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Unhealthy soil kills the best of wheat. Unhealthy gums kill the best of teeth. To keep the teeth sound, keep the gums well. Watch for tender and bleeding gums. This is a symptom of Pyorrhoea, which affects four out of five people over forty.

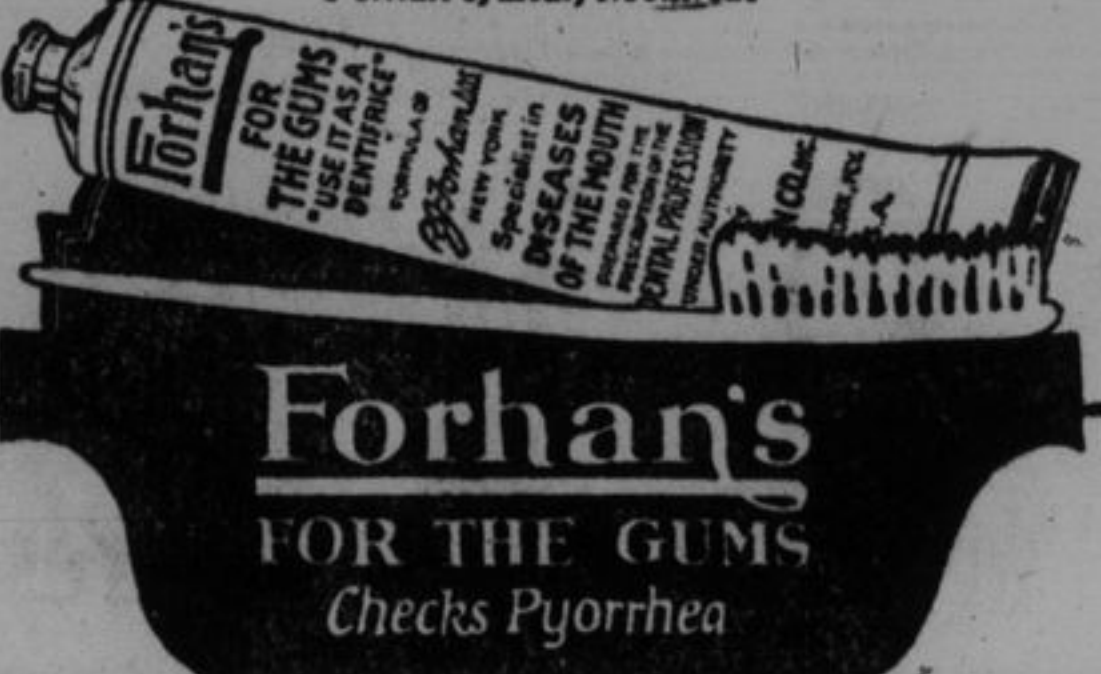
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"WITS" OF HISTORY

By Mark Stuyvesant.

Some of the Clever but Caustic Things for Which Wellington is Remembered.

The quick wit of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, whose sayings were more caustic than humorous, is still remembered by those who delight in the records of the Napoleonic era, and particularly those persons connected with bringing the domination of the great general to an end.

When Napoleon was held captive on the island of St. Helena, where he died, it is said that he occupied the same quarters Wellington at one time used when stationed there. By strange coincidence, Wellington at that very time occupied one of Napoleon's palaces in Paris. Wellington was asked if he had a message for Napoleon. He replied:

"Only tell Bony that I hope he finds his old lodgings at Longwood



"There is the Only Caricature That Has Ever Caused Me Annoyance."

as comfortable as I find his at the Champs Elysees."

It was to be expected that Wellington should be a favorite of King George. One day the following strange conversation took place, with the genius of Canning under discussion.

"Arthur!" said the king, with every evidence of amazement. "You don't mean to propose that fellow to me as secretary of foreign affairs? It is impossible! I said, on my honor as a gentleman, he should never be one of my ministers again. You hear, Arthur, on my honor as a gentleman! I am sure you will agree with me I can't do what I said on my honor as a gentleman I would not do."

"Pardon me, sir, I don't agree with you. Your majesty is not a gentleman."

