

DR. MARY WALKER.

How She Once Tried to Prevent Two Gentlemen from Smoking and Filled.

"Dr. Mary Walker? Oh, yes, I know Mary very well. I made her acquaintance way down in Texas shortly after the war."

The speaker was Henry F. Sanger, who leaned back in his chair and puffed meditatively on his cigar. "I was on my way," he said, "to attend the first state fair held in Texas at Houston. I took the baggage, and ashawls began to issue from the vehicle in endless profusion, and were followed by a mite of humanity dressed in the half-made, half-female garb which advertised the name of Dr. Mary Walker throughout the land. She flew about on the wharf issuing peremptory orders to the porters, the ship's officers, and in fact everybody within reach of her voice. She was accompanied by a tall, lank individual of uncertain age, with oiled locks which hung over his shirt collar, and a carefully-waxed mustache, the ends of which were reduced to a point fine enough to thread a needle. He conducted the great Mary—or rather, Mary conducted him,—up the gang-plank with considerable ceremony, and they disappeared from the view of the curious passengers."

"When the dinner hour arrived I went down to the dining saloon with a friend. We found the room uncomfortably crowded, and concluded to go to the after-deck and smoke until the crowd had thinned out. Smoking was not prohibited on the after-deck, but we found a couple of sailors who asked their permission before lighting our cigars. We smoked and chatted away there for several minutes when the rasping of the name of Mary Walker fell upon our ears."

"I thought those nasty cigars away!" "I smoked on, pretending not to have heard the name, until the sailor who voiced the prohibition said, 'I want you men to throw those nasty cigars away at once. They offend me.'"

"My companion bowed toward the two ladies near by and inquired, 'Is our smoking here, ladies?' "Oh, no, no," they expostulated, 'keep your cigars, gentlemen.'"

"We renewed our conversation and calmly smoked. 'Men, don't smoke,' she exclaimed. 'Only brutes in the form of men will defile their mouths with vile tobacco. Any man with a mother, wife, daughters, a sweetheart, or anybody whom he respects is a disgrace to her or them, and to me if he smokes or chews tobacco.'"

"This was delivered with an attempt at oratorical effect that was really laughable. 'Sir, began my friend. 'Don't stir me! I am Dr. Mary Walker, and you know it. Don't pretend that you don't know my sex.'"

"Well, then, madam, I just want to say right here that I have a mother, I also have a wife and five children. Some of 'em are girls. I have a grand-ama and seven other relatives, and the last time I counted I had thirty-nine female cousins. My sweethearts are as numerous as the stars in the heavens, and I kiss 'em every chance I get. I have chewed tobacco like a veteran for forty-seven years, and I smoke whenever I feel like it."

"The doctor danced around like a bug on a hot griddle. At this juncture the ship's steward appeared upon the scene. She laid hands upon the doctor and demanded that 'those dirty loafers' be required to throw their cigars away."

"That smoking is allowed on the after-deck," expostulated the steward. "You are no gentleman, so there, now," replied the doctor. "I'll send the captain," said the steward, alertly withdrawing from the doctor's grasp. "Perhaps he'll fix matters to suit you."

"Presently the captain appeared. He quietly listened to a repetition of Dr. Walker's tirade, and then, in explanation of about fifty passengers who had by this time surrounded us, and then quietly laid his hand upon the doctor's shoulder. "I am captain of this ship," he said, "and my word here is, if you don't go into your stateroom at once I'll put you in irons, and Mary went."

"Then everybody smoked. Men who didn't smoke once a year lighted cigars, and even the ladies smoked cigarettes. I never saw Dr. Walker but once after that. She was in New Orleans and in the custody of a police officer, who arrested her for 'masquerading in male attire.'—Detroit Post.

The First of the Drummers.

Daniel R. Wolf, of Chambersburg, says he is the first commercial traveler who ever went on the road. In 1844 he went to Philadelphia as a salesman for a dry-goods house. "Trade was dull that year," says Mr. Wolf, "and I suggested to my employer the idea of sending someone out among the country merchants to drum up trade."

"Who will be the drummer?" asked one of the firm. "I will," he replied, and they sent me out. That was the origin of the term 'drummer,' by which all traveling salesmen are now known. I went on the road and solicited trade among the merchants of southern and central Pennsylvania and New Jersey. For five years I carried no samples, filling my customers' orders from samples provided by themselves. In 1848 it struck me of a sudden that this was necessarily keeping my trade limited, and that if I carried a line of samples of my goods, I could introduce new goods and more of them. I sent to the firm and showed them that the samples were coming from the wrong end of the line, and they gave me a pocket and furnished me with samples. From that year dates the custom of carrying samples by drummers."

Mr. Wolf has been constantly on the road ever since his pioneer trip among the country merchants, and at the age of nearly 70 is still drumming up trade for a Philadelphia house.—Philadelphia News.

To Start a Bally Hoop.

A big, fine-looking, high-stopping, head-in-the-air, nervous horse was driven down Central street yesterday afternoon attached to a bally hoop. The driver told him to go on, but he didn't move. The other man got out and tried to lead him, but he was so nervous that he was afraid to touch him. The driver began to lose his temper and look up the whip when a horse-looking man came from the rear of the theater, and taking in the situation at a glance said: "Hold on a minute; I'll start you."

"He went to the rear of the buggy and pushed it steadily against the horse. The horse found it necessary to take a step forward, that step led to others, and he trotted off down the street as easily as a bed."

"It's no use to try to lead a horse like that, or to thrash him," said the horse man. "He is green. He never has been driven much, and he doesn't know what is wanted of him."—Florester Telegram.

The first horse ever numbered in London was an alighting cart of Northumberland House, Strand.

MISSING LINKS.

