WAS THE LATE T. HUGHES, THE ENGLISH AUTHOR.

Dis Works Gained Fortune and Fame is Every Land Where the Angle-Latin Language Is Spoken-"Tom Brown's School Days."



HOMAS HUGHES. the author of "Tom Brown's School Days" and "Tom Brown at Oxford," and the founder of the British settlement at Rugby. Tenn., died in London recently at a ripe old age.

Thomas Hughes, or "Tom Brown,' as he was called in Ergland, conferred joy on all boys in English speaking countries when he wrote "Tom Brown." Had he accomplished nothing more he would have earned a great name. And it is to this one book that almost all his fame is due, at least in America. Since it was first published, "Tom Brown" has been considered by the most competent critics-the boys themselves-to be by far the best book of all times.

There is nothing of dramatic interest lu the life of Thomas Hughes, if his life at Rugby and Oxford, the crack school and creck university of England, is excepted. Yet he has been a man of some prominence in his country. He was the second son of John Hughes of Donningten Priory, near Newberry, in Berkshire, and born at Uffington, in the same county, on Oct. 20, 1823. His grandfather was the vicar of Uffington. At the age of 7 be was sent to school at Twyford, near Winchester, and three years later he was sent to Rugby, then the crack school of England, where he spent his chool days under the celebrated Dr. Arnold. It was while here he lived the life the incidents and color of which he so delightfully described in "Tem Brown," and tradition has it, as in the case of Dickens and "Copperfield," that "Tom Brown" was Tom Hughes. At all events, Mr. Hughes' strong, healthy and robust character of body and mind as a man might have bad just such a foundation as is laid in his famous book. From Rugby he went to Oxford, where Oriel college gave him at college were given to the world in "Tom Brown at Oxford," but this book, for spontaniety and real interest cannot be classed with his first effort.

Mr. Hughes was a voluminous writer. "Tom Brown's School Days" was published in 1857, "Tom Brown at Oxford"



THE LATE THOMAS HUGHES. and "Religio Laici" in 1861, the latter being a series of "Tracts for Priests and Prople;" "The Cause of Freedom" in 1863, being an inquiry into the civil war. Many other works came from his pen, but the above were the best known. | and when they vote on these questions In 1847 Mr. Hughes married Anne Francis Lord, the daughter of an English clergyman.

Women Become Smokers.

There has probably been a great deal more smoking done by American women than the casual observer has any idea of. Numbers of New York women who have acquired the habit while living abroad indulge in an after-dinner cigarette in the privacy of their own families. At a handsome dinner given a short time ago by a lady and gentleman well known in society, cigarettes were passed just before the frozen punch, when a number of ladies took them and proceeded to light and smoke them in a manner that showed that they were by no means novices. Other dinnergivers have since followed suit, and the tashion bids fair to become popular.

Gambling in London. The police say that gambling at the rich men's clubs in the West End is faster and more furious than ever it was, but they can do nothing because the power of initiative is taken out of their hands. Small boys caught playing tosepenny are promptly hauled before the magistrate and punished, but the rankest of betting clubs, patronized by the well-to-do, flourish as of yore. Bucket shops, to be sure, have been having a cold time of late, but that is due to economic causes and to the action of the stock exchange committee, which desires to have no poaching on its exclusive domain.-London Letter.

Barbarism and Civilization. A small boy who had heard a good deal of conversation on the progress of civilization, went up to his grandfather and said: "Grandpa, tell me what is the difference between barbarism and civilization?" "Barbarism, my boy, is killing your enemy with a hatchet at a distance of a step; civilization is killing him with a bombshell twelve miles away."

The labor question is a religious one. The only "workingman's friend' is the man who is just and kind. Laborers do hot want alms, but justice. The church lays its claims upon the workingman dropped chloroform on the insect, which because it is an institution whose whole business is to strengthen and develop those sentiments that are his umph of presence of mind, apparently. truest helpers.-Rev. Frank Crane.

have given," he said. "It is a Protestant university. A Presbyterian gave me \$25,000 toward it. I never saw him but once before he made this contribution. He said: 'If I can only live to see the corner stone laid I will give you another tip.' Pope Leo has a nephew in Washington who gave us \$10,000; another Roman Catholic gentleman, \$12,000; and his brother, who is a Baptist, also \$12,000. Sixty per cent of the amount contributed for the payment of the lot was received from cutside the Methodist church."

PRINCESS HENRIETTE.

The Royal Belgian Who Gave Her Heart

to a Beardless Count. "Petit Paris," as Brussels is called, is pleasantly excited over the wedding of Princess Henriette and her French cousin, the Duc de Vendome. Princess Henriette is tall and slepder, with masses of fair hair and bright blue eyes. She is 25, two years older than her flance, but he looks ten years older than he is. Notwithstanding her mother is a German, the princess is very French in sentiment, which is fortunate, as it would have been difficult



to have found a husband for her outside of the Orlcans family, as the Bel-

PRINCESS HENRIETTE.

gians are ardent Catholics. In spite of the fact that they have been beautiful and gifted, the Belgian royal women have been singularly unfortunate in matrimonial matters. The terrible fate of the empress of Mexico, who has been insane since 1866, has hung like a pall a degree in 1845. The fruits of his life over the Belgian court. The king and queen are tenderly attached to her, and frequently visit her.

A PAYING INVESTMENT.

Values of the Properties Enhanced by Village Improvement.

"The property owners of a village cannot make a better paying investment than in the maintenance of a well-organized improvement society," writes John Gilmer Speed in Ladies' Home Journal. "Through such a society the value of every piece of property in a village, and the neighborhood thereof, may be made to take on new interests and new dignities; stagnation may be kindled into an exhilirating activity. Let the people become interested in a village improvement society and they will soon begin to discuss plans and policies with a gratifying alertness. They will discuss how best to secure a public library; they will talk over the ways and means of getting running water into the town; they will argue over the best way of establishing a fire department; they will study drainage and sanitation; they will recognize the value of street lights when the moon is shining on another part of the world; they will vote with entire intelligence and they will go away from meetings refreshed by what they have heard, and what they have done."

