

PAINTER GILBERT.

STORY OF A CELEBRATED ARTIST'S CAREER.

Brief Biographical Sketch of the Famous London Illustrator Who Recently Passed Away—He Led as a Book Picture Maker.



SIR JOHN GILBERT, R. A., president of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colors, died in London the other day at the age of 80 years.

He was better known to the English-speaking public as an illustrator of books and periodicals than as a painter.



SIR JOHN GILBERT, R. A. His portraits are those of an edition of Shakespeare, upon which he spent several years.

Sir John for many years refused to sell any of his paintings, with a view to one day presenting them to the nation.

GRAVES OF GREAT HORSES.

The recent death of the young stallion Domino, and the mark of respect shown him by his owners, the Messrs. Keene, in putting an appropriate slab over his grave, recalls the fact that but few of the great horses which have died in this country have any tablet to show where their bones lie buried.

One of the first horses to have this mark of respect shown him was Lexington.

This fine horse died in his stable near the house occupied by his groom, Henry Overton, and at his request Lexington was buried not far away.

"Uncle Frank" Harper, who was a neighbor of Mr. Alexander, followed the example set by the Scotchman and when his incomparable turf performers and stallions, Ten Broeck and



IN HONOR OF TEN BROECK AND LONGFELLOW.

Longfellow, died, he gave them decent burial on his pretty Nantura farm, near Midway, and over the grave of each he has erected suitable monuments.

Society Circus. Society people of Moline, Ill., have just been giving a circus. They had a tent and all the paraphernalia of the regular thing and took in \$2,000 for charity.

It is only from the belief of the goodness and wisdom of a Supreme Being that our calamities can be borne in the manner which becomes a man.

QUEER SURGERY.

Big Ants Are Made to Take the Place of Needle and Thread.

Science has made vast strides during the last half of the century, and in no branch of knowledge is this progress more marked than in that of surgery.

ELOQUENCE OF A GIRL.

The latest child phenomenon comes from Jersey City and she is drawing crowds of enthusiastic people to hear her in Pittsburg this week.



ISABELLA H. HORTON.

Isabella Harvey Horton and she is a little colored girl just 13 years old. Her vocation is that of an evangelist, and her preaching is said to be forcible, logical and convincing.

Name and Fame of John J. Ingalls. Some of the society people of Atchison are telling an Ingalls story, which, though undoubtedly true, loses none of its cleverness on that account.

"I think you are the son of our grocery keeper, but I infer that you do not know me. I am the daughter of the Hon. John J. Ingalls."

The Pianoforte.

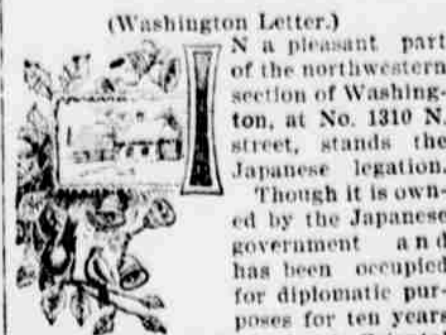
In a Covent Garden playbill of 1767 it is announced that a lady will sing a song from "Judith," accompanied by a pianoforte.

Japan, which forty years ago had no other than cogging vessels, none of them steamers, now has several steamship companies, the largest of which owns sixty-three vessels.

A JAP STATESMAN.

MR. TORU HOSHI, THE MINISTER AT WASHINGTON.

The "Tom Reed" of His Native Country and an Authority on International Law—The Legation Noted for Absence of Oriental Features.



(Washington Letter.) In a pleasant part of the northwestern section of Washington, at No. 1310 N. street, stands the Japanese legation.

The residence of the minister and his family can be made separate from the legation offices whenever that is desired. On ceremonial occasions the portiers of diplomatic etiquette and precedence may be let down, but those occasions are few.



MINISTER HOSHI.

which has been a noticeable feature of the women of the higher classes in Japan, almost from time immemorial. But Mme. Toru Hoshi is an ardent patriot.

In a diplomatic capacity in Corea during the eventful days of the Chino-Japanese war, but left before the final tragedy which resulted in the assassination and cremation of the queen.

Toru Hoshi is the "Tom Reed" of Japan. He presided as speaker over the house of representatives of the Imperial Diet during the first sessions of Japan's national legislature.

