

ANECDOTES OF MEN AND WOMEN PROMINENT IN THE PUBLIC EYE

DURING the first rehearsal in New York of Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske's new Biblical play, the stage manager, in consultation with Mrs. Fiske and one of his assistants, said:

"We are a little cramped here, but in this corner, I think, there will be room enough to put the twelve apostles."

The assistant pushed back one of the scenes.

"There!" he said. "That gives a lot of extra space. Now you can get on all the apostles you want. Twenty-four, if necessary."

PROF. J. Scott Clark, of Northwestern University, is extremely absent-minded when at work. Prof. Clark, it will be remembered, recently became prominent through his assertion that a married man could live comfortably and save \$100 yearly on an annual income of but \$200.

This gentleman last summer, while spending a week in the country with a friend, occupied himself with the preparation of a lecture on a sociological nature. One afternoon he did not come down to luncheon very promptly, and his companion, growing weary of waiting, ate the steak that was on the table, and then put the cover on the empty platter, ordering another steak to be cooked for Prof. Clark.

That gentleman finally appeared in the dining-room, an absorbed look in his eyes. He sat himself at the table, removed the cover from the meat dish, perceived the dish was empty, and murmured:

"I am very absent-minded. I had quite forgotten I had just lunched."

And, rising, he returned to his room and his work again.

IN a recess of the Molineux trial in New York, District Attorney Osborne discussed one afternoon the value of circumstantial evidence with a group of reporters.

"Suppose," he said, "that I am talking to a milkman. This milkman claims there is no water in his can of milk. He tells me that he milked the cow himself; that he washed out the can; that he strained the milk—and then, while he is speaking, out leaps a frog from the can. That frog's evidence is circumstantial, but nevertheless, it is much stronger than the man's, which is direct."

HIS editorial duties on "The Commoner" brought William Jennings Bryan recently to New York, and during his visit he dined one evening with a family wherein there was a little girl.

This little girl, after dinner, sat reading some Eastern fairy tales. Suddenly she looked up from her book and said:

"Mr. Bryan, what kind of a bird is the bul-bul?"

"It is a brother to the coo-coo, my dear," Mr. Bryan answered.

GOVERNOR-ELECT PENNY-PACKER, of Pennsylvania, is an unusually good Latin and Greek scholar, and while president judge of the common pleas court of Philadelphia—an office that he resigned on his nomination for the governorship—he would occasionally point some re-

mark with an apt quotation from the classics.

One day he did this in ruling out a question, whereupon the lawyer whose case had suffered from the ruling, said petulantly:

"Talk English, your honor. I never was a schoolmaster."

"Nor a pupil either, perhaps?" the judge suggested quietly.

MR. WHISTLER, the American-born painter, who lives abroad, has a gift of repartee that would have made him famous even if he had not had the artist's gift. The American colony in London has been laughing of late at a retort made by Mr. Whistler to Le Gallienne, the poet.

Whistler, in his best manner, had enunciated one of his most brilliant epigrams.

Le Gallienne, as the laughter died away, said enviously:

"I wish I had said that, Jimmie."

"You will, Richard," Whistler answered.

THE late Paul Leicester Ford had, as everyone knows, a deformity of the spine. Any reference to this, he resented, sometimes with considerable acrimony.

On one occasion, in Ford's youth, he paid an overbold compliment to a girl whom he admired.

"You are," he said, "the handsomest young woman I have ever seen."

The girl, vexed, answered rudely:

"I wish I could say as much for you, Mr. Ford."

"You could," Ford retorted, "if you would lie as I did."

REV. CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY, the minister-author, has a country house on the Delaware, and is very fond of the shad that run up this broad stream in the spring and early summer.

The fishermen of the neighborhood are aware of Mr. Brady's weakness, and take pains to cater to it. They never fail, on the first spring casting of the seine, to present one of their largest shad to the clergyman.

But last spring the first cast was made on a Sunday, and the fishermen hesitated therefore about making Mr. Brady their usual gift. Finally, though, they decided to risk it, and one of their number called at the Brady residence with a fine shad.

"Mr. Brady," he said, "I took the liberty of bringing you this fish."

"Thank you, Tom. Thank you," said the minister, and he relieved the other of the shad.

"Only I must tell you," said Tom, "that the catch was made on a Sunday, sir."

Mr. Brady frowned. He half extended the shad to the fisherman, then he half drew it back again.

"Well, Tom," he said at length, "I'll keep it, any way. What happened was wrong, but surely it was not this poor fish's fault."

THE late Col. Tom P. Ochiltree had a joke that he worked frequently on the unsuspecting. He would take out of his pocket a letter, turn the pages over, and say, with a laugh:

"Here is a letter from my friend Mackay. Mackay is a queer speller. He slips up on the easiest words some times. Here, for instance, he writes 'dog.' Now, I'll give you five guesses, and I'll bet you a bottle of wine that you can't tell me how Mackay spells 'dog' here."

The colonel's listener, if he took the bet, would guess that the word was spelled "dawg," "dogk," "doge," "daug," etc., till his five guesses were done. Then Colonel Ochiltree would say:

"You lose, my boy. Mackay spells 'dog' 'd-o-g' here."

COLONEL OCHILTREE used to tell a story of how he once lost \$1,000,000.

"It was at a banquet," he would say, "and Senator Hearst, of California, sat beside me. Hearst told how,

years before, he and his party had once been helped across the Platte by a brave red-haired boy. The boy, to do this deed, had risked his life. Senator Hearst, as he talked on, got enthusiastic in his gratitude to the lad.

"Why," he said, "if I could only find that boy tonight, I'd make him a present of \$1,000,000."

"I could restrain myself no longer at this point. I burst into tears."

"Senator," I said, "I am that red-haired boy. Behold the boy in me."

"But Hearst said: 'Ochiltree, you lie.'"

"And thus I lost a million."

ENGLAND has lost her most powerful and most popular pupil orator in the death of the Rev. Joseph Parker, of the London City Temple. Mr. Parker, who was sometimes called the British Beecher, in one of his last sermons described his first attempt at missionary work in the London prisons.

"The criminal," he said, "whom I first tried my youthful hand upon was ac-

cused of the murder of a woman. The case against him seemed a good one, and the future of the poor fellow looked black. This man, when I visited his cell, welcomed me and received my advice in a flattering manner. He could not talk with me enough upon spiritual matters. He asked to see me daily, and it did my heart good to note how sedulously he studied the little black Bible I gave to him.

"All through his trial his piety con-

tinued to be fervent and deep. The man showed a religious unction truly remarkable and unique. In the end he was acquitted, and I shall never forget my last visit to him in his cell, a few moments before his release and departure.

"On my entry he looked up from his packing, and, recognizing me, extended the Bible which had been my gift, and which he had so carefully perused during his peril.

"Here, sir," he said, "allow me to return this book to you. I hope never to have use for it again."



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