DOW'S 92D BIRTHDAY.

Maine Temperance Advocate la Closer to the Century Mark.

Neal Dow, the famous temperance advecate and originator of the "Maine prohibitory law," was 92 years of age on March 20, and dispatches of greeting poured in on the venerable abstainer from all parts of this country and from England. The local prohibition society waited upon the reformer in a body and afterward bed appropriate birth-



GENERAL NEAL DOW. day exercises. Notwithstanding the fact that he is within eight years of rounding a century of existence, his mental faculties are unimpaired and his physical condition good. He ascribes his longevity and remarkable mental and bodily vigor to his riged abstinence from alcoholic drinks.

Feat of a New Women. Chloroform and ammonia killed a centipede and saved a cat at Springfield the other day. The centipede dropped from a bunch of bananas upon the cat, and at once buried its poisonous fange in the animal's legs. Its mistress, with rare presence of mind, succumbed, and then she applied ammonia to the cat's legs. It was a tri--Boston Herald.

THE BEAR WAS GAME,

And Was Only Persuaded to Cave in After a Tough Old Fight.

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.) Frank Layne, James Burchill and Smith, with their dogs, started out 'possum hunting the other night. The night was clear and cold. Two miles had been covered when the dogs began barking and started off at top speed with their noses to the ground.

"Hurry up," said Layne, as he broke into a run. The young men needed no second bidding. The dogs were off in the woods howling like mad. As the men drew nearer the snarling grew louder. A vigorous rap against a soft body, followed by a howl of pain, caused the hunters to make a fresh burst of speed. A minute later they came upon the scene. A bear sat with his back against a tree, and his paws sawing the air. In the glare of the torches his eyes glowed like balls of

"Kill him, Pete," shouted Laynes.

Smithers fired both barrels of his gun at the bear, who leaped into the air with a howl of pain and then made straight for Smithers, who, in less than ten seconds, was rolling over on the ground with the brute.

"Kill him," shouted he, as he struggled with the weight of the bear and the dogs. Layne thrust his torch in the bear's face, and with a snarl the bear let go his hold and tumbled over backwards. In an instant the dogs were tearing at its throat, but the bear was soon on all fours again.

Smithers' clothing hung in shreds and his face was smeared with blood. "Did he hurt you?" said Layne,

"No, but the blood off his face where

the shot struck him blinded me." For a moment bear, dogs and men all stood in the open space, all panting

hard. Then, as one of the dogs made a leap at the bear, the battle was renewed. Smithers reloaded his gun and for a second time let both barrels go. The shot did no more damage than to tear part of the skin on the bear's right shoulder. "If we don't kill him he will kill the

dogs," said Burchell, as one of the dogs was knocked across the open with a broken neck.

Layne seized a stone and hurled it with all his might at the bear, hitting him on the head and knocking him over. Burchill sprang at the bear and began beating it with a club.

"Now we have him," said Smithers, but he made a mistake. The bear rolled itself up into a ball and then straightened itself out with a phenomenal suddenness. The men and dogs were unprepared for this and before they could get out of the way they were all sprawling on the ground. Before they could rise the bear made off in the darkness of the woods. Less than a minute later the dogs were after him, but the men had enough of bear-fighting and called the dogs off and started homeward. Smithers concluded the may be enhanced in value; village life story of the fight with the remark: "The next time we go 'possum bunting you can bet we will go loaded for bear."

> How Edison Learned to Tell Stories. "It seemed like a waste of time," said a gentleman who passed an evening with Mr. Edison in Norwalk, O. recently, "to hear Mr. Edison rolling off story after story, and demanding of all his acquaintances to tell him more when we knew how much information we might have received from him. finally asked him how he got to be such a story-teller. 'Well,' he replied, 'when was quite a young man I was a telegraph operator during the war. I was stationed at St. Louis, which was .. sort of distributing point for a large district, and when we would get our batch of stuff off, and we still had several hours to put in, I used to get pretty tired. Then we would begin to call up the operator at the other end of the line and gossip with him. I always liked stories, and if Chicago had a good one he would wire it to me. Then I would send that off to Louisville and New York and Cincinnati, and hear them laugh over it by wiring back, 'Ha, ha,' over the wire. In this way we would get all the best stories there were going, and we would always write them out for the day men. It got to be a sort of passion after a while and has stuck to me ever since." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

> > Sudden Death.

Sudden death, except from accident, is far less common than most people imagine, and death with no preceding sign of illness is very rare indeed. Practically there are but three conditions by which men going about in apparently active health are at one blow brought to the grave-heart disease. aneurism an apoplexy.

SOME MORE QUEER NAMES.

"Viena Ercanbrack" is a poet and has a right to a queer name.

Missouri boasts a postoffice named Braggadocio, also a faith healer named Endoff.

Myrtle Quisenberry was recently wedded in Ford, Ky., at the tender age Jimmy Junkin is the euphonious

name of a Kansas politician. Dick Wake is another. The "Damfino" is a mining company in Joplin, Mo. It was probably named by an investor curious whether he

would receive any dividends. When the Aryan users of the ancient Sanskrit wished to say that a literary man was "In de push" they had to use for our succinct Saxon phrase "in the srag-dhara."

Jay Mehuron is the suggestive name o' a Beaver Crossing (Neb.) man who interrupted the continuity of his cuticle for three inches while mowing his whiskers and had to be patched up by the doctors.

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Southern Population.

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