WHY NOT SETTLE IT?

THE EXHUMATION OF SHAKE-SPEARE'S BODY IS URGED.

Upholders of Baconian Authorship of the Plays and Some Supporters of amination Fof Grave to See if Documents Are Burier, With Body -Attempt Once Made.

Now that the attention of the whole world is concentrated upon Shakespeare by the widespread celebration of the 350th anniversary of his birth, the time seems ripe for Avon, says Garrett P. Serviss.

ture, if not in all literature.

There is a persistent suspicion abroad that an exploration of the grave in Stratford Church would may be some r aders who are unaware that any question exists as to in which the proponents of the doubt maintain that the William Shakespere, or Shaxper, who was born and died at Stratford, was not the "William Shakespeare" who actually wrote or composed the great plays. supposed him to be their author.

I would advise all intelligent readers, before accepting either the "orthodox" or the "herodox" view of this question, to read as much as possible of the literature that has accumulated on the subject within the past sixty years, an. which can be found on the shelves of any large public library. Some of the books attacking the ascription of the authorship to "the mar of Stratford," such as Greenwood's "Shakespeare Probem Restated." have the fascination of all recitals in which circumstantial evidence and acute reasoning play the principal part. Mark Twain's book, "Is Shakespeare Dead?" is ar a lusing summary of the case.

When this question, which is usually known as the "Shakespeare-Bacon Controversy," because many of the disputants believe that Lord Bacon was the concealed author, dref attracted public attention in the early half of the nineteenth century, Miss Delia Bacon, proposed to open the grave at Stratford on the supposition that it concealed documentary evidence which would settle the question of authorship. She thought that Lord Bacon might have had proofs of his authorship hidden

National Hawthorne, in his book, "Our Old Home," gives a thrilling account of how Miss Bacon entered the church with a dark lantern in the dead of night, prowled like rhost around the famous tombstone, but finally, overcame by a strange besitancy, refrained from taking the steps necessary for the lifting of "the awful stone from the sepulcher." Afterward, it has been alleged, Miss Bacon's mind showed signs of dis-

Everybody knows, of course, the doggerel lines on the stone over the grave, and which, translated in-

To dig the dust enclosed here! Blest be the man that spares these terfield in Family Herald. stones,

And c rst be he who moves my bones!" Superstition would assert that

'Enakespeare's curse" acted as charm to disarm Miss Bacon of her long-cherished purpose. About twenty years ago Dr. C. M

Ingleby, one of the life trustees of shakespeare's birthplace, wrote an may in which he strongly urged that the grave be opened, not with the expectation of finding anything that would challenge the claim of the man who sleeps within to be regarded as the author of the works ascribed to him, but for the sake of examining his skull, in order that the world might have an assurance that the lleged portraits of Shakespeare realy resemble him, and also in order that a study might be made of the ecultarities of that house of bone n which dwelt the brain that consived "Hamlet." "Macbeth," "Lear." "Othetlo." "Shylock." "Falstaff, Portia." "Imogene." "Desdemona, "Ophelia." "Juliet." "Rosalind," and cores of other characteristics that are the glory of English literature. Dr Ingleby pointed out that history was full of instances in which the great dead have been disinterred for reasons no more pressing than iose calling for the opening of hakespeare's grave; and if he had written a few years later he might have added the instance of Sesostris, the greatest of the Pharoahs, whose mummy modern curlosity has not heattated to take from its tomb

and display in a museum. Shakespeare's grave has, at least, once been broken into by accident when repairs were needed in a vault adjoining it. A workman, who peered into the dark interior, is said to have faintly discerned a heap of dust, and nothing more.

Too Good to Change. The Derby dinner menu at Buckingham Palace is always the same as the menu of 1906, which dinner the Hillcrest disaster. Eleven other Lord Mount Stephen, who built up King Edward pronounced the greatest achievement of the famous royal steam railway service 17 were killed velopment of the Canadian Pacific chef, M. Menager, who retired from the royal service after the death of King Edward, and who died a few and there were 15 fatalities and 58 \$250,000 a year, and that he has en- you count the French."-Canadian thing with hice in it. Bring me a weeks ago.

Correct.

"Riches have wings," quoted the But poverty gets to you quicker,

HAS OTHER HOBBIES.

Senator Davis Is Not Limited to Anti-Tipping Propaganda.

