

WILKIE COLLINS' SECRET.

The Dead Novelist Was a Slave to London—
From the San Francisco Examiner.
Almost with his dying breath Wilkie Collins said:
"I want a simple funeral and no feathers, no crapes, no forms nor ceremonies."
His wishes were executed to the letter. There is little to say about the modest manner in which the master of so many plots was laid to rest, but now that he is gone all sorts of strange stories are current about his life and the innermost secrets of the novelist who sought above all things to shield himself and his home from the gaze and comment of his fellow-men, are the topic of the hour.
Edmund Yates set the ball rolling in a signed article in his paper, the London World, in which he says:
"It was during the progress of the 'Moonstone,' I believe, that Wilkie Collins first acquired the habit of taking sedatives, which he continued more or less throughout his life. Excited beyond measure by the constant nerve pressure created by a necessity of having every thread of his story constantly within his grasp, suffering under a sharp attack of rheumatic gout in his eyes and distracted at the same time by the serious illness of his mother, to whom he was devotedly attached, Wilkie Collins did as Coleridge, De Quincey and no end of other eminent men in the fraternity had done before him—he sought and found relief in opium."
"On this subject I almost fear to write, lest I should be suspected of exaggeration, but from what he himself told me and from what I heard from friends of even greater intimacy with him, I believe that about that period and for a greater part of his after life Wilkie Collins was in the habit of taking daily and without apparent serious effect more laudanum—not Babbalanja's nor any other medicinal preparation but absolutely pure—than would have sufficed to kill an entire ship's crew or a whole company of soldiers. This amount was, of course, arrived at slowly and by degrees."
An actor who knew Collins intimately remarked to the New York World correspondent to-day at the funeral:
"I have seen Collins drink five glasses of laudanum at one swallow without it affecting him in the least. He suffered some injury when a young man, which rendered it necessary that he should take opium to kill the pain. Life would have been almost unbearable to him without it."
It will be some days before the will of Wilkie Collins will be offered for probate, but it is well known among his intimate friends that he provided liberally in it for the three children whom he acknowledges as his own. They were at the funeral with their mother, and one of the numerous beautiful wreaths which surrounded the coffin was from them. But they were not among the chief mourners, and kept out of view as much as possible. They never met near Wilkie Collins' house, and few people ever heard of them. In his will Wilkie Collins refers to these children as his own, and leaves one-half of his estate which, it is said, will not exceed \$100,000, to be divided in their interest. The mother of the children was a housemaid in the employ of Wilkie Collins' mother and was very devoted to her while she lived. The other half of Wilkie Collins' fortune goes to his housekeeper, Mrs. Graves, while she lives, and to the novelists adopted daughter, Mrs. Bartley, on her mother's death. This adopted daughter, a child of his housekeeper, has been a great pet of Collins, for years doing all his work as amanuensis.
Olive Logan's invaluable article in this morning's World gives to the public for the first time Wilkie Collins' method of work.
"I had been that morning to the British Museum," writes Miss Logan, "where in an old magazine I had found a paper by Bulwer Lytton on the art of writing fiction, in which he said that all that was necessary was to start with the process of letting the incidents and denouement of your novel suggest themselves en route. I wonder he preserved his sanity under such a method."
"There is but one way to write a good novel," said Mr. Collins.
"That way must be very familiar to you, as you have written so many good ones. Will you not impart it to me?"
"With pleasure," replied the great novelist. "I am always glad to give hints to young writers. In the first place you must think out your plot in its main features before you put pen to paper. You must know how you are going to continue and to end your story. You must then divide your novel in parts, which I myself call 'books,' and which correspond to the acts of a play. The most thrilling incident must come as the denouement to end your fourth part, and number five is a satisfactory unravelling of everything, as in the fifth act of a play."
"Undoubtedly many incidents and characters will suggest themselves as you are writing, and these may, in some degree, modify your original intention, but in the main ones the method should be what I have said, to know how you are going to end before you begin."
"The secret of the study of human nature is to get out of the beaten track in ideas. The popular impression, I believe, for ages has been that fat people are necessarily good hearted. Now, I never observed that fat people were any more good humored or virtuous than any other people, and that is the reason why I made Count Fosco a fat man. A fat villain was an absolute novelty in fiction, though not so, I maintain, in fact."
"You are so prolific a writer that it is evident you must work very hard."
"I write all day long, absolutely. I work like any other laborer. Immediately after breakfast I seat myself at my desk and work without intermission until luncheon time, and then again straight on till dinner."
"I used to write at night, but I was compelled to give that up."
"How about those ghosts you have summoned for use in your fiction?"
"Yes; accompanied by their friends they clustered together just beyond the smoke from my pipe and stared at me with glassy eyes, and at times I was forced to jump up, seize my hat, and go the club."
He was interested.
Teacher—Boys, I would like to impress upon your young minds the necessity of forgiving and forgetting. Forgive the injury your companions may have done you, and forget the feelings of revenge that have filled your heart.
Small Boy (whispering to teacher)—Teacher, won't you please say that all over again? Jimmy Pease says he's going to wallopp me within an inch of my life after Sunday school, and I want him to forget all about it.
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From the Burlington Free Press.
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