

## FAILURES WHO ACHIEVED SUCCESS

ALLENBY, ROBERTS AND CECIL RHODES.

### Men Who Have Succeeded in Spite of Their Inability to Pass Exams.

A little time ago Lord Allenby, the famous general, created a great laugh when he was presented with the freedom of the City of London. What happened is best told in his own words:

"I must thank the City Chamberlain for his kindly reference to my work and my career. But he has made one little mistake. He told you I passed for the Indian Civil Service. Well, now, as a matter of actual truth, I didn't—I tried to! But I—"

Generous applause and great laughter saved his lordship, also laughing heartily, from completing the tale of woe. He said he consoled himself, however, with the comforting reflection that, had he passed that exam, it was extremely unlikely he would be standing there that day, having accomplished what he had done!

He failed in German.

John Hassall, the famous designer of posters and clever painter of many pictures, tells with much delight an episode of his examination days.

"He relates how he was educated at a fine school in Germany, where, naturally, he learned to speak German almost like a native. Yet, when he sat later on for an important examination wherein that language was a leading subject amongst those he took he failed! And it was given out afterwards by the examiners that he had not passed in German!

Luckily, Mr. Hassall had not to be examined in drawing and he could take up poster work, or we might have had him also pronounced by "expert examiners" as a failure in artistic work!

The late Lord Roberts had to appear before a Board of Army doctors when he first applied to be accepted as a junior cadet for the British Army. They turned him down owing to what they called his "extremely delicate constitution," and advised the lad to keep on soldiering to try something else!

The Great Little "Bobs."

But the boy had made up his mind, so he afterwards offered himself as a candidate for the Indian Army, where, curiously enough at that time, the authorities were not so strict in their decisions. He was accepted, and as everybody now knows, went out to the great Dependency, where he won the V.C., had a marvellous career, and made a big name, finally rising to be the greatest general of the British Army in our days.

Roberts lived to be quite an old man, and enjoyed excellent health most of his life.

One of our leading admirals told the writer not long since how he had had a narrow escape from being "thrown out of the service" even before I had got in, so to speak!

He said that when he first appeared before a board of naval examiners on board ship, he was hardly more than fifteen, and very nervous. Challenged by an admiral with a thunderous voice to spell "froebetting," in relation to a shot from a gun, the boy spell it phonetically! His version was "rickering," which so annoyed the examining one that he yelled: "Not a bit like it! Out you go!"

Winston at School.

However, it seemed that another admiral present had different views, or was more sympathetic and kindly, for he put in, "Wait a bit, my boy! Now, do you know who won the Battle of Trafalgar?"

"Yes!" said the would-be midly, who came from a naval family. "It was Nelson and my grandfather, sir!"

The whole board could not help smiling, and the kindly one added: "Good, my lad! You're the sort we want for the Navy! You'll do!"

One who was at Harrow with Mr. Winston Churchill has told more than once how Winston was clever enough at work, but not given to listening too keenly to what tutors and masters said about the classics and similar "dry" subjects to him. It was certain qualities of his, well known to-day, rather than the passing of exams, which carried young Churchill onward at Harrow over better scholars, just as they have done these last few years over men whom most of the public would have expected to be above him at present.

And who that knew Cecil Rhodes will easily forget with what glee he used to relate that, though he went for years to Bishop Stortford Grammar School, and then to Oriel, at Oxford, he usually came in at the foot of the list when any exam. had to be passed!

So take comfort, you who fail now and then at school. It isn't always the prize winners who afterwards do best in the world.

Scientist's Theory.

According to one European scientist, animals have been distributed over the world by the oscillation of its axis, which has altered the climate of its zones.

The bamboo sometimes grows a foot in twenty-four hours.

## LOSS OF STRENGTH THROUGH INDIGESTION

The Stomach Can Only Do Its Work When the Blood is Rich and Red.