The Hon. Senator T. O. Davis, father of the much discussed anti-Tipping Bill which he succeeded in passing through the Senate at the las, session of the Dominion Paritament, but which came to an untimethe Actor of Stratford Eavor Ex-' ly death for want of a foster father when introduced in the House of Commons, is one of the most active and frequently heard members of the Senate. He is a ready speaker and has a strong, sonorous voice, and when he speaks the Senate sits up and takes notice. He comes by his oratorical ability naturally, for be belongs to a family long recognized as a power in the nationalist movement in Ireland. The famous and carrying into action the often-dis- eloquent Thomas Osborne Davis, the cussed project of opening his grave colleague of the late Hon. Thomas in Trinity Church at Stratford-on- D'Arcy McGee and Gavin Duffy, in the Young Ireland party, was an That grave is the focus of a great uncle, and the Senator was named mystery, if not, as many maintain after him. To judge from portraits of a great mystification. The open- of the great Irish agitator, the ing of it would not be an act of nephew resembles the uncle very vandalism, or of irreverence, but a closely. Senator Davis's father was possible step toward clearing up the a man of education and great naturmystery which, in spite of all efforts al ability, graduate of Trinity Colto brush it aside, clouds the fame of lege, Dublin, and was for some time the greatest genius in English litera- principal of Rouse's Point, N.Y. High

Senator Davis sat in the House of Commons as a Liberal member, and was chief Liberal whip for the westthrow light upon the real authorship err members for the last four years of the immortal dramas that the of his term in the House. Ten years world knows as Shakespeare's. There | ago, Earl Grey called him to the Senate, where he sits, a sturdy man with a staunch figure and a strong counthat muthorship, but such a question tenance, with a keen eye and a firm does exist, and it has long been the mouth, with just a touch of humor subject of a very bitter controversy flickering about his chin occasion- he issues a personal check against over execrable trails, or no trails lurking in his eyes.

Senator Davis has had other ideas besides the abolition of tipping. was on his initiative that official attention was attracted some ten years although the public in his own day ago to the importance of investigating and conserving the natural resources of the unexplored Northland. On his initiative, and in spite of opposition from both sides of the House, the Senate appointed its famous Northland investigation commit- cution. tee, which disclosed so much about the resources of the country.

Senator Davis was born at Sherrington, P.Q., some fifty-eight years ago, and at the age of eighteen went west, entered a mercantile life Prince Albert, on the north Saskatchewan. His knowledge of the French language, for he speaks French as fluently as English, proved of great value to him among the French half-breeds, who formed such tion is regarded as of such importa large proportion in the early days ance that most magistrates grant deof the population of the North Sas- lays to help along the family collec--katchewan.

The Senator was a personal friend lion actually broke out, and, being institution. one of the few white men who bluntly expressed the opinion that there was a sound basis for the half-breed grievances, he was set down as a sympathizer with the rebellion, which he was not. He was himself a victim of the uprising, the annual supplies for his store being warbound until the arrival of General Middleton's column at Humboldt. He personally accompanied the force from Qu'Appelle to Prince Albert After the capture of Batoche, he interested himself in inducing the halfbreeds and Indians to lay down their arms. He was first returned to Parliament in succession to Sir Wilfrid to modern typography and spelling, Laurier, who was returned for both Saskatchewan and Quebec East at 'Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear the general election of 1896 and relinguished the former seat .-- Ches-

Firemen Should Be Inspectors.

carry out the special system of fire the way. inspection which it is desired to put into effect without delay. An extra man is to be attached to each station for the work of inspecting the buildings of each district. The work would be kept up constantly, the men taking the inspection duties in turn. This is decidedly a step in the right direction.

A considerable part of the firemen's time seems to be consumed by fatiguing games, such as dominoes and checkers, or the armchair exercises practiced in front of fire halls. Too great attention to these pastimes tends toward mental inertia and physical avoirdupois.

Let part of the fire-fighting force teach the methods of prevention. Prevention will save property for the householder and work for the firemen. Moreover, it may save both their lives .- Industrial Canada.

A Bassano Fish Story.

One of the most ambitious fish stories of the season comes from Bassano, Alta., and has the edvantage of being backed up by an actual photograph of the catch.

