EDMUND YATES.

The Entertaining Memoirs of a Novelist and Journalist-Fifty Years in London-Brilliant Recollections of Men and Women of Mark-A Book Bead.

(New York Herald.)

A gossipy, readable, bright and cheery book is " Fifty Years of London Life," Edmund Yates, the novelist and editor of the London World. In these days of illnatured books, brimming over with vanity and sparkling with mailee, it is pleasant to come across one written in a vein of good humor. There is much temptation in this satirical world to write uncomplimentary things of one's friends, but Mr. Yates, in his memoirs, which have just been published in excellent style by the Harpers, avoids the rock on which many a promising barque has been wrecked. Mr. Edmund Yates is the son of Frederick Yates, the actor. He was born "accidentally" Edinburgh, in 1831. It was arranged that the interesting event of his birth should occur in London, which was the habitual residence of his parents, but he arrived in this world some little time before he was expected. His father had much to do with the management of the Adelphi Theatre, then the home of melodrama. and produced there, and the novelist was occasion a loose jacket and wide trousers, and Some of Dickens' works were dramatized so delighted with Mr. Frederick Yates' impersonation of Mantalini, Fagin and Quilp that he became quite friendly with the actor, and afterward with young Edmund. The boy tasted the sweets of London life when he was but a fledgling. He used to occasionally spend a few days with his maternal grandfather, John Branton, in Kentish Town. There he partook of " the most delightful hot suppers at 9; onions, with foaming porter and hot grog by Two Merry Men," which captivated the afterward." The latter he sipped from his town. He was also permanently engaged grandfather's tumbler, taking to it as naturally as he did to mother's milk. Like Lord Byron, he was partial to gin. These boyish recollections of cookney life are told in an admirable vein of wit and pleasantry. The reader is introduced to famous men of a bygone age and to street scenes which have long been obsolete. He learned the rudiments at a school in Highgate, and was duly switched by an old pedagogue of whom his memories are not the most pleasant. After his father's death he went to Duseldorf, where, under the tutelage of a kindly old professor, he picked up a smattering of German, drank deeply of beer and learned to smoke. The Marquis of Clapricarde, the old

friend of his father, on being appealed to

by Mrs. Yates, found him a clerkship in

the post-office. He was then about 16 years old. At that time Rowland Hill occupied a high position in the department. Young Yates had two interviews with him. In the first he was called over the coals for peppering the passers by with a pea shooter and advised to take the devil out of himself by walking down to the office from St. John's Wood instead of taking precarious ease on the "knifeboard" of an omnibus. In the second interview he was signature of Mr. Hill in copying official chapter is exceptionally bright and amuscorrespondence, the father of the penny postage scheme rightly thinking it " a rather dangerous accomplishment." The story of Mr. Yates' connection with the post-office, which lasted for twenty-five years, is full of interest; but that portion of his narrative which tells of his literary life has, of course, much more human fascina-After two or three chapters descriptive of his London amusements in 1850, in which he speaks rather regretfully of the good old taverns of the past, of the drama and the theatre, in which he naturally took a vast interest, and of a variety other topics, we come to the best part of the book. In spite of his mother's desire that he should embrace some profession, he determined to become a man of letters. And what was it that set his mind on so precarious a pursuit? Neither more nor less than the reading of "Pendennis." He longed to become one of that cheery band comprised Sala, Jerrold, Shirley Brooks, masters he had been peppered and got the Oxenford et id genus emne, who in those days painted the town red, in the exuberance of their spirits, and enchanted all by mined to become a literary man it was not law, said he was to have the support in was one of the conductors and ran off more long before he made his maiden effort. He wrote some indifferent verse which was accepted by Mr. Harrison Ainsworth, who had pleasant recollections of his father. Mr. Yates' analysis of his own feelings when he read the stuff in proof is capital. Joy and delight struggled for supremacy with good stories on every page. ambition. The verses did not appear in Ainsworth's magazine, and this somewhat damped his youtnful ardor. And it was not until Albert Smith took him up: hat te made any advance on the atony road of

his choice. Albert Smith was " a man of 35 years of age, with large head, large body, short legs, long hair, long reddish-brown beard and moustache; small, keen, deep set gray eyes, good aquiline nose, small hands and feet, always badly dressed. When at home at work he wore a short blue blouse, such as is seen on all the Swiss peasants, and an old pair of trousers. In the street he was given to gaudy neckerchiefs and had festoon of 'charms' dangling from his watch chain." Through the generous efforts of Albert Smith Mr. Yates was introduced to Mr. Leister O'Beirne, who found him a place on the Court Journal at a salary of \$5 a week, "very irregularly paid. Hear this, all ye budding journalists!" For this he was to contribute dramatic

oriticisms, poems, etc.

