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### GETTING THEIR PLOTS

WHERE CELEBRATED WRITERS SECURED THEIR IDEAS.

Little Things From the Papers Are Frequent Gems From Which the Novelist Breeds His Story—Girl's Face Inspired Tess of the D'Urbervilles — Drawings in an Artist's Studio Inspired Oliver Twist.

To many people it has often been somewhat of a puzzle to know where novelists and writers get their plots and ideas. Whatever conclusion they have arrived at, it may be said that no novelist of any reputation has looked himself in a room and sat down with his pen and pipe and waited for an inspiration to seize him.

No; the novelist's stock of ideas is distributed among real men and women and things throughout Nature's sphere. He keeps a sharp look-out on the daily newspapers for accounts of mysterious happenings, peculiar incidents, remarkable occurrences, hair-breadth escapes, etc., thus finding the germ for his plot in things that have occurred in real life.

Not a few of the great things of literature sprang into being, not all at once, but slowly, it may be, at the touch or suggestion of little things, some may even say the very commonplace things of every day existence.

A glance out of the window at the sparrows on the telegraph wire, chirping cheekily at a cat's meow, may give the germ for a railway mishap, as it did to Grant Allen, who made such a complication the climax of his "What's Hired in the Bone."

There was something similar with Thomas Hardy. His "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" was inspired by the sight of a girl's face. The novelist was walking down a lane in West Dorset, when a farmer's cart rumbled past, in which was seated the original of Tess. Hardy never saw her again, and he wove the romance around the girl, who had passed like a ship at sea.

The germ of George Eliot's "Adam Bede" was an anecdote told to the authoress by her Methodist aunt about a visit she had once paid to a condemned criminal, a very ignorant girl, who had murdered her child, and refused to confess. The aunt remained with her, praying during the night, and afterwards accompanied the condemned woman to the place of execution. George Eliot began to write the story so suggested, and when completed, Blackwood offered her \$4,000 for the copyright for four years. The success of the book was so great that another \$4,000 was paid, and 16,000 copies were sold in one year.

Stories attach to almost every one of Dickens' novels. Soon after the "Pickwick Papers" had made their amazing success, Dickens happened to visit the studio of George Cruikshank, and there was shown some drawings of the career of a London thief.

Among these was a sketch of Fagin's Den and a picture of Bill Sykes. Dickens was at the time engaged upon the idea of a workhouse story, and the result of his chance visit was "Oliver Twist," as it was soon afterwards published. As for "Nicholas Nickleby," there does not seem much doubt but that the great novelist conceived the idea of "Dotheyob Hall" from the advertisement of Mr. Simpson's Academy, Wooden Croft Lodge, Yorkshire, which he saw in an old copy of "The Times."

It was "The Times" also that gave Tompkinson the idea for one of his most popular poems. He was reading the paper one day, when the phrase in a Crimean letter, "Somebody had hundered," struck him, and the whole scene of the charge of the Light Brigade flashed before his mind's eye, and was set down in the galloping verse of "Charge of the Light Brigade" almost immediately.

James Payn's famous novel "The Family Scapgrace" owed its inception to a chance conversation with a lion-tamer. The novelist was residing in Edinburgh at the time, and on the outlook for a plot for his book, he one day paid a visit to a traveling manager, the principal attraction of which was Tickerandua, the African Lion-Tamer.

Towards him Mr. Payn was greatly attracted, the dusky tamer arousing the novelist's interest by relating some of the most sensational adventures with the king of beasts that ever befell a human being. It was not, however, until the lion-tamer was torn to pieces by his animals that Mr. Payn thought about embodying his tales in a book. He strung all the various incidents together, "The Family Scapgrace" being the result—a great work that has often been imitated by less imaginative writers.

On another occasion, Payn was sitting on the top of an omnibus when the idea for "Lost Sir Massingberd" came to him.

"I was reading on a coach-box," he said "for I read anywhere in those days". "An account of some gigantic cross, one of them was described as sound outside, but within for many feet a mass of rotteness and decay. If a boy should climb high enough to the fork of it, thought I, he might go down feet first, and hands over head, and never be heard of again. How inexplicable, too, as well as mysteriously, such a disappearance would be!