The fish was a sturgeon weighing one hundred and twenty-five pounds. and measuring six feet in length. It was captured in the Bow river in a pool just below the huge dam, which last month was officially opened by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. The little prairie town of Bassano is eighty miles east of Calgary. - Canadian Courier.

June's Accidents.

The number of industrial accidents in Canada during June was 593, of which 299 were fatal. The latter included the 189 men killed at miners also lost their lives. In the an enormous fortune out of the deand 63 injured. Eleven were killed Railway and other ventures. It is and 42 injured in the building trades, understood that he gives away about men injured in the metal trades.

Never Saw One. Stella-Isn't it awful to think of the number of tuberculosis cattle? Bella-I don't believe it. I never ded the Fool.-Cincinnati Enquir- met one that was too sick to chase

me. - Judge.

CLERKS GET SECOND CHANCE.

Canadian Banks Do Not Dismiss On First Wrong Step.

A few days ago in one of the medum-size. Cabadian banks, a 19year-old clerk was found to have 'borrowed" fifty dollars to which be had no title. Technically it was an 'embezzlement," and the law of Canada would have sent the lad to prisfiv. senior officers of he institution. | the benefit of posterity.

Instead of this proceeding being | The district of Eastern Assinibola pointed to as irregular, it is the comand when found out is made a serkind are very often responsible for the first black mark on the record of a clerk, but are seldom taken by the bank as a genuine cause for prose-

of necessity. Here enters the ques-'put up to" the relatives and friends publicity is usually sufficient pressure to make any family circle disgorge, or even run into heavy debt to soften down the processes of law. Restitution. This arrangement between the court and the bank is sometimes of Reil, Dumont, the Touronds, and curtly denounced, as when Col. Deniall of the other leaders of the North- | son in the Toronto Police Court rewest Rebellion of 1885, and before cently refused to hold the case to the outbreak took place he personal- oblige the prisoner's wealthy friends, ly warned all officials whose ear he and told the lawyers that he would could get that trouble was inevitable not become a party to any scheme to without the rights of the half-breeds curtail the punishment of a crime. were conceded. But he was only a In the majority of cases, however, small, insignificant trader at that restitution does ameliorate the sentime, and his fears were laughed at. I tence, and to a large extent, smooths He was in the east when the rebel- down the anxieties of the victimized

Coal In the Arctics.

Coal can be mined in the Arctics as easily as and much more conveniently than gold. Underground work is just as satisfactory there as elsewhere. It is just as warm in the bowels of the earth at Cape Farewell as it is in Pennsylvania, and by storing the winter's output and doubling the number of steamers to freight away this reserve stock during the summer the problem will solve itself. At Mercy Bay, 500 miles north of

Great Slave Lake, McClure, the seektween the islets he lost all hope of luck invariably arrives in bunches. working toward the Pacific, his ships burned coal found by search parties before the hapless company abandon-Fire Chief Tremblay, of Montreal, ed the vessels and started south, in is asking for C8 new firemen, one- the hope of reaching Canadian Indian half of whom will be required to settlements, every soul perishing on

> To Reform Prison System. At the next session of Parliament the Minister of Justice will introduce legislation to reform the penitentiary system of to-day, if study of the subject now in progress can be completed meanwhite. This will affect the system of discipline, classification of convicts, employment of prisoners, and the treatment same manner. of the insane.

It is hoped that some system will be found under which convicts can be employed and their earnings applied in part to the attention of their with industries outside. In England, it is understood, a method has been devised whereby certain commodities used in the Government service are made by prison labor.

Canada's Big Telescope. The 72-inch reflecting telescope now under construction for the these columns, is to be located on Little Saanich Mountain, near Victoria, B.C. This site was chosen afparts of the Dominion, and despite the fact that its selection entails road and other preliminaries, as Smyrna, Montevideo and Caracas, compared with other sites that were under consideration.

Mr. Stephen's Charity.

The Rothschilds' benefactions are now closely approached by those of queried the E-glishman. riched charity by at least \$6,000,000. | Ccurier.

Big Business.

- Martin Control of A

"They say he does business on arge scale." "Yes; indeed; he weighs hay. -Buffalo Express.

A NORTHWEST VETERAY.

Sheriff Murphy of Moosomin Has Been 25 Years In Office.

