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BEING AN ALPHABETICAL RECORD
OF THE ANTHROPOPHAGI, AND
OTHER STRANGE THINGS EXISTING
AT THE CLOSE OF
THAT PERIOD OF TIME: AS SET DOWN BY
ONE Wallis Macklay

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By
John
MacQueen
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LONDON: JOHN MACQUEEN
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Time was when Horn Books were as familiar in the household as the Family Bible and the Tradesman's Almanack are at the present time. They are now almost obsolete, even as a relic of other days.

When the Worshipful Company of Horners held a Loan Exhibition at the Mansion House in 1882, though special efforts were made to secure the fullest possible display, the total number of Horn Books shown was eight.

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JOHN MACQUEEN.
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F Introductions there are various and divers modes. The selection of one suitable to an occasion or circumstance is a matter of delicacy and tact, to be happily or unhappily determined by the Introducer.

As, for example, one would not introduce a Scion of Nobility to, say, a Financial Magnate, by the same process that a Shoemaker may be introduced to a Tailor.
INTRODUCTORY.

The introduction of a Book to the Reading and Thinking World should be performed, as I venture to suggest, with becoming Modesty and Brevity. To Wit:—

"Mr Purchaser—Mr Publisher.
Mr Publisher—Mr Purchaser.

Or,

"Buyer—Bookseller.
Bookseller—Buyer."

Suum Cuique.

W. M.
Actors.

Legitimate. = Illegitimate.

Great Unacted.
Ye Study of Ye Horn Book
Actors.

Actors are divided into two classes: the Acted, and the Unacted.

Of the latter little can be said, save that, although they are not occupied in entertaining the populace, they still contrive to maintain a "public" life. They soon lose their spirits (being expensive), and existence becomes bitter—sometimes four-penny ale.

Of the Acted it may be observed that they are again divided, being of their kind Legitimate and Illegitimate.

The Legitimate depend chiefly upon the superiority of their heads, the Illegitimate on the excellence of their other extremities.

Through popular favour each is, however, well able to make both ends meet.
Brokers.

The name is derived from those who have "broken" or "break up."

The Domestic Broker, though as tenacious of the fireside as a cat, will break up a homestead at the slightest provocation.

The Stock Broker is of two kinds, though very similar in appearance; the difference between them being their various methods of "breaking." The "Outside" Broker will get inside your pocket, while the "Inside" Broker will get outside your banking account. That is all the distinction.

Stock Brokers sometimes break themselves.
Chamberlains

Transvaal-Valentine & Orson
Chamberlains.

Although originally adapted from French Comic Opera, the Chamberlain is an ancient and time-honoured Institution.

The duty of a Chamberlain is to instruct young Royalties and other Exalted Persons in Courtly Manners and Deportment. So necessary are such usages in the conduct of International affairs, that even Small Republics are to be found imitating Greater Nations in this particular, and their Presidents are constrained to take Lessons from a Chamberlain.
A Bull Dog developed by the Use of the Muzzle.

A Present for A Good Dog.
Dogs.

The Dog is a very intelligent animal, and Man's most Faithful Friend.
He is therefore looked upon with grave suspicion by the Police.
A policeman will hunt down and capture a dog that neglects to wear a Muzzle, with more assiduity than he will devote to tracking a Burglar.
The sport is less dangerous, and the Honour and Glory just as great.

Muzzles for Dogs were instituted by a Benign Government, in the hope that being deprived of the use of his Fangs, the Dog might in time develop Claws and other defensive growths, eventually placing himself on an equal footing with the common or back-garden Cat and the playful Goat.
Dogs drink nothing stronger than Water; therefore they have to be Licensed.
Eagles.

Eagles are Noble Birds, much given to Soaring. The Eagle to soar most in these times is the American. This has made other Eagles sore in a different way; especially the German one. This latter is an interesting bird, trained to many accomplishments; its claws are so sharp, however, that it has to be carried about on a Mailed Fist. In visiting distant places, such as the Holy Land, a "Cook's Tourist" Mail Steamer is used instead.

In England the Eagle is not thought much of, as it is not good eating. It is chiefly used there as a sign for Public Houses, but claims respect of the Cultured as being the Crest of Master William Shakespeare.
Truth will prevail.

That length!
Fishermen.

This is a curious Race of Creatures, chiefly haunting places known as “the Angler’s Rest,” where they play a game called “Tell me another.” The object of the game is to tell a story about a fish, and if a Fisherman can find another to believe him, the other is “out,” and has to pay.

They spend part of their money in Strong Cordials, and the remainder in purchasing whatever fish is fresh and seasonable in the Market.

This is called “Catching.”
Golf.

Golf is a very Manly Sport, and is therefore much pursued by Lovely Woman.

It is played with Sticks, Balls, and Technical Terms. These must be used under the supervision and direction of Professors who are known as "Caddies."
Hooligans and Hooley gangs
Hooligans and Hooley Gangs.

The two Classes denoted by names so nearly allied in sound, are widely different in reality. The Hooligans are at the bottom of the Social Scale, while the Hooley gangs are at the very top, until what time, through their own Indiscretion—or that of their friends—they fall.