"Then, as when a great thought strikes along the brain and flushes all the cheek, it struck me what an appropriate name for a constituent or, if this is not practicable, of a worker for the 'cause.' Any cause will do. The letter requests enlightenment on some political point and if the victim replies—and he generally does—much acceptable matter is obtained. The late Sir William Harcourt was 'had' in this way, and other equally prominent politicians have at various times shared his fate.

Of course, all 'liners' are not of this type, and of the kind indicated above, it may be said that one shrewd exploit if discovered, will automatically sever their already precarious connection with a newspaper.

A Desperate Swim.

Two years ago Mr. Herbert Samuel, the British Postmaster-General, had an unpleasant adventure whilst bathing in a rather rough sea at Salbrunn. He is an expert swimmer, and whilst still within his depth began to swim back to the shore. A strong current, which was running at the time, however, carried him out to sea among the breakers. After trying for some time to make headway against the current, and finding himself in difficulties, he was obliged to signal to the shore for assistance. Before this arrived, however, being unable to maintain his position among the breakers, and not being able to gain land, he turned and swam out to sea beyond rough water. From there he endeavored to reach the head of the pier, and had made good progress, arriving within about a hundred yards of the pier head, when a boat, which had put out to his assistance, reached him, and took him safely back to land.

Moses on the Clock.

A remarkable exhibition of antique watches and clocks is being held in Dundee. An outstanding exhibit is a mechanical watch bearing on its dial a representation of Moses striking the rock, and when the watch is in motion a representation of running water is produced. The watch, though it bears no name, is of French make, and is in eighteen-carat gold. Moses and the elders being in the foreground, while in the background is depicted the hieroglyphs in attitudes of despair, and the All-Seeing Eye looks down from a cloud upon the arid desert.

Uses a Typewriter.

Lady Augusta Gregory, who has come to America in the interest of Irish plays and literature, is a playwright who proves the typewriter is mightier than the pen. She carries the machine with her, and finds that she can compose just as well while rattling away at the keys as though working in quiet.

Stroking the Lobster.

A note in the London Field calls attention to some very curious experiments on lobsters and crabs recently carried out in the laboratories of the Northumberland Sea Fisheries Commission. It appears that fishermen have for long been in the habit of measuring lobsters. Holding them downwards in one hand with the back of the lobster resting on some solid substance, they will stroke it gently along the back with the fingers of the other hand. In about a minute it becomes quite torpid, and remains so for a considerable, though variable, time.

To Prevent Sea Sickness.

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### ARAB'S WHITE WIFE.

Has Lived a Life of Perfect Happiness With a Loving Husband.

Happiness, it might very naturally be thought, could scarcely follow the marriage of a young and attractive English girl, at twenty years of age, to an Arab or Moorish gentleman of high and sacred rank, who was held in veneration in virtue of his descent from the Prophet, and who divorced his Mohammedan wives in order to marry his English bride.

Nevertheless, although the latter, who thirty-eight years ago became the wife of the Grand Sheriff of Wazan and went to live among people who when they hate, kill if they can, and among women who when they quarrel, poison each other if they get a chance, and although she lived her married life by making three determined enemies of the ladies her husband had divorced, she frankly confesses, that she has never regretted the step she took, although she would not advise anyone to follow in her footsteps.

The Sherref is now a widow, and in her reminiscences she tells of many remarkable incidents of life in Tangier. An attempt was made to poison her, while her husband, a kind and close friend of the Sherref, a kind of temporal Pope, in the estimation of the Moors, but a broad-minded man, respected her religion, however, even upon occasion accompanying her to the British church.

Particularly interesting is an account which she gives of the customs observed by the Moors on the occasion of the birth of a child. "The Moors," she says, "make no preparations for the little stranger expected in a household, except the new hangings for the mother's room, so that she may be resplendent when her friends commence to call upon her.

"On the day of birth khod is fully applied to the eyes, and the eyebrows marked with the same cosmetic. After the child has been well wiped, the little body is rubbed all over with a mixture of henna and oil, a linen cloth is rolled round, and after that a woollen one, a band around the forehead keeps a handkerchief over the head in place, which is fastened under the chin. The real aim is to prevent the brain from being displaced!

