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The Difference Between Mr. Gladstone and Lord Silisbury is the Difference Between a Philosopher and a Constable Old Age Enfeebling Mr. Bright.

It may interest American readers to k now that Mr. Gladstone is "popping up again." In health he is simply phenomenally well and in spirits he is cheerful to buoyancy and overflow. By his great kindness I was enabled to bring several American friends into personal contact with him, and I am in a position to say that he received them with special interest and courtesy, while they, on their part, gave him assurances of sympathy and enthusiasm which gave him unfeigned delight. I sonce asked Mr. Beecher what America would do if ever Mr. Gladstone visited it, and he instantly replied: "Go mad!" Then, after a moment, he added: "Not the Queen of England herself would create half the interest that Mr. Gladstone would excite." It would be a pity for America to "go mad," even temporarily, but it | Dakota Bell. is an infinitely greater pity that Mr. Gladstone does not come to America. In the matter of the Irish question the difference between Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury | ed with a young man who had been farming is the difference between a philosopher | in Dakota and was on his way to his old and a constable. Lord Salisbury makes a very paintsaking policeman. He meets discontent with handcuffs bitterness of soul | the seat in front of mine, "I have a ranch he accommodates with a felon's cell. Mr. Gladstone is as much opposed to crime and outrage as any tory can possibly be, but he inquires into their origin, their development, and their purpose, and he addresses his statesmanship accordingly. A policeman can act more promptly than a philosopher; he has less to think about and less capacity for thinking.

John Bright will ever be an honored name in English political history. But Mr. Bright succumbs to the enfeebling action of old age, and is led about by any number of fears and superstitions. Although he is a Quaker he cannot forgive; and although he goes to war to prove his love of peace he thinks that Providence is on the side of coercion. Mr. Bright is not gracious. He is stern, dictatorial, dignified, and upright; but it lies not within his power to forget an injury or forgive a foe. In this Irish question Mr. Bright's position is ludicrously ironical. He contradicts his whole public life. Beginning with his anti corn-law doctrines, there is no logical opening leading to his present position; and beginning at his present position there is no consistent line of reasoning back to his early radicalism. Mr. Bright is a living solecism.

Lord Randolph Churchill has in some respects al ways been a favorite of mine. Mr. de alstone has pulverized him again and in, yet "Randy," as his friends affection-

term him, has turned up after the pulverzation as audacious and insolent as ever. In Randolph the very genius of imprudence is incarnated. But this is not the whole measure of the man. Randolph has great abilities, great perseverance, and great self- | help of a hired man known as Jubilee Jack, confidence. Sometimes I think he will come out as a leading radical, and if he does so the act will furnish a quite illustrious instance of self-sacrifice, for toryism aloné has no accommodation for political genius. The place vacated by Beaconsfield is still vacant. Liberalism has a plethora of talent. If a man could put his conscience to sleep and annihilate everything like progressive principle he would find an open way to eminence and remuneration in the ranks of English conservatism. A young liberal of capacity must be content for a time to be the victim of the hero of conscience. By the way, I may add that Lord Randolph's brother, the Duke of Marlborough, came across on the same ship with me. I am still a radical. ought to have gone over to his grace and begged to be received into the conservative fold, but seasickness or other cause prevented my doing so. Who would not prefer a duke to a plainly named citizen? Would any American? Perhaps even the social miracle might occur, for several American | gin. passengers whispered to me: "Which is the duke?" "Where is the duke?" "There goes the duke." I could not but feel how awful | his wife wus nebber seed ergin a'ter that is the responsibility of being a duke and | night.' how much one happily escapes by being only

