

## SOME COURTEOUS RETORTS

### CLEVER COMPLIMENTS ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT.

King Edward VII. is a Past Master in the Art — A Scotch Minister's Reply.

There are probably few men living who can fashion a compliment or frame a happy retort with more skill than King Edward VII.; or, when occasion demands it, can more effectually crush rudeness or presumption.

Only a few weeks ago, when a beautiful young countess inadvertently interrupted the King when he was speaking and apologized with blushes and confusion, the King, with a low bow, bade her continue, saying, with a smile, "When Lady — speaks Kings may count it a privilege to be silent."

On another occasion, when a pretty young debutante, the daughter of one of his oldest friends, was deploring the fact that the sun would not make his appearance, the Prince, as he then was, smilingly answered, "Ah! you see, Miss —, the sun is very human after all. He cannot brook a rival."

This reminds one of perhaps the most charming compliment ever paid by a man to a beauty. In the old days, when it was customary for Scottish ministers to bow to the chief members of the congregations as they entered the church, Dr. Wightman, of Kirkmahoe, omitted one morning to notice the entry of Miss Miller, the daughter of his chief parishioner. When the young lady reminded him playfully of his oversight the courteous old man replied, "I beg your pardon, I am sure; but surely Miss Miller knows that angel-worship is not permitted by the Church of Scotland."

For promptness and cleverness it is doubtful whether Dr. Wilberforce's retort to Lord Palmerston

#### HAS EVER BEEN BEATEN.

It may be remembered that when the famous Bishop and Lord Palmerston were guests in a country house Dr. Wilberforce elected to walk to church, leaving the statesman and other guests to drive in a closed carriage, as they feared the rain.

When the carriage overtook the pedestrian, who was, at the time, trudging through the heavy rain, Lord Palmerston put his head out of the window and shouted to "Soapy Sam" —

"How blest is he who ne'er consents By ill advice to walk";  
to which the Bishop promptly answered:—  
"Nor stands in sinners' ways, nor sits Where men profanely talk."

Lord Braxfield, a Scottish judge, famous for his wit in retort, was very much annoyed one day, when presiding over the Court of Session, at the failure of one of his brother judges to appear. "What on earth can be keeping the man?" he querulously asked of a fellow-judge. "Haven't you heard," the judge answered, "that Stonefield has lost his wife?" "Has he, indeed?" answered Braxfield. "That's a very good excuse, indeed; and I wish we had a' the same."

In much humbler circles the temptation to make an effective retort proves equally irresistible. Not long ago the following advertisement appeared in a Yorkshire paper:—

I, Thomas Green, hereby declare that I will no longer be responsible for the debts of my wife, Elizabeth Green.

On the following day appeared this significant retort in the same column of the same paper:—

I, Elizabeth Green, hereby declare that I am quite able to pay my own debts, now that I have got skot of Tommy.

#### MR. W. S. GILBERT,

of comic-opera fame, has a deserved reputation for witty retort. Once when he was supervising the rehearsal of "Brantingham Hall" at the St. James's Theatre, one of the actresses who had to make a hurried entrance, saying, "Stay, let me speak," would persist in exclaiming: "Stay, stay! let me speak."

After Mr. Gilbert was weary of correcting her he lost patience and said: "No, Miss —, you must not say that; it isn't 'stay, stay,' but simply 'stay'—one 'stay' you know, not a pair of stays."

"The answer that turneth away wrath" was never better exemplified than by a French Abbe who had offended Conde, and sought an interview to make his peace with the great man. When Conde saw the Abbe he rudely turned his back on him. "Thank God," the Abbe said, "that your Highness does not at all consider me an enemy."

"What makes you think that, M. Abbe?" the Prince asked, in surprise.

"Because, your Highness," the Abbe artfully answered, "no one would ever accuse you of turning your back on an enemy."

What could Conde do but take the diplomatic Abbe into favor again?

Physician (lunatic asylum)—Mrs. Sharptongue was here to-day, and wanted her husband sent home and placed under her care. Superintendent—Did you let him go? Physician—No. He said he would rather stay here. Superintendent—Hum! The man must be sane.

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India's Sacred Simians, Wise Baboons and an Intelligent Chimpanzee.

The entellus (monkey is the most sacred of all in India. It is gray above and nutty brown below, long-legged and active, a thief and an impudent robber. In one of the Indian cities they became such a nuisance that the faithful determined to catch and send away some hundreds. This was done, and the holy monkeys were deported in covered carts and released many miles off. But the monkeys were too clever. Having thoroughly enjoyed their ride, they all refused to part with the carts, and, hopping and grimacing, came leaping all the way back beside them to the city, grateful for their outing. One city obtained leave to kill the monkeys; but the next city then sued them for "killing their deceased ancestors." In these monkey-infested cities, if one man wishes to spite another he throws a few handfuls of rice on the roof of his house about the rainy season. The monkeys come, find the rice, and quietly lift off many of the tiles and throw them away, seeking more rice in the interstices.