Indigestion means loss as well as suffering to many people. Loss of strength, loss of time and loss of money follows indigestion and debility continues as long as the indigestion remains. Workers suffer from indigestion because their hours are long, and often they cannot give proper time to meals. Then the appetite becomes rickety, digestion becomes feeble and the blood becomes impoverished. So the general health suffers—languor, nervous troubles and often sleeplessness follows. It is well to remember that the whole system relies upon good blood and that good blood is impossible unless the digestion is good.

The stomach cannot do its work unless the blood is made rich and red, and so new blood alone can cure indigestion. It is for this reason that a remedy like Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which makes new, rich blood, cures indigestion and builds up the whole system. The great value of this kind of pills is proven by the statement of Mr. R. E. Small, Wingham, Ont., who says:—

"The truthfulness of my statement can be proven by scores of my friends and acquaintances. I am a glove cutter by trade and for six long years, have at times been a great sufferer from indigestion. Gas would accumulate on the stomach, causing me great pain. I would bloat up at times and almost suffocate, and often when at work would be overcome by a drowsy oppression which was almost indescribable. Finally I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking seven boxes I feel like a new man. The transformation they have made in me is simply remarkable, and while using them I gained thirteen pounds in weight. I may add that I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a result of what they did for a niece, who underwent a critical operation, and who did not regain her strength until she started using the pills. In her case they fully restored her health, and this encouraged me to begin their use, with as I have already said, a complete restoration of health in my own case."

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Why the Great Britain Thomas is Respected.

The British Tommy is cheery, courageous and dependable. He also adapts himself successfully in his own peculiar fashion to strange countries, comrades and responsibilities. In Georgia—not that which Sherman marched through, but Transcaucasian Georgia, neighbor to unhappy Armenia—Mr. Melville Chater, a recent American visitor, found him very much on the job. He was, indeed, the one enlivening element amid tragedy and confusion. The American first learned of his activities from a British colonel, his travelling companion on a Georgian train.

There had been, the colonel related, trouble between the Armenians and the Georgians over a boundary dispute, when along came a party of twelve British soldiers. The Georgian and Armenian armies lay on either side of a railway line. They were about to attack, when the Briton in command jumped on a pile of railway ties and addressed them.

"Commanders of the Georgian and Armenian armies in being," he said politely. "Since you can't carry on without killing some of His Majesty's forces, I propose an armistice." Thereupon the British army of twelve sat down between the firing lines and comfortably made and enjoyed its tea while the surprised commanders arranged terms.

It was an amusing anecdote, and scarcely had the colonel finished telling it when the brakes began grinding and a fusillade of musketry rang out from the near-by town. Presently a Georgian official, very scared, came aboard and appealed to the colonel for assistance against a crowd of convivial fellow citizens who were shooting up the countryside.

"Is it war or mere play?" coldly inquired the colonel, who knew the Georgian temperament.

"It is revolutionary enthusiasm," replied the official in broken English. "If you have a Thomas—a Great Britain Thomas—or so to lend us—"

"Fraid not," said the colonel. "I have just four men with me."

"It is enough!" exclaimed the official joyfully. "The Great Britain Thomas is much respected by my countrymen!"

Perhaps it might have been enough, but the colonel could not spare his four and closed the interview with a rather curt, "So sorry!"

A few days later, Mr. Chater and a medical friend learned a little more of the ways of Thomas with the Georgians. They had been puzzled by the sight of a Tommy on a street corner, apparently carrying on a fluent conversation with a Georgian soldier, and found an opportunity afterwards to question him.

"You don't speak Georgian?" asked the doctor.

"No, sir," answered Tommy. "And that Georgian doesn't understand English!"

"No, sir."

"How on earth, then, do you manage to understand each other?"

"Well, you see, it's this way, sir," replied Thomas with the utmost solemnity. "One of these 'ere foreign chaps'll come up and say to me, 'Nitchyvilla, nitchyvilla.' And I'll say to 'im, 'Don't mind if I do 'ave one.' And then maybe 'e'll say to me, 'Bitt-sky, litsky, boot!' And then I blifs 'im one on the jaw."