"Then comes the great name-day, or baptismal day, and the Sherref's name-day, for her eldest sons name-day, she had the usual kind of services of the "professional inviter," so many hundreds of guests expecting to attend. After exchange of compliments on both sides, the professional inviter delivers the invitation something in this style: "Lady So-and-so, I have the honor to request the pleasure of your company, dressed in your best, on such and such a day, being the occasion, with God's blessing, of a fete." The cause is then stated.

Three Men in One.

The London courts have just sent to prison for five years a anarchist courier named Alexander Estegny, described by the police as one of the most accomplished criminals ever caught by them. Till the other day he managed to run the treble role of collier, anarchist and manager of a reputable firm of merchants in the West End. In the day time he was the polished business man, smartly dressed, earning \$50 a week. Then, in the evening, he put on shabby clothes and frequented a house in a poor district, where the police caught him in a large workshop, surrounded by all the implements of counterfeiting and a big supply of false money. As a relaxation he was a bitter anarchist, known to the police of England, France and Belgium as a skillful plotter and adherent of violence. Yet such were his ingratiating ways that men of all classes succumbed to his charm, and such his skill that it took the police many months to catch him red-handed.

Racing Cattle.

The eighteenth century experimented with bulls and cows as racing mounts instead of horses. The early nineteenth century saw an equally interesting substitute for the harnessed horse. Just a century ago a small farmer of the neighborhood drove into St. Albans on market day in a little cart drawn by four heaves. Having toured the market place three or four times amid popular applause, he put his animals up in a stable, did his marketing and drove off again to the accompaniment of low cheer, which did not make a m. in shy. It had taken him six months to train them, and he refused an offer of £250 down for the vehicle and team.—London Chronicle.

Scottish Humor.

Once an old Scotch weather prophet at Whittinghame informed Mr. Balfour that "It's gann to rain seventy-two days, sir."

"Come, come!" said the statesman. "Surely the world was entirely flooded off forty days."

"Aye, aye," was the response, "but the world wasn't sae wet drained as it is noo!"—Strand.

### PASSING OF THE LINER.

#### A Type of Journalist In Great Britain Who Is Now on the Wane.

Quite recently, a well-known journalist and author got himself arrested in London, Eng., in order to see if it could be done as easily as he had been given to understand. He and a friend were brought before a magistrate, and charged with being "suspected persons."

In court, explanations were forthcoming, and the magistrate told the pair they could go.

Whether the experience will be fruitful of "copy" or not remains to be seen, but the hardened "limer" of Fleet Street would jump at the chance of manufacturing a sensation in this way.

The old-fashioned "limer" is a fast-vanishing type, the news agency and the staff reporter are rapidly killing him.

Resourceful, ingenious, and not too scrupulous, the "limer" has no hesitation whatever in making things happen when there is a dearth of marketable copy, and is often the hero of the events he chronicles.

Some time ago, on the anniversary of the death of a famous poet, a beautifully-written account of how a solitary stranger—evidently, by his appearance, a returned colonial—was seen to lay a wreath upon the poet's tomb, appeared in a London daily. The writer drew a pathetic picture of the stranger, traveling thousands of miles to pay his tribute, and contrasted his enthusiasm with the indifference of Londoners.

As a matter of fact, the writer of the article had invested a couple of shillings or so in a wreath, and himself played the part of the returned wanderer.

It is easy to manufacture a gruesome "murder mystery" if you happen to have friends among the medical students. Human remains may be artfully deposited in a spot where they are bound to be discovered, and appropriate details are easily manufactured.

A couple of "liners" worked this particular type of fake with great success, and were checked at the many allusions to "another of London's unsolved mysteries" which appeared in the papers.

Which reminds one that during the dynamic scene of the eighties, bombs were suspected everywhere, and this circumstance was taken advantage of by the "limer" fraternity. The state of panic which possessed the metropolis was indescribable. Scores of innocent people were arrested, and to enter a railway train or public place carrying a black bag was to cause almost a stampede.

Stewart detectives with revolvers handy followed members of the Cabinet everywhere they went and the Chief Secretary for Ireland carried a loaded weapon with him at dinner parties and other social gatherings. All public buildings were ceaselessly patrolled, which accounts for the fact that a couple of individuals who tried to plant a dummy "bomb" in Whitehall for publicity purposes were promptly arrested. They easily proved that they were entirely unconnected with the dynamitards, but this did not

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