It is easier to Fall than to Rise.

The Hooligans are never elevated, except by Music Hall Singers—and the Hangman.

When the Hooley gangs are brought before Justice, they are placed in “the Box”; under similar circumstances the Hooligans are put in “the Dock.”

Hooley gangs most dread “letting the cat out of the bag.”

Hooligans have an equal terror of letting “The Cat” into the back.
Ice.

Ice is a concoction of Rotten Eggs, Damaged Sugar, Poisonous Flavouring Matter, and Sewage Water.

It is prepared and vended by itinerant Italian Merchants, who are strongly backed up by Syndicates of Microbes.

Children of the poorer class consume this delicacy with avidity, finding it more pleasant and certain than Measles or Croup.

The sale of it is tolerated by the Authorities as a safeguard against Over-population.

The Vendors of this commodity realise large profits, and, returning to their own Country, purchase titles, or become Anarchists and devote their time to “removing” Members of Royal Households.
Johnnies.

Stage Door

The Paphian Club

The Privolity Theatre

The Alhampsire Theatre of Varieties
Johnnies.

This is a distinct product of the end of the 19th Century, and yet is very similar to "the small gilded fly" referred to by King Lear.

Johnnies are usually most lively at night time, and may be seen hovering about the lamps of Theatres and other after-dark Resorts.

The lighter class of the Fair Sex capture these Creatures, and for a time keep them about them, as they do their Muffs and other Comforters.

This generally costs the Johnnie his Money, if not his Life; but he does not Mind.

He cannot.

He has not got any.
Kaffirs.

City Kaffirs.
Kaffirs.

Kaffirs were originally the Lords of the Soil in Africa, but all that became changed, and the Kaffirs had to be just whatever the ingenuous Mr Cecil Rhodes desired.

He would Shadow out what they were to be, and presently it would become Reality.

Mr Rhodes once shadowed out a Railway, and some people laughed at him, but when it became real, they wanted to play at Railways too, and then they found out that he was not playing, but in earnest.

City Men keep Kaffirs on Paper. Paper Kaffirs are more valuable than those made of flesh and blood.
Legal.

Before Legal Proceedings "IN CHANCERY"

After Treatment
Legal.

Law is the most efficacious Medicine for reducing the System that has ever been discovered. The Legal Process will reduce the finest constitution to a mere shadow of its former self.

The Lord Chancellor is the Head of all Legal matters, but as he changes with the changes of Government, it is difficult to determine what his headpiece may be like.

He sits on the Woolsack: This is a bag stuffed with the fleece of Human Sheep that have been Shorn by Lawyers.
A Few Facts

Memoirs.

BISMARCK

HERE LIES THE BEST MAN EVERLIVED

HERE LIES A BETTER MAN THAN THAT

HERE LIES THE BEST OF ALL THREE
Memoirs.

A Great Thinker (and Vegetarian), George Bernard Shaw, has written that all Autobiographical Statements are Lies. On the moral support of this Edict, it is not too much to say that all Memoirs are "Tarrididdles."

Great Men suffer from this Epidemic, but as the attacks do not generally take place until after death, they do not much heed them. "Good Wine needs no Bush," said the immortal Shakespeare. "Neither does a good life," adds the shade of Bismarck.

Obscurer lives have been known to be prolonged to ripe old age, in sheer dread of what "— good natured friends" might say of them on Tombstones, and through the "In Memoriam" columns of the Daily Papers.
November.

We won't go home till morning.

[Caricature of a man and woman with children following them]
November.

November in London is noted for the Birth of the Prince of Wales, the Death of Guy Fawkes, and the Accession of the Lord Mayor.

This latter event is observed by a Solemn Ceremony known as the Lord Mayor's Show. In this Function the City Fathers, aided by Sanger's Circus and a few Ballet girls (in short skirts and chest preservers), brave the dangers of damp fog and street-boy badinage. The Prince of Wales and Guy Fawkes have to content themselves with less imposing marks of Popularity, in the shape of illuminations of various kinds.
Omdurman.

This delightful Resort on the banks of the Nile, was opened up by an enterprising English Company (Managing Director: General Lord Kitchener), and offers a pleasant place whereat the jaded Egyptian may spend from Saturday till Monday.

The Gordon's Hotel is replete with every comfort, and since the installation of the Electric Light, Dervishes, Baggaras, and other objectionable characters have entirely disappeared from the Boulevards and River-side Terraces.
Paupers.

These are some of the last remaining of the Mighty Giants that used to infest Great Britain.

When the Able-Bodied Pauper is not eating or sleeping, he may still be heard singing his terrible song:

"Fec, Fi, Fo, Fum!
I smell the blood of an Englishman,
Be he alive or be he dead,
I'll grind his bones to make my bread!"

Alien Paupers are a species of devastating Vermin that come to English ports in vast numbers, with other Foreign Produce.

Happily, being a Free Country, they are perfectly welcome, and soon make themselves quite at home.
Queens.

Here are depicted the five Most Popular that have ever Reigned.

