lessons of the New Testament in that last document gives the whole character of the man.

"I am sure he mentions the brickyard, or rather brickfield, as it is called in England, in one of his works. I think it is in 'Edwin Drood.' " Taking up a copy of "David Copper-field," he turned the leaves slowly and said: "As I read of a boy's hardships and sufferings as they are recounted here, I feel the thrill of his touch upon my shoulder and hear again that pleasant, kindly voice saying as in the old days when he watched me making bricks, 'Well, my boy, how are you today?' "

Being asked if "David Copperfield" was not considered an autobiography, Mr. Jones said: "Well, that is hard to say. It is told that Mr. Dickens had a stepfather who was very cruel to him, and that might have been in his mind when he wrote the book. But he wasso kind to boys and such a good friend to thein that he would naturally be more sympathetic in telling the story of their wrongs. Perhaps, though, it was because he himself had suffered at tender age."

Mr. Jones became master of his own art and prospered in the country of his adoption. The courthouse, Tremont House, Palmer House, Cook County hospital and other large and important buildings were constructed from material furnished by him, but for many years now he has lived retired, enjoying the competence his business afforded. He does not regret that he never knew Charles Dickens after he had grown to man's estate.

"I should not then remember him as th friend of boys or given him that niche in my heart which he will occupy as long as that heart beats, for it was as the man and friend that I knew him best, and I did not care then for what he had written. It was his own personality that impressed me most and made me remember him longest."- Chicago Post.

Lost the Presidency. The following explanation is given of the Garfield-Rosecrans controversy: General Garfield was elected a delegate from Ohio to the Baltimore convention in 1864. which renominated President Lincoln. tiarfield, remembering his old general, telegraphed to Rosecrans: "Vice presidency going a-begging. Will you accepts General Rosecrans wired his

The answer was never received by General Garfield, and it was afterward ascer tained that it had been suppressed by Stanton, then secretary of war. As a connomination, and at Lincoln's death was made president .- Philadelphia Record.

Clubs In Boston. He who invades the social or club life o Boston will find much to surprise. Clubs rule with an ever increasing power. No city in the United States possesses so many clubs of all shades, from the exclusively society to the exclusively crank. It would be difficult to mention a cult that is not represented. Hundreds of Boston people make going to the club the sole occupation of their lives. Their days are of three stages-morning clubs, afternoon clubs and evening clubs, with occasional mous quantities of ten are drunk. Tea and Browning are Boston beverages. It is said the tea habit is becoming alarmingly productive of various physical and men al ills. Many physicians have scores of vomen patients who are suffering from ome form of nervous disease as a result f excessive tea drinking. At these club rganizations the topics that engage two-

Browning if it takes 100 years.—Now York Sun. Undecorated. Miss Williston-How is it, colonel, that you have no medals? All the other officers in your regiment have lots of them. Colonel Copeton-Well, you see, I don't belong to any bicycle clubs and never made Room 3. a century run in my life. - Chicago News.

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And died—so people say— Some ten years later than the man Who worried his life away.

—Pittsburg Bulletin

THE INFANCY OF RAILWAYS. Curlosities of the Early Appliances-Popular Attitude Toward Them.

At the Workingmen's college, Grent Or mond street, a lecture was delivered by Mr. W. M. Acworth on "The Infancy of Railways." The lecturer mentioned that the queen had been five years on the throne before she entered a railway train. Practically the first railway passengers traveled about 70 years ago. That was on the Stockton and Darlington railway, but the passenger carriage was then drawn by a horse. The idea of a permanent way for haulage purposes was very old, for those who had been at the ruins of Pompel would have noticed slabs of stone on either side of the road and marks on them where the carts were sent along in order to make the haulage easier. Somewhat the same idea was taken up in England and in the Harz mountains some centuries ago. Gradually the stone had been replaced iron, and about 1870 the wonderful c covery of Sir II. Bessemer in the manufture of steel led to the rails being made

steel. The introduction of the railway into this country was regarded, especially by the country landowners, as quite an inno-vation. The surveyors for the companies were often ducked in horseponds and even flied at while making surveys. Many towns at the present day, such as Lichfield and Northampton, bitterly regretted the opposition shown to railway enterprise in its early days; for the result has been that the main lines passed some distance away from them. The reason why the main line of the Great Western did not pass through Windsor was the opposition of the provost and fellows of Eton college, who refused to allow any station to be built on their estate. At first the rich classes, who had been in the habit of traveling in their own coaches, would not mix with the common herd in a railway

train, but used to have their conches put on railway trucks, and so literally rode in their own vehicles. Even later it was considered quite a crime for people who could afford to travel first or second class to go third. On one occasion the officials on one lime were known to hire sweeps to empty their soot bags into a third class carriage which was known to be used by persons who could pay a higher fare. Since 1840, with the great development in rallway enterprise, all this had been changed, and it could be practically said that the fares had been reduced by one-balf and the speed doubled in the 60 years.