But while Mr. Hoshi may resemble Speaker Reed in his ability as a parliamentary leader, he has none of his sense of humor or sarcastic wit. He takes life altogether seriously.

English is the language best spoken by all the members of the legation outside of their own tongue. Most of them were educated in Europe, but Mr. Kelschero Matsui, the secretary of legation, is the first product of the Imperial University of Tokio, Japan, and owes his varied accomplishments entirely to that recently established institution.



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Suggested Boon for Bathers.

It is suggested, as the life line and life saver are not always able to prevent the drowning of bathers at the summer resorts, that two or three rows of flexible stakes, each row describing an arc of a circle, be set, beginning at the shallowest point at high tide and curving out to deeper water.

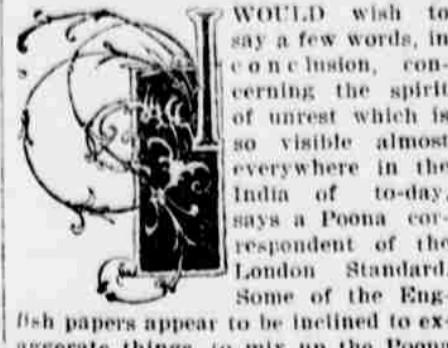
A new theater in New York state has been wired by a woman, who is said to be one of the most expert theatrical electricians in the country.

The girl who paints her lips has poor taste—or at least the man who kisses her thinks so.

ENGLAND'S BAD RULE.

THE SPIRIT OF UNREST AND WHAT ITS PURPORT IS.

Slanders of Native Press of India—Loss of Prestige Which It Will Take Years to Remedy—Strong Men Needed in an Emergency.



WOULD wish to say a few words, in conclusion, concerning the spirit of unrest which is so visible almost everywhere in the India of to-day.

Some of the English papers appear to be inclined to exaggerate things, to mix up the Poona murders and the Calcutta riots, as if they were both caused by the same people. No one who has any knowledge of India today thinks that there was any real connection between these events.

Already the ignorant peasantry in various parts of the country fully believe that the British raj must surely be coming to an end.

Kiss Causes Strike.

Because he kissed or attempted to kiss one of the fair English lassies employed in the dusting department of the Newcastle, Pa., tin plate works, Richard Kissinger was discharged.

Resting the Eyes.

A medical journal says that in the continued use of the eyes in such work as sewing, typesetting, bookkeeping, reading and studying, the saving point is looking up from the work at short intervals and looking around the room.

Thirty towns in Utah have no newspapers.

TALLY STICKS.

Roman Numerals Are Derived from Score—Old Celtic Alphabet.

That tally sticks were at one time pretty general may be concluded from the derivation of the word score. In its original signification, a "score" is a "score," a cut made in a counting stick.

The Roman numerals are derived from scores. They were mere notches cut in wood originally. The V for five was a rude representation of the outspread hand, and the X in the manner symbolized all ten fingers; the IV was a comparatively late innovation; originally the IV was represented by four strokes, or notches, as in clock dials.

The old Celtic alphabet—the Ogham writing—was of very similar nature. It consisted of notches cut at the corner of a square stone, or else from a stem line. The letters B, L, P, S, N are formed by cutting strokes at right angles to the stem line of the right hand, and the letters H, D, T, C, Q by strokes at right angles to the left.

ANOTHER KIND OF FIRE.

The Officer Meant the Burning of the Hut.

"Sir Colin himself told me what to do, and to get a piece of port fire from Capt. Peel. This I did, and off we set," says "An Old Soldier's Memories."

"Sir Colin turned on me like a wild tiger, shouting: 'D— your eyes, sir, I will not allow you or any other man to tell me the fire is too hot!'

Kittens With Histories.

M. J. McGeary, the hatter, and W. P. Bennett, the messenger, own malted kittens which have histories. Nothing is known about their ancestry, but they are supposed to be brothers and to have come from East Palestine, O.

Cincinnati's Easy Divorce.

Cincinnati has 167 divorce cases on the docket for the next term of the court. Business in that line is unusually heavy, and the prosperity of the divorce lawyer blossoms like a wild rose.

Horror!

The other day death rudely tore an Ohio man away from an office he had held for sixty-five years.—Ex.