Their Majesties of Spades, Diamonds, Clubs, and Hearts, though fascinating and powerful Monarchs, are fickle and uncertain Rulers.

The central figure is the only Sovereign an Englishman would not care to change.

Her court was pure; her life serene;
God gave her peace; her land reposed;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen.
Racing.

Old Style

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New Style
Racing.

This used to be "the Sport of Kings"; it is now the serious and anxious occupation of callow Clerks. Formerly the delights of Racing involved a visit to some pleasant Country place, there to see noble horses matched against each other in a gallant race.

Under the New Style, it is only necessary to visit the precincts of a "Club," or the office of "a Book-maker," and hear the names of the competing animals read off a piece of tape attached to a telegraphic wire. It is an expensive game, and to some a mystery how youths on small incomes can afford to participate in it. This is occasionally explained by an empty office cash-box and a full Bench of Magistrates.
Scrum.

He died of the game.
A hero in full armour.

Playing the game.

End of a good scrum.
Scrum.

Scrum is the highest development of Football, and other details of that noble game pale into mere insignificance before it.

The conglomerate mass of young humanity struggling for life, is infinitely more improving than the simple kicking of a wind-bag towards one goal or another. After all, any vulgar boot-carrier can do the kicking, with more definite results, provided his Wife or a Policeman offers a head to serve the purpose of a Ball.

Definition: "Scrimmage"—"Scrummage"—"Scrum."

When ladies play the game (which of course they do), they are called "Scrumptious."
Telephones

& Telegrams.
Telephones and Telegrams.

The marvellous development of Science in aiding the rapidity of Intercommunication is one of the wonders of the latter part of the XIXth Century. Indeed, it is stated that there is no telling how far the swiftness of message sending might be carried—but much ahead of its being spoken or written—were it not for the Saving Grace of a little Human Nature, which is introduced in the business. A City Merchant, or other busy person, may shout through the Telephone as much as his patience will permit, but until the young ladies who control the Connecting Department are quite ready to "hitch him on," his efforts are futile.

Telegrams will keep for any length of time, if the Messenger only meets a congenial Doctor's Boy, also on some Urgent Mission. Such influences prevent abnormal Progress.
A Reconstructed Union Jack.
Union Jack.

The “Union” in this compound title refers to the unity of the British Empire (including Ireland). The “Jack” is less comprehensive. Why not the Union Tommy, in deference to the greatly popular Mr Atkins of our Army department?

Some Anglo-American Enthusiasts were anxious to have the Stars of the Spangled Banner added to the pattern of the Union Jack, but as it gave it the appearance of an attack of measles, the idea was abandoned.

Others recognising that “Onion is Strength” wanted “Gallant little Wales” represented on the National Flag, by the introduction of a Leek. This idea did not hold water either, however.
Velocipedes.

With dainty steps and cautious tread, the Votary of the Velocipede picked his way through the Park at the commencement of the Century.

All that has changed towards its close. If one thing would be calculated to hasten the end of this Cycle of Time more than another, it would be the way in which cycles are dashed through the midst of traffic and unoffending pedestrians.

The Scorcher goeth up and down in the land seeking whom he may scare—or murder.

The Bicycle Back is a hideous result of the inordinate use of "the wheel." A Scientist says he has discovered a graver hidden result. Furious "biking" shakes the Spinal Column and thus affects the Brain. The Spinal Column of a Scorcher—possibly; but the Brain?—Hardly.
Woman.

What is it?

What a fool she would have looked on a bike!

Extremes meet.
Woman.

This is a very Vexed Question.

Had it occurred previously, it would have required all the remainder of the Horn Book to even approach it.

Bachelors do not trouble much about solving it. Their solution would be a very weak one if they did.

Married Men do not solve it.

It solves them.

If married men find themselves too much Solved, they had best club together, and bie them to some remote place—say the small green (or "grin") isle discovered by M. de Rougemont, and like the Lotus-Eaters, there—

They sat them down upon the yellow sand,
Between the sun and moon, upon the shore;
And sweet it was to dream of Fatherland,
Of child, and wife, and slave; but evermore
Most weary seem'd the sea, weary the oar,
Weary the wandering fields of barren foam.
Then someone said, "We will return no more";
And all at once they sang, "Our island home Is far beyond the wave; we will no longer roam,"

Woman is ——? Bless her!
Xin.

Li. Un-Aung, (Chang-es ais Min')
The Good Genii of China are so called, but even they are an indifferent lot.

China is an unfortunate country, suffering from what is known as "an Ancient Civilisation."

"Chinesey lies the head that wears a crown," is a sadly familiar quotation of the unhappy Emperor of the land.

Here is portrayed the present Chief of the Fin.

Take him for what he is worth—but not at his own valuation.
yokels.
Yokels.

This happy, guileless race of creatures who used to milk cows, tend sheep, and make love on gates, is now all but extinct.

Farming by Machinery did much to exterminate them, and what remnant remained, to give a flavour of Human Poetry to the quiet bye-ways of the land, has been ruthlessly annihilated by the Pastoral Novelist.

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