The popularity of Iowa tenets is making the English women topside. The Polish people never swear in their own language, but always in Russian.

Ignatius Donnelly's Baconian alphabet has been copyrighted in twelve different languages.

A gray crane, measuring six feet one inch and a half from tip to tip, was shot near New Wilmington, Pa.

According to Fred Douglas, Theodore Tilton's hair has grown crimson color. But then Theodore always was eccentric.

In Chicago a few days ago a Mr. Halter married Miss Rope and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mr. Knott. The couple seem to be securely tucked.

J. E. Sherman, of Cape Charles, Va., has raised \$16,000 worth of kale from fifty acres, or \$320 per acre. His net profit is \$12,500, or \$250 per acre.

There were 7,558 photographers in the United States in 1870 and 9,999 in 1880. There are now about 11,000 persons engaged in the business in this country.

A 'cyclo' who has returned to his home in Maplewood, N. J., after a trip through Europe and Africa, on his tricycle says he covered 12,000 miles, at an expense of \$200.

Mrs. O'Neill is said to have made \$500,000 in the laundry business at Bar Harbor during the past four Summers. She has a monopoly of the trade, and even a monopoly in soiled linen pays.

In the sheriff's office at Santa Cruz, Cal., there are posted advertisements offering rewards aggregating in the neighborhood of \$80,000 to be paid for the arrest and conviction of various murderers, robbers, burglars, and absconders.

Mr. Joseph Francis, the famous inventor of life-saving apparatus, who has long been a resident of New Jersey, has gone to San Diego, Cal., to live permanently. Mr. Francis is now 89 years old. He is accompanied by his son, who is past 50.

Cincinnati is to have a monument to the memory of President Harrison. Artists are now at work on the design, and a selection will soon be made. The statue will be unveiled in the fall of 1888, on the centennial anniversary of the city of Cincinnati.

H. Rider Haggard is a slender man, with a fine head and a strong, well-balanced face. He is not much over 50. He has plenty of time before him in which to do good work in fiction if he will but avoid the production of hurried and unfinished stories.

It is reported that a rich American is about to establish a paper factory at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, with a capital of at least \$500,000. The principal material used will be "lechuguilla," a fibrous plant which grows abundantly in that section.

A memorial to the late Charles Reade has been unveiled in the crypt of St. Paul's. It is a simple white marble medallion portrait, bearing the inscription: "The memory of Charles Reade, D. C. L. Born 8th June, 1814; died 11th April, 1884. Author, dramatist, journalist. His medalion is placed to the bust of George Cruikshank."

A Nevada City man has found a stone in shape of a general certificate of interest on improved lands for a term of five years with privilege of paying \$100 or any multiple thereof at any interest pay day. Interest payable annually or semi-annually to suit borrower. We can also supply you with home money at all times."

Col. John H. Pierce, who lives at Plantville, a little manufacturing town in New England on the New Haven & Northampton road, is preparing to astonish the world by his inventive genius. He claims that he has provided the practicability of establishing passenger traffic between this country and England by means of pneumatic tubes placed under the ocean. He thinks that in the future a man will be able to breakfast in New York and take lunch in London.

Capt. John Alden of Duxbury, Mass., 73 years old, a lineal descendant of John Alden, who courted Priscilla Mullins for Miles Standish, and was in the chair in which John and Priscilla sat when they first needed one chair, and points out the chair to prove it.

Gelebert Poltzieser, of Chicago, is dead, at the age of seventy-three. He was the oldest saloon-keeper in the City of Tyndal, and was born in Chicago in 1812, and opened a grocery and bar. Besides his distinction as the oldest saloon-keeper in Chicago he also enjoyed the reputation of being the heaviest man in that city. In 1869 he weighed 490 pounds. His weight decreased as he grew older, but still registered over 300 pounds at the time of his death. He leaves a fortune of about \$90,000 to his wife and children.

Mr. C. B. Cox, the editor of the Richmond Dispatch, has received wages due him as "No. 5." The Richmond State explains that some time ago there was a vessel in distress off the island. The captain of the life-boat, and he needed a crew. His call for volunteers was answered by Mr. Cox, who professed the name of "No. 5." As "No. 5" knew what he was about, the ship was reached and saved.

The Royal Meteorological Society is desirous of obtaining photographs of flashes of lightning, as it is believed that a great deal of research on this subject can only be pursued by means of a camera. If a rapid dry plate and an ordinary rapid doublet with full aperture be left uncovered at night during a thunderstorm for a short time flashes of light will, after development, be found in some cases to have introduced themselves upon the plate. The only difficulty is the uncertainty whether any particular flash will happen to have been in the field of view.

Charles Stuart Calverley, who wrote "Fly Leaves," was a frequent visitor at the dean's lodge when a student at Cambridge. One evening when he was there the children's bedtime came, and they said "Good-night." One little missy of "No. 5" and was leaving his father and mother and was leaving the room when her mother said: "Why, my dear, are you not going to kiss Mr. Calverley?"

Jeffrey Wilson, a colored man, who died recent at Urbana, Ga., is believed to have been the oldest person in the world. He was born in Boone county, Virginia in 1778, and was a slave from his birth to the close of the late war. He had two wives. By the first he became the father of eight children, three of whom are living, the average of their ages being 80 years—the eldest being 97 and the youngest 79 years. By his second wife he had nine children, six of whom are living, the average age being 52 years—the eldest being 68 and the youngest 41 years. He had 6 grand-children, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild, his offspring extending through 4 generations, there being 105 souls. In his veins flowed the blood of three races—white, negro, and Indian,—and to this fact is attributed his great longevity. His second wife is now living, aged 85 years.

The New York Mail and Express says at one of those days and people every nation will have their theater in New York.

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