a dissenting minister. For years Mr. Beecher urged me to undertake a short lecturing tour in the United States, but until now I never felt that the | blood on de flo', sah, blood on de wall, right time had come. Alas! the men who | blood on de hyarth! Den a family from most encouraged me in this direction are not | Grafton dev moved in, but dey moved out | here to bid me welcome. I mean Henry Ward Beecher, John B. Gough, and Robert West of the Chicago Advance. I do not conceal my sense of loss and emptiness, yet I take heart from the thought that I am among the people who loved and trusted and come back to-morrow.' these eminent men. I have not come on any sectarian mission, nor have I come to obli- | way. terate those convictions and aspirations which have defined my function and position | low over the limitless sweep of treeless in England. I am here as the steadfast and | prairies. The winds went shuddering unchangeable friend of Henry Ward Beecher, as the loyal and ever devoted follower of | beat a dismal tattoo on the panes. I par-William Ewart Gladstone, as the imbreable | took of my supper, then drawing my chair enemy of all narrow mindedness in religion, | before the fire I read until a late hour. and as a man who has long predicted the | The clock was on the stroke of twelve grandeurand supremacy of the American na- | when I went to bed. The light of the fire tion. I should love to live in America if it were 3,000 miles nearer London. I suppose, left my lamp still burning. I lay with my however, that the annihilation of this distance is impossible even to American inven- | denly I saw the shadows of a man and tiveness and energy, so we must regale our | woman on its white, unbroken surface. selves upon the luxuries of the inevitable | rose sharply on my elbow and looked and pensively regard the Atlantic as an in- around the apartment. It was empty;

scrutible blessing. see a good deal of religious and political life | phantom pair - watched them with and service. Are there any bigots in this convictions, no unchangeable standard of | fingers locked. morals? We cannot live long upon foam. Even fragrance, though it be of roses, is not very nutritious. A christian without doctrine is painfully like a dog without legs -respectable enough in a limited degree, but obviously wanting in several particulars. I expect to be judged as an Englishman, and not as an American. Allowances must be made for insularity. An island is something less than a solar system. For example, an Englishman likes a pulpit better than a platform when he preaches. On 'I a platform a man's legs are painfully conspicuous and his boots have a mean look. How can a man do a retail trade without a counter? Have you any pulpits in America By pulpits I mean nice little wooden struetures, in shape like a wine glass? I ask the question with fear and trembling, and I do not trouble anybody for a reply. Mr. Reecher was filled withfury when he saw a pulpit, so was Mr. Gough, yet the English cling to the tiny pulpit with the tenacity

I had arrived less than seven hours when I felt what it was to be alone in New York, for not more than fourteen reporters had called upon me. To be neglected in this way "doth work like madness in the brain." By the unfailing forethought of my friend Major Pond I saw ten of the fourteen all at once. To the best of my troubled recollection they were all smoking and likely to

of their proverbial obstinacy.

smoke for a long time to come. I am bound to say, however, that a more civil deputation never waited upon me; every man was genial, politely inquisitive and most anxious to get me to commit myself to some definite statement regarding myself, my family, my creditors, my fears, my hopes, my aversions and my partialities. I was appalled by the looseness of my tongue and by the evident possibility of talking round and round a subject and never coming within telescopic distance of it. Once before a New York reporter called upon me and out of about five minutes' conversation he elaborated about two columns of small print, making me say many things which I could not have thought of even under the influence of the most hideous and tormenting nightmare I forgave him, but forget him I never can. I am glad to be here. Nothing but kindness has been shown me, and nothing but gratitude will I show in return. The spell of kindred is upon me, and the password of your social masonry I feel to be part of my native tongue, -Joseph Parker.

THE HOUSE WAS HAUNTED.

Scenes Witnessed in it Night After Night and Said it Wasn't a Dream.

While travelling from Fargo to St. Paul recently, writes Will Hubbard-Kernan in the New York Mercury, I became acquainthome in New York.

"Yes," he said, as he lit a cigar and took out here in Dakota near Park river, but I have left it forever.

"The climate is unsatisfactory, perhaps?" suggested.

"Oh. I can stand the climate, but-" He hesitated and looked out of the car window at the prairie unrolling itself before him as the train sped on.

"I can stand the climate," he continued, "but I can't stand-spectres!" I gave a start. What! This great, strap-

ping young fellow, seemingly in the full rapture and radiance of health, afraid of ghosts! Was he drunk? Was he demented? Or was he simply acting a ridiculous

I looked at him a little suspiciously. He saw the look and laughed. "Oh, I'm all right," he remarked, "but

maybe you would like to know why I spoke of spectres just now "

"Well, then, he began," "I went to Dakota in 1885-having been driven to the step by the fact that I had dropped the most of my little fortune in a Wall street speculation. I bought a farm in the vicinity of Park river, not far from the Manitoba line. It's a great grain country up there-produces colossal crops of No. 1 hard wheat when cyclones, droughts, frosts, hail-storms or prairie fires don't prevent Listening?" "Yes -certainly.