The 6th of March, 1852, was a proud day for our hero. The Court Journal came out, and in it was his poem, "On the Death of Thomas Moore." "So I was Pendennis at last," he writes, "with my entree to the theatres, and my power of saying what liked about them, and my delightful visits to the printing office, and my proofs," etc., etc. He became a member of the Fielding Club, an offshoot (or more properly the snocessor) of the Cider Cellar Club. Thackeray was the founder, and around him congregated all the wits and young enjoy life with a greater zest than ever. the winter and the Upper Thames in the He was a favorite with his brethren of the club, and he formed many friendships. He pleasant and profitable! He is evidently began to write for other papers and period. a cheery, good-natured fellow, and there is In 1853 he was married. The happy regret for having written.

couple took up their abede in a little nutof a house in Gloucester place. They were present at many receptions given by Mrs. Milner Gibson, where they met such men as Louis Blanc, Alexander Cockburn, Mazzini, Planche and a host of celebrities. Mr. Yates became a contributor to Chambers' Journal, Bentley's Miscellauy and other papers. A collection of sketches which had book form by Mr. Bogus. The little volume was kindly received by the press, and its publication formed an epoch in the

author's life. one. Mr. Yates made the acquaintance of Dickens. He called on him at Tavistock House. "There were no photographs of phenomena, which has been long practised, Dickens' personal appearance on the portrait of him by Maclise, prefixed to Nickleby; the soft and delicate face, with the long hair, the immense stock and the high-colored waistcoat. He was nothing like that. . . . His hair, though worn still somewhat long, was beginning to be sparse; his cheeks were shaved; he had a depression follows quick. It sometimes mustache and a 'doerknocker' beard encircling his mouth and chin. His eyes were wonderfully bright and piercing, with a keen and eager outlook; his bearing hearty and somewhat aggressive. He wore on that sat back in his chair with one leg under him and his hand in his pocket, very much as in Frith's portrait. 'Good God! how like your father,' were his first words." Dickens remained his warm friend until perpetual snow, seem on a sudden to be death. Mr. Yates now became better known in journalism. He wrote for the Illustrated London Times and Household Words. He published, in collaboration atmosphere renders distinct sounds more with Mr. Frank Smedley, a volume of floating verse entitled " Mirth and Metre News at a salary of £4 a week, which made him "supremely happy."

Mr. Yates tells some good stories of Douglas Jerrold which are well worth queting. Mr. Yates was escorting him one night to the Bedford Hotel. "As we went up New street we met two or three drunken roisterers, one of whom after tumbling up against me apologized and asked 'the way to the Judge and Jury,' a popular entertainment of the day. Instantly Jerrold bent forward and addressed him: 'Straight on, young man; continue in the path you are now pursuing and you can't fail to come to them!' It was to Peter Cunningham, mentioning his fondness for calves' feet, that Jerrold said 'Extremes meet!' To Mrs. Alfred Wigan, expressing her fear that her hair had been turned grey by the application of some strong stimulant, he said,

'I know, essence of thyme.'" Mr. Yates introduces us next to Bohemia a country in which he travelled much, even if he was never naturalized. As editor of the Comic Times, which sought to rival Punch in its own particular field, his intercourses with literary Bohemia of course became closer. Many are the anecdotes which he tells of the clever men and new moon indicates either a dry or a wet women with whom he was thrown. This was brief, but it was brilliant while it

Next comes the story of his "difficulty with the Garrick Club," which arose from a little article he wrote on Thackeray in Town Talk, grazing the too sensitive outicle of the great novelist. Mr. Dickens in this difficulty stood by Mr. Yates, and, on calm reflection, it will pretty generally be conceded that Thackeray throughout comes

out second best. Mr. Yates' dramatic recollections are retire. quite entertaining. His own work for the stage had been successful. He became editor of Temple Bar and made it a sparkling magazine. In the chapter " People I Have Known" Mr. Yates tells us of Sir Alexander Cockburn, and of a lively little incident of that jurist's visit to Sir Richard and Cookburn went pheasant shooting. Polk, Buchanan, Johnson and Arthur; two The keeper happened to get shot. Cookburn asked the keeper by which of his term time Sir Richard Bethell, while beacon for sixteen years, has resigned. He addressing a number of legal dignitaries on saved fully 100 lives from drowning. During the subject of an important reform in the tne days of the underground railroads he the matter of his friend Cockburn. Cock- negroes to Canada, it is said, than any burn protested. Bethell said, "in his other one man. mincing and affected tones, 'You The Windom palace in Washington, for must recollect it, my dear friend; it which J. G. Blaine will pay \$300 a month occurred on the morning you shot my this winter, is only three blocks from the keeper!'" And so the book goes on, with White House, which will be in full view

