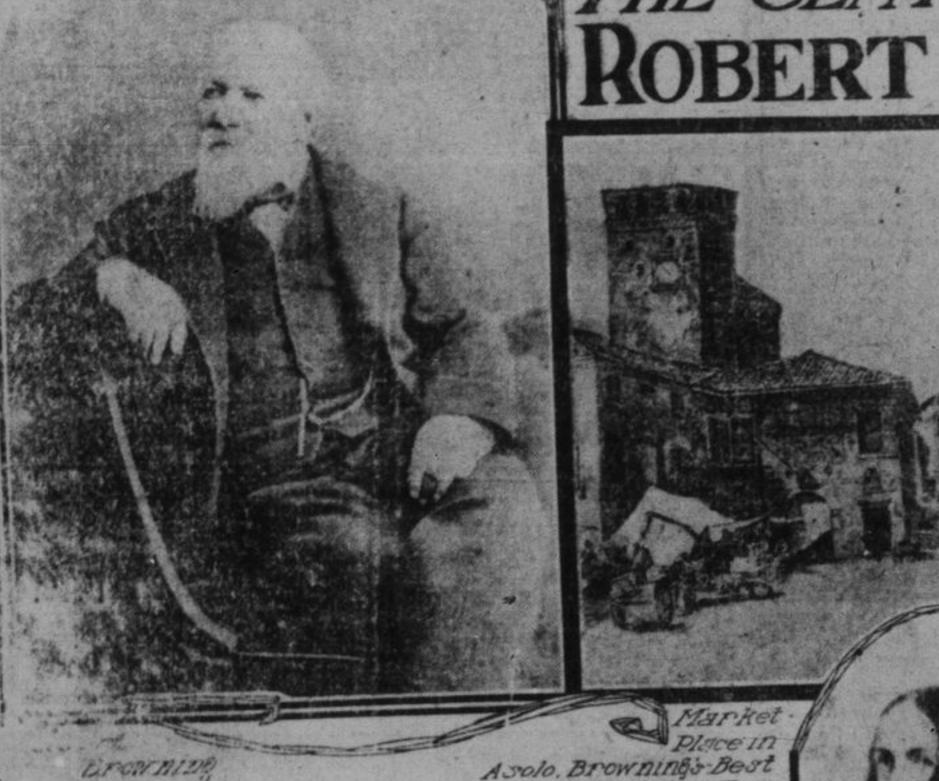
SECOND SECTION.

THE CENTENARY OF ROBERT BROWNING



DECREMINE

When Robert Browning's "Sordello" was published in 1810, rennyson de first line of the poem-"Who will may patible. "We will live the real anlast line "Who would has heard Sor- And they did. For fitteen years they dello's story told and that both were as happy as mortals could be. lines fied. This is the Browning joke Browning was thirty-five and his that in infinite variations has been ex bride forty-one when they were mar-Browning's centenary, for he was born little pet dog had barked as they at Camberwell, in the south of Lon don, on May 7th, 1812-now it seems to be time to let that old tradition have a rest. Pass it on to lisen or Maeterinck, and let us admit that Robert Browning is not essentially any more obscure than any other writer who prefers to write about thingthat the average man knows nothing of, and employs a style that is so clear to himself apparently to require no clarification. to the average man. Gilbert K. Chesterton recognized thi when he suid that "Sordello" was the

average man: And the average man ought to return the compliment by taking a little trouble to learn what Browning has to say to him. The first step is to understand something of the poet's life. His grandfather and his lather were both clerks in the Bank of England, his mother was of mingled Scotch and German extraction, These facts explain a great deal-above all they explain his delight in metaphysics and the trick of the telegraphie code in his writing, the two things that have combined to get him the

greatest compliment ever paid to th

reputation of obscurity The poet's father was fond of medieval mysticism and rabbinical lore; his mother was a natural musician of great gills. She was once playing softly to herself in the twilight when she heard a sound in the room and turned around; a moment later the little boy was in her arms convulsively begging her to "Play!" Play!" would have been a finsco. The dog! The Home of Browning. beginning to browse through a library preently in Paris, and thence went to where Walpole and Voltaire, the "Em- the village where Petrarch had poured blems" of Quaries and Mandeville's out in deathless sonnets his love for "Fable of the Bees," gave his mind its | Laura-who was married to another

book he appears to have read most in Rome. In Italy, Mrs. Browning diction and imagery of the King Book." James Version. Hezekiah's phrase, "I will go softly all my years," for example, is used no less than three time in "The Ring and the Book." Two poets of his youth also exerted a deep influence upon him-Byron and Shelley, It is of Shelley, the fiery morning star of the nineteenth cen-

Ah, did you once see Shelley plain, And did you speak to him again ?. How strange it seems and new ! The people who complain of Browning's obscurity have never read this the English faults as well as the Engpoem, nor ? The Pied Piper of Hame lin." nor "How They Brought the English; his steadfast fighting quality, Good News From Ghent To Aix."