The only mammals which thoroughly understand combination for defence as well as attack are the baboons, but Brehm, the German traveller, gives a charming story of genuine courage and self-sacrifice shown by one. His hunting dogs gave chase to a troop which was retreating to some cliffs and gave chase to a very young one which ran up on to a rock, only just out of reach of the dogs. An old male baboon saw this and came alone to the rescue. Slowly and de-

great blood vessels of the neck and laid bare the ribs of another. The Cape Dutch in the old Colony would rather let their dogs bait a lion than a troop of baboons. The rescue of the infant chacma, which Brehm saw himself, is a remarkable, and, indeed, the most incontestable instance of the exhibition of courage and self-sacrifice by a male animal.

Any account of chimpanzees would be incomplete without a reference to Sally, who lived in the London Zoo for over six years, learned to count perfectly up to six and less perfectly to ten; she could also distinguish white from any other color, but if other colors were presented her she failed, apparently from color-blindness. Of this ape the late Dr. G. J. Romanes wrote with something more than the enthusiasm of a clever man pursuing a favorite theme.

"Her intelligence was conspicuously displayed by the remarkable degree in which she was able to understand the meaning of spoken language—a degree fully equal to that presented by an infant a few months before emerging from infancy, and therefore higher than that which is presented by any brute, so far, at least, as I have evidence to show. She was taught to count by means of picking up straws and being rewarded, when the correct number asked for had been given, with a piece of fruit. Sally rarely made mistakes up to five; but above five and up to ten, to which one of the keepers endeavored to advance her education, the result is uncertain. It is evident that she understands the words seven, eight, nine and ten to betoken numbers higher than those below them. When she was asked for any number over six she always gave some number over six and under ten. She sometimes doubled over a straw to make it present two ends, and was supposed thus to hasten the attainment of her task."

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### ECCENTRIC VIEWS.

Brilliant Offers Declined For Strange Reasons.

It is not often the case that a man will refuse to accept a remunerative and facile appointment abroad merely because of a violent aversion to mosquitoes, yet such was the reason put forward in all seriousness by a young English engineer for declining a position in Bombay. He averred that his dread of these tiny pests amounted to a positive monomania, and that he would rather abandon the most brilliant prospects than face the insects in question.

Absurd as the foregoing case may appear it is no more ludicrous than the case of a young governess who actually refused a very excellent situation in the family of a nobleman simply because her Radical views would not allow her to accept increment from a hereditary landlord. One would have thought that her political views might have been sustained without injury whilst teaching little children to read and write, but evidently the lady thought otherwise, and the brilliant offer was unhesitatingly declined.

Another young woman of eccentric views refused to accept a remunerative berth as private secretary to a well-known public man because the gentleman in question possessed red hair. She declared that her aversion to persons thus adorned was too great to be overcome, and that nothing but starvation would compel her to undertake work which would bring her in contact with a man of fiery locks. Perhaps some other reason underlay her ridiculous behavior, but, at any rate, the motive named was put forward apparently with every sign of veraciousness.

### ONLY THE OTHER DAY

a young librarian refused a very excellent post at a certain public li-

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brary on account of the fact that the institution in question contained the works of an author to whom he had a very strong objection on principle. Perhaps some persons would admire this Quixotic behavior, but the absurdity of it must be obvious to all who reflect that his acceptance or refusal would not affect the issue of the books concerned.

Rather foolish also was the conduct of a middle-aged Frenchman who some years ago declined a very remunerative position in a German firm in London because of his enmity to the nation to which the partners belonged. He stated that to accept payment from the former enemies of his country would be unpatriotic and improper, and he adhered to this queer line of thought with steadfast persistence. When one comes to consider how rare good situations are in these times the conduct of this gentleman appears all the more absurd.

Perhaps, however, the most extraordinary reason on record for declining a brilliant offer was that put forward by a young lady who had been wooed by a very wealthy and altogether attractive suitor rejoicing in the somewhat inelegant name of Figge. She stated that she liked the gentleman very well indeed, but that she could not accept his proposal of marriage unless he changed his name. The suitor naturally declined to do anything of the sort, whereupon he was at once dismissed, and the foolish girl lost an excellent and wealthy husband by reason of her foolish prejudice.

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Why, man, he said, I've been looking for you all day.  
And then, without more ado, he knocked him down and walked on him from one end to the other. The tramp got up looking very staggered, and asked him why he had done that.

Well, said he, my doctor has ordered me to walk on an empty stomach and now that I have fulfilled his injunction I can go and have a good feed, and you can come with me.

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