One of the veteran officials of the Northwest, Mr. G. B. Murphy, the shariff of Moosemin, recently completed a quarter of a century in office. He was appointed sheriff for the judicial district of Eastern Assiniboia by Sir John A. Macdonald's Govon. But the general manager looked ernment in 1889, just one year after at it another way. He wrote the lad's the old North rest Council became defarher, notifying him of the incident, funct and the Territories were grantand stating that the management had led a Lesislative Assembly. Mr. Murdecided to give the clerk a second | phy is a native of Ontario, and prechance to "make good" by removing vious to his appointment be had carhim to an out-of-town branch where | ried on business a: Qu'Appelle. Durhis act would not be known except | ing the rebellion of 1885 be held a to the local manager. Of course the very responsible position as one of fifty dollars was returned in instal- | the heads of the trensport division of ments from the clerk's salary, but | Cen. Middleton's army. He kept a there the incident ended. The theft | diary during the operations, which becomes no barrier to promotion, and will no doubt be embodied some day emains a close secret with four or it the archives of the province for

was as big as a kingdom. It extendmon rule in practically all the Cana- ed from the international boundary lian banks. Petty infringements on the south to the unorganized teroccur at intervals in all financial in- ritory of Athabaska on the north, stitutions and the discrepancy be- and, as a matter of fact, if not of tween the small sclaries of bank | theory, as far north as the North clerks and the style of living to Pole. From east to west it ran from which they are supposed to adhere the Manitoba boundary to Qu'forms a constant temptation to over- | Appelle. This was the judicial ballireach their earnings. This is done wick of Mr. Justice (afterwards quite commonly in a manner that at | Chief Justice) Wetmore; and it is not first giance does not look like "em- | too much to say that Eastern Assinibezziement," but rather like "high | boia in its crude formative days was financing" applied to petty purposes. | under a debt of gratitude to the good As has been divulged in police court fortune which gave its people a more than once during the past | fearless and masterful judge, and an year, a clerk in desperate need of | honest, capable sheriff. Many long money "flies a kite." In other words, journeys in all kinds of weather, to the friendship of fellow tellers and | en together in the old "buckboard" ledger-keepers to hold the worthless | days, when the C. P. R. running east check until such time as he is able | and west was the only streak of rust to back it with real money. Such a | in Eastern Assiniboia. From Yorkthing violates every rule of the banks | ton in the north to the international boundary country in the south, judge, ious matter. Manipulations of this | bar and sheriff made their way across the plains, holding court in little agricultural halfs and sometimes in school houses as the case might be. Besides judicial trips of this nature there were extradition journeys bringing back prisoners from the There are cases from time to time in which large sums are stolen when | States, and the many other activiopen prosecution becomes a matter | ties devolving on the sheriff of a new and enormous stretch of country. To tion of making restitution, which is tell the tale of Mr. G. B. Murphy's career in the West would be to pracof the guilty clerk. The dislike of | tically tell the fascinating story of the growth of Saskatchewan from its

> Exceeding the Speed Limit. Now that the spotlight has been turned on Calgary, many and divers are the stories being told of lost opportunities and lucky holdings of oil stocks in that city. Here is one that is remarkable enough, and yet has a plausible ring to it.

ity .- Saturday Night.

The chauffeur of a certain gentleman in Calgary had many times put his employer to expense and inconvenience by his speeding propensities. He had been up before the magistrate more times than was healthy for him, and, finally, he was caught exceeding the speed limit on the main street, summoned, and fined fifty dollars and costs or sixty days. He appealed to his employer to extricate him, as he had not the funds to satisfy the fine. The employer refused, the offence had been committed too often. The chauffeur offered as security some oil stock which he held, supposed to be worth some forty odd dollars. His employer said no-positively, and the man went to jail. When the sixty days had elapsed and and he was free, his forty dollars ed to him worth of stock had increased in value to something like seventy-five thousand dollars. The first thing he did was to buy an automobile, a good 1852-4, during the three winters he one, and speed down the main street was frozen up in the region made at about fifty miles an hour. He fully historical by Franklin's fatal expedi- expected to be caught and fined, but ion, where in the mazy channels be- | nothing happened. It's true, that | ways went out the back door for the

Wolves Overrun Renfrew.