The Browning Love Story. known than any of Robert Browning's poenis. "All the world loves a lover, and here was such a pretty sixt the midst of a prosaic age that bids fair to go down to the end of rarch and his Laura. The British poet however, was of a more practical turn than the two Italians, who were content to stand afar off and see their inamoratas married to other men. Yet he had an even greater impediment to lisn't at all like a damned literary | cessful use by physicians and hospiovercome than a rival lover. Elizabeth Barrett was one of those supersensitive and mandlinly morbid wo himself at times. He was visited by men, due to a spinal affection, who the Chinese minister and his attaches. spend their lives in preparing for an Overcome by the impressive array of early grave. He had to rescue her dignitaries, he asked: "To what am from herself and a despotic father; I judebted for this great honor?" The had to persuade her to elope with him interpreter explained: "You are a when she believed herself to be dying. distinguished poet in your country.

Beloved Italian Town clared that he understood only the and domestic happiness are not incomhear Sordello's story told"- and the swer," he says in one of his letters. panded into a tradition, until there ried. It was a courtship that began in are people who have never read a fine correspondence; moved along slowly of his poems who complain of his ob to personal acquaintance, and surprisscurity. Now that the English-speak | ed all the world when it culminated ing world is on the eve of celebrating in romance. Just to think of it-if her stole out of the house the elopement

The Home of Elizabeth Barrett fro. Which the Poets Eloped

aside as Browning shook his old vation attempted in this country, says Elizabeth Barrell Browning Macready!";

· be published in 1883, when he was 20 Juseful things, afterward made a spe



The Room in which Browning wrote His Last Poem

That same little lad was in those days | did not bark, and so they turned up bent toward speculation and intro- man and was the mother of eleven children. Most of the remaining years The first book he bought with his of the poet-pair were spent in Italy, own money was Ossian's Poems. The at his beloved Asolo, in Florence or assiduously is the English Bible, for wrote the "Sonnets From the Portuall his poems and saturated with the guese," and he "The Ring And The

His Robust Philosophy.

Despite his fondness for the by-ways and corners of history and philosophy is revealed in the correspondence with philanthropy. Read his letter : Elizabeth Barrett, Robert Browning tury, that he wrote those beautiful was essentially a healthy and masculine Priton, and his poems have the same virility that marks Whitman and And did he stop and speak to you? very few besides. Stopford Brooke, one of his sanest and keenest ctities, has !

lish excellencies. His optimism was desire for it has left me. I cannot inv after a dinner together, his unvielding energy, his directness, way you wish in public ris desire to get at the root of things, vere English. His religion was the The story of Robert Browning's xcellent English compromise or rathmarriage to Elizabeth Barrett, which or balance of dogma, practice and has been called "the most exquisite spirituality which laymen make for romance of modern life," is far better their own life. His hold sense of personal freedom was English. His con- the system and restores the nerves. stance to his theories, whether of faith or art, was English; his roughness of form was positively early Teu-

breamer who ran after Gipsy cara-Istomach create a craving that must vaus and went to the woods to listen either be satisfied by more whiskey or to the nightingale; when he had got | removed by scientific treatment like further on in life, Lockhart was able Samaria Prescription. Samaria Preto say to him: "I like Browning; he scription has been in regular and sucman." This is in keeping with an amusing story that Browning told on A year later she was climbing moun- and so is his excellency in his." After some polite formulae of felicita-

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HEAVY DRINKER CURED.

going to ruln through drink. You will nounces the final verdict "His intellect was English, and had remedy, and I find it all you claim it speak too highly of your wonderful H. Lilywhite. Brigden, Ontario." Samaria Prescription is tasteless and odorless, and dissolves instantly in tea or colice, or can be mixed with out the patient's knowledge. It moves the craving for drink, builds up