The king started with surprise and anger. But Lytton says, Wellington didn't permit him time to speak, going on in his imperturbable way:

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to yourself. And those duties render it imperative that you should at this time employ the abilities of 'Mr. Canning.'

"Well," the king replied, drawing a long breath, "if I must, I must."

A close friend of the Duchess of Wellington has this to say about the marriage of these people who were never very happy:

The subject came up during a conversation on the matter of keeping resolutions. The duchess said:

"When I was a girl I made three resolutions. First, I determined that I would never marry a soldier. Second, that I would never marry an Irishman. Third, that I would not be long engaged. And I married the Duke of Wellington, a soldier and an Irishman, after an engagement of twelve years."

When Lord Douro, the duke's eldest son, grew to manhood, he was extraordinarily like the duke in appearance. Perhaps when the duke gazed upon him he forgave his own mother for once having said: "I do not know what I shall do with my ugly son, Arthur." For Fraser is authority for the correctness of the following:

The duke was asked by a lady if the innumerable caricatures which had been published of him in the course of his life had not caused him annoyance. The duke replied, indicating his son:

"There is the only caricature that has ever caused me annoyance—Douro."

Good Night Stories

By Blanch Silver

Dicky Learns Something New.

One day, as Dicky stood on the shore gazing over the water, he heard a cheery little "toot, toot, toot," come rippling in on the breeze. Dicky looked all around, for, of course, he expected to see a little tugboat, but not a sign of life dotted the ocean, save a queer-looking object painted bright red, bobbing up and down as the waves ripples by.

"Well," mused Dicky, "that's a funny-looking thing! Wonder what in the world it is!"

Up and down danced the red, pear-shaped thing, and over the waters came the cheery "toot, toot, toot."

"Wouldn't it be funny if it was a fairy boat, and—" began Dicky, when a merry voice interrupted him, and a dear little elfin hopped out from behind the tall rocks.

"Oh, Squeedee," Dicky cried, shaking the little elfin's hand. "I didn't know you ever came this far from home. I'm sure glad to see you."

"Pooh!" exclaimed the elfin merrily. "Space is nothing when one is wanted. That's right! You've never been on the coast before, have you? How should you know what that strange thing is? Well, after a fashion, it's a fairy houseboat. Just makes me think I'm due for a visit." Before Dicky dreamed what was happening, he was carefully set down on a wavelet, beside the red pear-shaped thing.

A funny little imp all dressed in bright red sat on the very top of it, waving back and forth.

Squeedee introduced him to Dicky as the keeper of the Whistling Buoy.

"But what in the world do you live on a boathouse for?" asked Dicky, as the imp showed him over the queer-looking buoy. "I should think you'd grow very tired."

"Well, I should say not," laughed the little red imp. "It's more fun than you can imagine, riding on the waves. Besides, just think how much depends on my little fairy houseboat! Every ship that pulls into the harbor, when its captain sees us, knows just which way to go to keep out of danger. Now, for instance, every boatman that comes from the sea knows I must be left on the starboard or right hand. While my brother, who keeps the Black Buoy, must always bob on the left hand. I tell you, I'd much rather keep this Whistling Buoy than the fellows painted with red and black horizontal stripes—for if they are not heeded a wreck will surely follow."

"Well, I never knew that before!" laughed Dicky. "What does that white and black fellow do out yonder?" pointing to a big buoy dancing merrily out in mid-channel.

"Wreck again if the boatman doesn't stay as close as he can to the fairy houseboat," replied the little red imp. "But of them all, Ed chose between the one I have and the Bell Buoy for a home—they both sound so cheery."

"Indeed they do," laughed Dicky. "I suppose your whistling always sounds as it does today?"

"I should say not," laughed the little red imp. "If you'd happened round here during a storm you wouldn't think so. It's dreadfully mournful then. The swell of the heavy waves makes it sound that way, and I'm right glad they do, for when a fellow hears it and pays attention, he gets through the storm safely. In calm weather, you'll always hear my cheery little "toot, toot, toot."

Dicky could have spent the rest of the day talking to the keeper of the fairy houseboat, but he spied his mama and auntie looking for him, so Squeedee took him back to shore.

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