"But why? Why knock him down?"

"Because, sir," answered Thomas with simplicity, "for all I know, sir, 'e may be making insulting remarks about me."

It is perhaps not for his logic that the Great Britain Thomas is respected in Georgia; but respected he is.

## "Stately Homes" Going.

Boom days in the land business have struck Britain, and many ancestral estates have gone under the auctioneer's hammer. The reason for selling is mainly that rents for farms are low and that owners of estates can more profitably invest their money elsewhere. There are also many newly-rich looking for fine country homes. But in the main, it is small farmers who are buying up the big estates in portions. The agricultural depression of the eighties and early nineties ruined many an English farmer, but the war with its consequent demand for every scrap of food that could be produced in the British Isles gave a tremendous stimulus to agriculture.

Practically all the large area of land offered for sale in Kent has been sold amid keen competition at satisfactory prices. Fruit farms have been in great demand. With many of the big estates being sub-divided those remaining as such will naturally become more valuable. There is an unsatisfactory demand for houses in both London and the small towns.

When Baby is Cross

Mother, when your baby is cross—when he cries a great deal and no amount of attention or petting cheers him—something is the matter. It is not the nature of little ones to be cross and peevish—the well child is a happy child. Give him a dose of Baby's Own Tablets and he will soon be well again. The Tablets are a mild but thorough laxative which regulate the bowels and stomach; banish constipation and indigestion; break up colds and simple fevers and relieve the other minor ills of little ones. Coming from Mrs. Oscar Bedard, Ste. Sophie, Que., writes:—"Baby's Own Tablets are an excellent remedy for constipation. They relieved my little one when nothing else would and I can strongly recommend them to all mothers." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Real Good.

"What is the real good?" I asked in musing mood. Order, said the law court. Knowledge, said the school. Truth, said the wise man. Pleasure, said the fool.

Love, said the maiden. Beauty, said the page. Freedom, said the dreamer. Home, said the sage. Fame, said the soldier. Equity, the seer.

Spoke my heart full sadly, "The answer is not here," Then within my bosom, Softly this I heard: "Each heart holds the secret; Kindness is the word."

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A Strike in the Congo.

A novel method of breaking a strike is described by Mr. E. Torday, who tells about some of the curious customs of the Central African tribes in the Congo. I crossed the river in a canoe, he says, and then my luggage was carted to a place above the falls where another boat was waiting for me.

The boat was only a dugout, but it was so large that it required a crew of forty paddlers, which was changed at every village so that the men should not be taken far from their homes.

In one place the men refused to work, and for a time I was unable to proceed. Leaving the women in the village, they withdrew to a distance and mocked me.

I instructed my boy to put a number of paddies into the boat; then I invited the savage ladies to come aboard and sell me food. I relied upon the universal eagerness of the negroes in that region to trade, and soon thirty women were in the boat bargaining.

Without attracting their attention, my boy unfasted the rope by which the boat was secured to a tree, and before the saleswomen were aware of what was happening they found themselves floating downstream.

The effect of this manoeuvre was immediate. The men set out in their little canoes and demanded their women. I offered to surrender one hostage for every man who would come aboard and take his place with a paddle, and in half an hour I continued my journey triumphantly. All the ladies had been redeemed from pawn.

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## BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

A Form of Worship.

Cyril: "That young bride worships her husband, doesn't she?"

Celia: "Well, she places burnt offerings before him three times a day."

Sold

Mother was very fond of teasing Ethel, her three-year-old daughter. It amused her to see those little eyes flash with rage.

But it wasn't having a good effect on Ethel. It was making her very sharp and bitter tongued.

One day mother picked up the new puppy, cuddling it in her arms like an infant, and asked:

"Look, Ethel, how do you like my new baby?"

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