Drink is a disease, not a crime, One drink of whiskey always invites In his boyhood he had been a another. The inflamed nerves and

Drink becomes distasteful and even

aim save himself. Write to-days

Shelley. Even so, by this tragment, famous sorts of apple known at the the divine fire was passed on to time or not, it is significant that our another poet, as is shown by the story word "coster-monger," which was orof young Rossetto transcribing the iginally "costard-monger," or "a dealentire poem from the copy in the er in costards," evidently owes its ori-British Museum. Browning's last gin to the most famous apple of the book of verse, "Asolando," was pub- period. The custard apple was what lished on December 12th, 1889, the day we should now dill a "cooker"-inof the poet's death. It was a peculiar |deed, its name implies it-and it is hobby of his not to write for the plain enough that apples were first But perhaps the rugged simplicity gazine's readers he preferred to con of the fruit, which made it unpalatated. and breadth of Browning was shown quer his public and to know that ev- when eaten "au naturel," must have most strikingly in the meeting with ery one who bought his books did so taken many years to remove. The the tragedian Macready, soon after because he was interested in them. dessert apple proper is said to have

had both died. The poet and the ally esteemed to be his greatest and reign of Henry VIII., in whose time actor had not been on the best of most characteristic work. The story great attention was paid to this of how he came to write this poem branch of orchard development. wish to hand these to a friend who is victim and the aged Pope who pro- year's pippin of mine own grafting,

> "Very affectionate and delightful," This work, which appeared in 1868. recordion of Browning's supreme neetic genius. It is a monument to; his dead wife, whom he has por-

Book." And henceforth he of whose ing of that beverage as one of the works during six months not a sin- most important functions of the year, cle copy had been sold was account- Except in a few countries, the old cided among the great bards of Eng. er orchards are more or less allowed Chesterton, who in one place calls while the famous winter beverage of this work "no more than a sublime our forefathers, also made from the

The Future of Browning ng full particulars, testimonials, riest of the unintelligible, as I har which we call lambswool."

His creed : "I believe in God and truth and love," is enough to insure the perf rmanes of its philosophy when the pagan music of Swinburne palls and the bleak presimism of Byron rerels. Pippa's song, God's in His heaven;

Ali's well with the world. has become a dassic utterance of faith, and even as he gave healing to Elizabeth Barrett from his own store of mar elous energy, so hel can strengthen and brace up a febrile and fee le generation. His centenary sees no decline of his fame. The Browning societies are no longer a fied, but an institution.

Robert Barr.tt Browning, the son of the two poets, himself a painter and se fotor living in Italy, has told a story of Browning's tast days which is recorded in Lillian Willing's book on "The Brownings." White tte poet was reading aloud from the roofs of his last volume the poem "Elilogue," he came to the words: One who never turned his back but

marched breast forward, Never doubted clouds would break, Never dreamed, though right was worsted, wrong would triumph. Held we fall to rise, are balled to light better.

Sker to wake. Here the poet pauced and said : "It almost seems like peaising myself to say this, yet it is true, the simple cuth, and so i shall not cancel it. And the English race has endorsed

HISTORY OF THE APPLE.

Romans the First to Recognize Value of Fruit.

terms, the result of a disagreement I Though apple is a Saxon word, and over the tragedy. "The Blot, in the is but very slightly changed from the Scutcheon," which Browning had original form "aeppel." the Romans written for Macready, but which Mac- are generally credited with having ready hasitated to broduce. When been the first to recognize the value they met after their deep hour of of the fruit, and to them, no doubt sorrow, all resentment was brushed we owe the first efforts towards cultifriend's hand and cried only, "Oh, the London Globe. At a later date the monks, to whom we also owe so much The first poem of Browning's to in the development of all manner of cial study of the apple, and it worthy of note that the Arbroath pippin, or Oslin apple, was either first introduced or first extensively cultiyated by the monks of the Abbey of Aberbrothwick. Another famous variety, the Nanpareil, is said to have

been brought from France by a Jesuit

in the time of Queen Mary. The origin of many of the apples still commonly cultivated in English gardens probably dates back to the time of the Conquest, and the fact that the Normans paid particular attention to this fruit no doubt accounts for the many French names to be discovered on the labels in the orghard. Perhaps the first truly British apple that was ever entirely cultivated was the custard variety-at any rate, this is the apple first mentioned by name in early writings. Turner refers to it as the only apple alluded to in the borticultural records of the 13th century. where it appears as the "Costard, He adds that it is so referred to in the fruiterers' bills of the year 1292, years old and still under the spell of and whether there were other equally magazines-thus becoming an unin | regarded more as material for cooked vited guest" in the homes of the maddishes than as dessert. The bitterness Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Macready "The Ring and the Book" is gener been practically unknown until the