word received by the Government at went, leaving the officer shivering. Ottawa, which is asked to take some but still determined to finish his steps by the offering of a bounty or work. At a late hour in the mornsome other means to stop the depre- ing the "blind pigger" issued from dations and exterminate the maraud- the back door, and going to the rain ers. It is stated that during the barrel lifted out a bottle. month of May alone 75 sheep were | Stallwood sprang out of the destroyed in the county by the thicket in which he had been hiding wolves, which are supposed to have and arrested the man. The next day wandered down from the vicinity of in court he was fined \$200 and Algonquin Park. Large numbers of costs. deer have also been destroyed in the

Farmers, it is said, have stopped raising sheep in the district as a result of the inroads of the wolves. They have not been bothered with them for thirty years, and their presfamilies. In the adoption of such a ence has only commenced to be noticed during the past three years. vide against any unequal competition The present bounty is small especial- the Cabinet Ministers made a speech ed by the Ontario Government.

Canada Now Represented. In pursuance of the arrangement between Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Minister, made in 1912, the British consulate at the following places will now an-Canadian Government, a description swer inquiries and give information o' which was recently published in to Canadians wishing to consult them on trade matters: Trieste, Antwerp, Bahia, Rio de Janiero, Valparaiso, Harbin, China, Bogota, Columter prolonged investigation of at- bia, Quito, Ecuador, Alexandria. mospheric conditions in different Egypt, Genoa, Milan, Mexico City, Amsterdam, Colon and Panama, Lima, Lisbon, Moscow, St. Petersburg. much additional expense for the pur- Vladivostock, Barcelona, Madrid, chase of land, the construction of a Stockholm, Geneva, Constantinople,

> Slightly Sarcastic. An Irishman was showing an English friend round Montreal. "How many people are there here, Pat?" | water, shaved ice on the salads, etc. "Oh, about a hundred thousand,

said the Irishman. "Why, I thought there were over

Another.

Enthusiast-Don't the spectators tire you with the questions they ask want to know?-Columbia Jester. when they are on the defensive.

THREE MEN.

And the Poet Brought Amity Inte Their Midst.

The well-dressed youth, who earlier in the evening had roused the ire of the three travelers, turned out to be a poet: one of the modern kind They met him aboard the train shortly after the three elders had recognized one another in the light of the smoking compartment. They were arguing concerning the general merits of Free Trade and Protection 7 and the merchant was complaining of the governing the collection of debta from delinquent debtors, when the poet interrupted:

'See, gentlemen," he said, "you talk to no end whatever. Let me, a poet, having no real place in the scheme of things as you regard it, point out the futility of your discussion. You do not argue—you accuse one another. You, Farmer, complain that the Manufacturer is getting rich at your expense. You protest at the size of his profits and yet you admit you don't know what those profits are. You, Manufacturer, bring counter accusations against the Farmer. Both accuse the Merchant of eating your profits. And you, Middleman, have other complaints against them. You deal in complaints, charges and counter-charges, but not in argu-

"What has a Poet to do with this sort of thing?" grumbled the Merchant, while the other three scowled their approval of his remark.

"Very little," admitted the youth, 'except to say that if you, instead of pursuing the course you now pursue, made a study of the relationship which exists between the three of ally, and a hint of Irish mischief his empty savings account, and trusts at all, have the judge and sheriff tak- you, if instead of your troubles you considered that all three of you are one-and interdependent for success. one upon the other; and if instead of contemplating always your immediate ends you considered your relation to the nation as a whole—then your discussion would carry you somewhere." "What do I owe the manufactur-

er?" demanded the Farmer. "The right to live in a self-contained, self-reliant nation, capable of making its own necessities, independent of the workmen of foreigners; a country in which, if your son wishes another calling besides farming, he can find it!" "What do I owe the farmer?" de-

manded the Manufacturer. "Your right to exist - your most important raw material, food and renewed vigor to supply the wear and earliest days as a political communtear of the cities - he buys your

"What do we owe the merchant?" "The same you owe the railway builder and the steamship man. He makes exchange possible between you. He assists in directing the movement of the products which between you are turned out."

"And I?" asked the Merchant. "You. For all your courage, judgment and shrewdness -- what could you exchange if these men were not here to produce goods for your coun-

"Then you." they retorted in chorus, "you are a parasite?" "Parasite! Rather, a minister to the spirit. You were quarrelling when came."-Britton Cooke, in Indus-

Where the Beer Was Kept.