be most entertaining. It was poor Cheva- and yet so far." build of an author, sir! I thought you counted a millionaire several times over. was a British athlete going out to wrestle." Prince George, son of the Prince of He lectured in New York with good success. | Wales, was a popular and smart middle on He attended a meeting at the Cooper board both the Bacchante and Canada, and Institute in support of General Grant, he is now proving himself an apt student at where he duly admired American oratory, the Royal Naval College, where he enjoys heard for the first time, and described it no special privileges over other sub-lieutenwith a certain amount of sly sarcasm. ants, and by his frank, genial ways is quite He travelled through the country, was a favorite. He took a first-class certificate feted and lionized, and had no end of a good for seamanship, and is rapidly qualifying time. He says: "I went a stranger; I himself for appointment to one of the vesreturned leaving troops of friends. I sels of the Mediterranean fleet. went with a lean purse and vague prospects; I returned with £1,500 and an appointment worth £1,200 a year. Is it any wonder that I should regard with affection and gratitude a land where I had such an emphatically good time and from which I received such substantial benefit? The next chapter tells of his experience as a New York Herald correspondent, and of which his recollections seem to be rosecolored. The concluding chapter treats of the founding of that successful paper, the World, with which his name is now thoroughly identified.

Mr. Yates, though yet a man of only middle age, has determined to retire from London life, to take his ease at Brighton in the Washington residence and can himself the winter and the Upper Thames in the pose as Secretary of the Exterior of the Secretary icals, and indeed was fairly launched into the career which has proved so successful.

FORETELLING WEATHER.

Signs Which Careful Observers May Specially Rely on.

A communication to the Southern Planter deals with the subject of weather prognestics. Few intelligent persons can have any sympathy with the so-called prophets who eracularly announce phenomena, givbeen published in these was brought out in ing dates, occasionally making lucky hits, but as often firing their random shots altogether wide of the mark. That there is, however, something in weather philosophy, intelligent persons will be quite ready to That same year, 1854, was a memorable concede, and they will be in accord with the views of the writer when he recommends the habit of observation of natural its results being handed down to us in the says he, "and I had formed my idea of homely weather proverbs with which all Bitters, and to my surprise I am as well are familiar.

If one could read the signs, each day foretells the next; to-day is the progenerator of to morrow. When the atmosphere is telescopio and distant objects stand out unusually clear and distinct, a storm is near. We are on the crest of the wave and the happens that clouds are not so indicative D. C. of a storm as their total absence. In this state of the atmosphere the stars are unusually numerous and bright at night, which is also a bad omen. It appears that the transparency of the air prodigiously increased when a certain quantity of water is uniformly diffused through it. Mountaineers predict a change of weather when, the air being calm, the Alps, covered with nearer the observer, and their outlines are marked with great distinctness on the azure sky. This same condition of the audible.

There is one redness of the east in the morning that means storm; another that indicates wind. The first is broad, deep bed of burning coals; the second is softer and more vapory. At the point where the sun is going to rise, and in a few minutes in advance of his coming, there rises straight upward a rosy column, like a shaft of dyed vapor, blending with and yet partly separated from the clouds, and the base of which presently comes to glow like the sun himself. The day that follows is pretty sure to be windy.

It is uncertain to what extent birds and animals can foretell the weather. When swallows are seen hawking very high, it is a good indication, because the insects upon which they feed venture up there only in the people."

the most auspicious weather. People live in the country all their lives without making one accurate observation about nature. The good observer of nature holds his eye long and firmly to the point, and finally gets the facts, not only because he has patience, but because his eye is sharp and his inference swift. There are many assertions, the result of hasty and incomplete observation, such as, for instance, that the way the milky way points at night indicates the direction o the wind the next day; also, that every

Personal Paragraphs.

In the sleep-walking scene, while playing "Ludy Macbeth," Barah Bernhards always appears on the stage barefooted. The present Emperor of Russia in his

earlier days was noted for his feats of strength, and is still one of the strongest men in his empire of giants.

is accounted for by the announcement that only 25 cents. he has eleven unmarried daughters on his hands.

Five out of the twenty-one Presidents were of Scotch-Irish lineage-Jackson, Jefferson, and one of Dutch, Van Buren; the remaining twelve being of English descent.

Frank Henry, keeper of the Presque Isle

from Mr. Blaine's library window and will To American readers Mr. Yates' account | suggest, no doubt, to the political historian's of his adventures in the United States will mind the familiar line, "Thou art so near

lier Wikoff who first suggested to him the General Russell A. Alger, the Governoridea of coming here to lecture. He fol- elect of Michigan, was a farmer's boy, who lowed Wikoff's advice. He came and read books by a pine knot in an Ohio cabin. never had reason to regret it. One of our | He was a dashing cavalry officer, the inquisitive countrymen introduced himself (associate of Custer and Sheridan. He was on board the steamer and took occasion to fortunate in lumber speculations and railremark, "You've not my notion of the road enterprises in the seventies, and is

Some Unpaid Riccion Bets.

The following bets made before election still remain unpaid: About 3,000,000 sweet lives. Several hundred thousand necks. Nearly 10,000,000 boots. About 8,000,000 chances of salvation. but not paid up .- St. Louis Critic.

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