Paternal Trust. "Yep," said Farmer Corntossel to the relative whem he was visiting, "Josiar's away studying some more." "You are devoting a great deal of attention to his schooling. "Yes," was the answer. "But Josiar

kin stand it. Josiar is a reg'lar intellectual athlete. Now, when I want to think, I've got to git out my specs an sit down with the paper after the day's over, an kind o' git a runnin start, but Josiar, he kin stop right in the middle of anything he happens to be doin an think if he feels like it. I used to have to keep an extra hired man 'cause Josiar 'ud every once in awhile git took with a notion to sit down under an apple tree an think, an it didn't make no difference how warm the weather was. So I concluded that it'd be a pity ef he was to run out o' thinkin material an I'm sendin 'im to school some more. Only this time it's goin to be somethin different, somethin that'll give 'im occupation along with his thinkin an help 'im earn a livin ef he should ever feel so inclined. He's

learnin all about drugs." "How is he getting along?" "Fine," replied the father as he took a letter from his pocket. "See what's wrote at the top o' the fust page? That's what shows he's gettin along fine." ."I don't see anything except the words Pharmacoutical college.' "That's them. I ain't no expert in handwritin, but that there's what makes

me proud of Josiar. When I see a boy write that word right off, without takin his pen off'n the paper oncet, as is plain to be seen was done here, I off my hat an tell 'im that nothin ain't too good fur 'im."-Washington Star. Lord Falmouth-who bred horses, knew all about them, and had had for trainer that paragon, John Scott-never het but once. He had a promising filly, Queen Bertha, and she was the favorite for the Oaks in 1862. She had apparently fallen off in condition, and her owner put no

confidence in her. Falmouth was inclined to scratch her. when Mrs. Scott, John Scott's wife, spoke up for her favorite. "I'll lay your lordship sixpence she wins," said Mrs. Scott, laugh ing. For once Lord Falmouth broke his rule never to bet, and exclaimed, "Done Mrs. Scott!"

So Queen Bertha, with Tom Alderoft up, appeared at the post, and, thanks to the brilliant riding of her jockey, beat Marigold by a short head for the first place. Lord Falmouth paid his bet to Mrs. Scott in noble fashion. He procured a brand new sixpence from the bank, had it set round with diamonds and mounted as a brooch, and in that form presented it to the comely mistress of Whitewall.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Combed His Hair With a Fence. "Giants?" said the old circus proprietor 'Oh, yes, we've had some big men in the show at one time and another. One of the biggest we ever had used to comb his hair with a section of a fence. That was a part of the street show when we made the parade in a town. Usually we had an arrangement in advance with the owner of the fence and had a part of it loosened a bit so that the giant wouldn't wreck too much of the fence in picking up the part he wanted to use. When the show came along to his spot, the giant would step up to the fence, take off his hat and pick up the piece-it always looked as if he had tremendous strength, too-and raise it up and comb his hair with it. And then he would put the big comb down again, and put on his hat and move on. This always tickled the people immensely. And he cer-tainly was a big man, but we had a big-ger man once. I wouldn't dare tell you how big this other man was, because you wouldn't believe it."—Strand Magazine.

"Richard," asked the teacher, "what was the message General Sheridan sent to General Early before this battle took "He said," replied the big boy with the "Go, Early, and avoid the And merely for this she kept him in Baltimore, Md. after school and ate his apples and talked comptly Attended to. affectionately to him.—Chicago Tribune.

> Bertha-The trouble with old people is that they forget that they ever were Edith-Not always. My mother says is is scandalous for Harry and me to sit in a room with the gas turned down .- Boston N. E. cor. Park Ave. & Fayettest BALTIMORE, MD. Transcript.

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"Macready once remarked, in the course "I think it was La Belle Smidson who,

writing to a friend, remarked, 'I have just received a basket of bananas from an ac-

his feet,' 'backward in coming forward' and 'landed in hot water on the horns of a dilemma'—all of which were first uttered by actors of more or less renown.

"Phelps, indeed, appeared to have had a knack of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time and of jumbling up his sentences when talking in private life. He is said to have remarked upon one occasion that a certain young actor, in straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, had merely got a hoist on his own petard, which served him quite right; for, he added, any man who quarrels with his bread and butter in order to raise himself above the standard of ordinary mortals is assuredly indulging in a wild goose chase, from which he will wake up to find that he has merely jumped from the frying pan into the fire of his own audacity. Phelps is also credited with having declared at a public

"These are among the most notable of the numberless quibbles and frothy quips that have dropped from the lips of actors at one time more or less renowned. True, an Irish member of parliament was responsible for the famous jumble about smelling a rat and seeing it in the air and nipping it in the bud, a metaphor which forms an exception to the rule, for nearly all the rest owe their origin to the play

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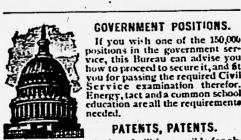
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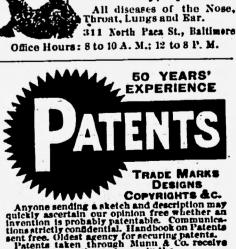
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