"There was an old two-storey frame house on the farm. It was in a very dilapidated condition, and I spent a good many dollars in getting it made habitable. Finally, one dreary October day I moved in, with the a black fellow who had drifted down that way from Winnipeg, and who had formerly been a slave in South Carolina.

"He arranged the furniture, built a roaring fire on the hearth, cooked my supper and started to leave.

"'I'll want your help right along, Jack," I said, 'so you may as well remain. You can have the attic room, and -' "Gosh amitey, boss! exclaimed Jack, World's Ticket Agent, Corner Johnson and On-

his ebony face taking on a look of terror. 'Gosh amitey! Wouldn't sleep in dis heah house fer nuffin' in de worl'.' " 'Why?'

"'Kase hit's got de'-and his voice fell to a low, creepy whisper-'hit's got de

" 'Bosh! What put such a foolish idea as that in your head?'

" 'Scuse me, boss, but hit am no foolishness. De man what built dis house kim a-stagg'rin' home one night and wus nebber seed ergin. No, sah! Nebber seed er-

" 'Was he a bachelor' "No, sah. He wus a marr'd man, an'

" 'Strange!' "'Yaas, boss, pow'ful strange. An' when de banker what had de mortgage on de place kim hyar fer his money he foun' ergin, quicker'n quick.'

" 'Yo'll fin' out why ef yo' stay heah till

"' 'Fiddlesticks! Here, take your money

"He thanked me sombrely and went his

"The dusk drew on. The clouds trailed round and 'round the house. The rains made the room as bright as though I had face turned toward the further wall. Sudbut I felt the presence of others - feit While I am in this country I expect to | it in an occult way. I watched the nameless fear and fascination. The man broad land? Is there room on such a con- | was tall, slender, straight as an Indian artinent for that venerable, but odious, mon- row. He wore a sombrero and a cloak, the ster, inconsistency? If any bigots gather | corners of which were thrown back over around me our first meeting will be our last. | his shoulders. His arms were folded tight-At the same time I venture to distinguish | ly on his breast. His attitude bespoke between bigotry and conviction. Who can | pride, scorn, ferocity. The woman was respect a man who has no conscience, no | kneeling at his feet, with bowed head and "The man finally turned away with a

haughty air. The woman rose to her feet, reeled for a moment and followed himfollowed him swiftly with open, outstretched hands. Her companion faced around suddenly, seized her by the throat, and planted a dagger in her heart.

"The flames leaped up, shone redly for one flying moment, and went out, leaving the seene in darkness.

"I sprang from my bed and lit the lamp. must have been dreaming,' I remarked to myself; but the strange, unearthly vision came again and again, night after nightcame when I was as wide awake as I am at the present moment, came when I was alone and when I had the companionship of friends.

"I am no spiritist, no believer in-the supernatural, but I am puzzled by the phenomenon of which I speak. A phenomenon that has finally driven me from my ranch. I shall never return to it." He turned his face to the car window as he spoke, and looked dreamily out at the eternal beauty of the sod and sky.

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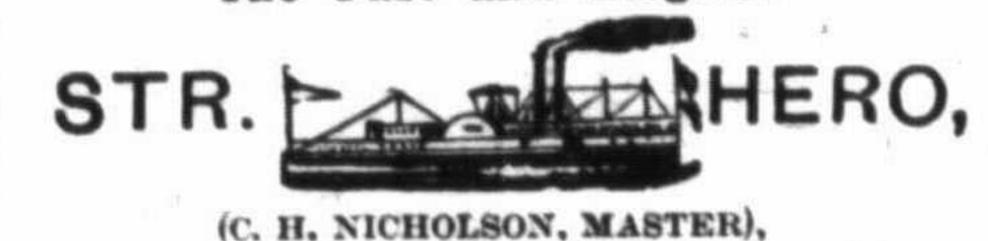
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