Some very funny hiding places ave been found by the provincial police in Northern Ontario for the 'booze caches" of "blind piggers," but Provincial Constable R. J. Stallwood of Gowganda, has just had one of the cleverest concealment reveal-

When Superintendent Rogers of the provincial police was in Gowganda a little wh le ago, he issued orders that a man who was suspected must be apprehended. As it was useless to try the "spotter" method, Stallwood learned that the man alliquor. On a recent Wednesday night the constable concealed himself in the rear of the shanty and That wolves are overrunning Ren- | waited for him to come out. The frew county and destroying the night passed off, and one after anfarmer's sheep in that district is the other of the early hours came and

Ninepin Oratory.

Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., the famous free-trade orator from Red Deer Alta., is naturally a bit of a critic when it comes to speeches. Not a harsh critic, but a pithy one.

Last session of Parliament one of ly, it is stated, as the hide is reckon- on the C. N. R. which caused some discussion in the lobbies. The general verdict was that it began and ended lamely, but that it contained a lot of good material. Dr. Clark was pacing the corridor, thumbs in arm-holes, a characteristic pose, when an Ottawa correspondent approached him on the subject of the Hon. Mr.

- philippic. "My opinion of it?" said the doctor. "Why, ninepins." "Ninepins?" said the bewildered

journalist. "Why, yes," said the Doctor. "Thin at both ends and fat in the middle."

Afraid of Frost.

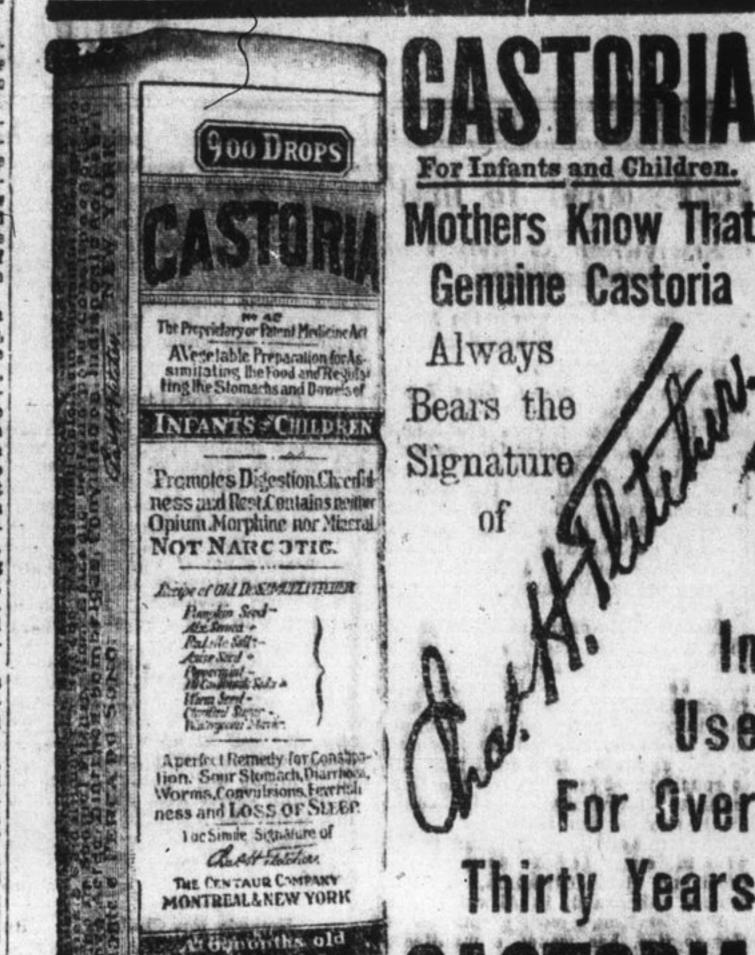
The Chateau Laurier at Ottawa is

frequently visited by touring English-

men who are sometimes loud in their assertions that "they do things so much better at 'ome." One of these globe-trotters recently was very indignant over the quantity of ice used in the dining-room, iced tea, iced Towards the end of his meal the obsequious waiter, with his eye on the expected tip, enquired: "Will you have a demi-tasse, sir?"

"Oh, no," replied the Englishman curtly, "it's bound to be some bally small cup of coffee, please."

Fewer men are driven to drink by misfortunes than are driven to misfortune by drink. If you want to flatter a married man tell him he doesn't look it. Aviator-Yes. What else do you | Some people are offensive even



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