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Anecdotes of Dean Richmond.

The following characteristic anecdotes are related of the late Dean Richmond by one of our exchanges:

His bad habit of swearing to excess was one of the most notable of his characteristics, and much of his offensiveness to others resulted from it. It was merely a careless habit, however, and was really only the emphasis to his language. He swore without knowing it and in every presence. The habit once gave an acquaintance who did not know Mrs. Richmond a singular idea of that very elegant and christian lady entirely at variance with her true character. The gentleman had expressed his surprise that a railroad manager who traveled so much had never been present at any great railroad accident.

"Never have," said Richmond, "but expect to be some time. My wife, Mrs. Richmond, said to me only the other day, says she, 'Mr. Richmond, I expect some time or another in your d—d long trips you'll get your G—d—d brains knocked out by one of these infernal locomotives.'"

The gentleman's astonishment was only dispelled by further experience in hearing Mr. Richmond swear.

Another incident, illustrating this carelessness in using profane language, occurred during a consultation between Mr. Richmond and a committee of New York merchants, who were engaged in raising funds to aid in the election of Seymour in 1862. A Rev. Mr. Benedict had been arrested by Mr. Stanton, and kept some months in confinement for preaching a sermon on the text, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

Mr. Benedict, when released, stumped his county, told his troubles, and did much toward electing Seymour. The committee conferring with Mr. Richmond alluded to this affair, and asked what effect it would have in Benedict's part of the State.

"That will help, that will help," he answered. "I met Mr. Benedict just after his release, and he told me, said he, 'Mr. Richmond, I'm going back to Erie, by G—d, sir, and I intend to hire a horse and wagon, and go over every d—d inch of the soil till I raise every G—d—d secondrel in the county to vote for Seymour.'"

"You don't mean to say, Mr. Richmond," said a committeeman, "that the Rev. Mr. Benedict swore in that manner?"

"No, no," said Richmond, apologetically, "but, by G—d, he meant it.

So absolutely innocent was the man in this careless use of vulgar and profane language that he was frequently led into serious mishaps by them. A minister once approached him with an introductory letter from Richmond's wife, containing a request that he should be passed over the Central Railroad "on her account." Mr. Richmond received the minister with great courtesy, and was about to write him a free pass, when the other begged him not to do so if it was in any way a violation of the rules of the road.

"Not at all," said Mr. Richmond, writing away, "every d—d vagabond in the country comes to me for passes. You are entitled to one."

He never saw the mistake he had made, and the minister was obliged to exercise his good nature in suggesting, as an explanation, that he had meant that, as every vagabond got a pass, certainly a minister of the Gospel was entitled to one.

One of these vagabonds applied to Mr. Richmond for a pass just after a bitter political contest, during which the vagabond, who had been in charge of a political campaign paper, had greatly abused the Albany regency generally, and Dean Richmond in particular. Mr. Richmond knew him, but, without hesitation, and with apparent satisfaction, gave him a pass from Buffalo to Albany. The "vagabond" read it over, and, handing it back to him, said:

"Please, Mr. Richmond, add to it 'and return.'"

"Oh!" said Mr. Richmond, "your are coming back, are you? See you d—d first. Pay your way!" And with that he destroyed the pass, and the "vagabond" "sloped."

An episode of this is related, but of its truthfulness we can not so well vouch. It is said that Mr. Buchanan subsequently requested an intimate friend to call on Mr. Richmond while in this city, previous to his departure for Charleston, to "pump" him on the same subject. The story goes that this gentleman, after much circumlocution, asked Mr. Richmond the plain question, "Now, Mr. Richmond, can you tell me confidentially, how your New York delegation is going?" "Well," replied Mr. R., "I think some of them are going by land and some by water." "I don't mean that," was the response; "I mean how are they going to vote?" "Oh!" said Mr. Richmond, "I don't know, and I don't believe they know themselves." This closed the interview.

Burglary as a Fine Art.

A PERFECT SET OF TOOLS.

[From the Philadelphia Telegraph.]

An assortment of burglarious tools recently came into the possession of our police authorities. They were captured in New York, by detectives George H. Smith and Taggart, at the time that the notorious Roberts and Mason were taken in custody in that city. The history of these desperate men is not without romantic interest. Roberts is an American, who was well known to the police of this city fifteen years ago. About that time he forsook this country for England, where he prosecuted his calling with success for a time, but finally fell into the hands of the authorities, and was transported to Van Diemen's Land. Obtaining a ticket-of-leave, he returned to England, where he organized a gang of kindred spirits for operations in his native land.

One of them, Thomas Baskerville by name, is now serving out a term in the penitentiary for the robbery of a store some years ago at Eighth and Filbert streets; another is still at large and has thus far eluded the vigilance of the police, while the other, John Mason, is keeping company with Roberts in Moyamensing prison. But little is known about the previous history of these Englishmen except that one of them belonged to the Manchester, and another to the London mob. That the whole gang comprised the most skillful and energetic burglars who have ever cursed the United States with their presence, is abundantly proved by the success which has attended their operations up to the time of their capture.

When Roberts and his colleagues crossed the ocean, they brought with them the most perfect set of tools that our detectives have encountered. But at the very outset of their cis-Atlantic career they came to grief. In an attempt to force an entrance into the safe of a country bank, they lost the most valuable portion of their outfit. Being likewise short of funds, they found it necessary to resort to the petty burglaries of March and April last. In these they were entirely successful, and with the funds thus secured they proceeded to replenish their supply of instruments, and were about entering upon some gigantic enterprise, which would have astonished the country and amply repaid them for all previous disappointments, when Messrs. Smith and Taggert suddenly pounced down upon and put an end to the scheme.

In their possession were found the tools with which they had intended to operate. Among them were some fifty or sixty skeleton keys of the most varied and intricate construction. They were likewise provided with little cakes of white wax, on which they took the impression of keys of which duplicates were required. Pincers, jimmies, taps and bits without number were also in store. Some of these bear the trade-mark of "J. Back, London," and are probably a portion of their original stock. But the most formidable and ingenious piece of mechanism which they possessed, and the construction of which showed that they were consummate masters of their art, was an instrument for opening a safe in a quiet way. The instrument which they imported from England, and lost in their first essay at its use, weighed about one hundred pounds.

In the construction of the new one they made some improvements, besides reducing its weight to 56 pounds. This machine, the like of which was never before seen in America, consists simply of a bar iron one inch in thickness, three inches in width, and three or four feet long. By means of wooden trestles placed at either end and secured to the floor with screws, this bar is held in place before the safe. Midway in the length of the iron bar there is a threaded hole through which the drill is worked by means of a crank. The drill itself is very ingenious, and has all the necessary appliances for keeping the bit pressed hard against the safe door. When the outer coating of the safe is once perforated, the bit is replaced by a tap, by which threads are formed around the aperture.

At this point the drill is laid aside and a thread ed bolt inserted in its place. Blocks of wood are then placed against the trestles to prevent them from being drawn in against the safe, and everything is ready for the final operation. This is not as easily understood as the preliminaries, but its result is the gradual forcing outward of the exterior surface of the safe door. Taken altogether, the whole operation is one of the most ingenious ever devised. There are probably not more than two or three safes in the United States that could resist it successfully.

As an instance of the value of small things, it is ascertained that eyelets, costing but seventeen or eighteen cents per thousand, are consumed to the value of four million dollars per year, so that over two hundred and fifty thousand millions of these little conveniences are annually used in hoop-skirts, shoes, etc.

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