has often been told. One warm June | The pippins, which are said to have day in Florence he passed through been so called because it was possible Samaria Cured Him and He Helps a market square when he chanced to to raise the trees from the pips or see upon a stall a "square old yetlow seeds, and so to obtain catable fruit A man who has been released from book," which he bought. It contain- without having recourse to grafting, the awful cravings of drink, and whose ed the story of the Franceschini mur- were brought from France, according first thought is to help other, shows der, which is the germ of the poem. to the omniscent Fuller, in the 16th and despite the sentimental vein that the spirit of true brotherhood and The story of the murder of Pompilia year of Henry VIII.'s reign, and half a is the best-reported murder case in the century later they were grown by "The Samaria Remedy Co., Toronto, world, for in the twelve books of the most orchard owners. Justice Shallow poem nine different people tell the refers to these French varieties when Will you please send me book on story from nine different points of he says: "You shall see mine otchard, view, including the murderer and his where, in an arbor, we will cat a last from which we may infer that in some cases it was found desirable to graft even the pippins. The "renat," or ing strong drink in any way, as all was Tennyson's verdict upon Brown- golden pippin, is said, however, to have been raised in this country at Parham Park, in Sussex, to-day more famous, mersed the beginning of the general perhaps, for its becomy than for its

Cider, of course, is still commonly trayed in the character of the sainted brewed in many parts of the country, Total Lin. "Had I never known but the day has gone by when every Elizabeth," he said, "I could never farmer of importance owned his eider have written. The King and the press and regarded the autumn brewto run to rack and ruins nowadays, detective story," calls it in another juice of the apple, and which was

known as "lambswool," is, one believes, everywhere forgotten. But the recipe for making this beverage, which Will Browning, despite his unden. is said to have been preserved, and If you know of any family needing lattle greatness, never became popular? any one at liberty to experiment with Samaria Prescription, tell them about He did not desire popularity. He "the pulpe of the roasted apple, in it. If you have a husband, father or declared that he had no intention of number four or five, according to the friend that is drifting into drink, help writing poetry that would do instead greatness of the apples (especially the of a cigar or a game of dominoes pomewater), mixed in a wine quart of A FREE TRIAL PACKAGE of Sa. for an idle man. While he did not faire water, and laboured together unmaria Prescription, with booklet, giv- s t up deliberately to be the high til it comes to be as apples and ale,

price, etc., will be sent absolutely free les Mackay called him, he has writ- But the old-time use of the apple and postpaid in plain sealed package ten a few things of the oppressive did not end here, for, as Rerade as-So Robert Browning may be acclaimed as the discoverer of the modern cure for neurosis or hypochon-dria—the pharmacopeia of frush, air and sunshing and action. He also demonstrated another fact that genius ing cried: "I salute you as a brother."

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I o anyone asking for it and mention-obviousness of "Cleon and I." Will sures us, "there is an outtment made inquired the nature of his excellency's to confidential. Write to-day, and that lies busied in the crusty soil? I grease and rosewater, which is used to that lies busied in the crusty soil? The world is doing it. Although beautify the face and take away the lie is the despair of translated in the interpreter. Shaking the manufacin's hand, Brown ing this paper. Correspondence sacred the world trouble to dig for the gold with the pulp of apples and swine's that lies busied in the crusty soil? I grease and rosewater, which is used to that lies busied in the crusty soil? I have been exchanged Browning ing this paper. Correspondence sacred the world trouble to dig for the gold with the pulp of apples and swine's that lies busied in the crusty soil? I have been exchanged Browning ing this paper. Correspondence sacred the world trouble to dig for the gold with the pulp of apples and swine's that lies busied in the crusty soil? I have been exchanged Browning ing this paper. Correspondence sacred the world trouble to dig for the gold with the pulp of apples and swine's that lies busied in the crusty soil? I have been exchanged Browning ing this paper. Correspondence sacred the world trouble to dig for the gold with the pulp of apples and swine's that lies busied in the world is doing it. Although beautify the face and the world trouble to dig for the gold with t

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