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DR. JOHN CLARK RIDPATH'S SKETCH OF DANTON THE REVOLUTIONIST.

Salient Points in Danton's Life—His Career in the Convention—His Personal Appearance and Eloquence—Motives and Manner of His Death.

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After Mirabeau, the greatest of the revolutionary giants was Danton. His given name was Georges Jacques; his birthplace was Arcis-sur-Aube...

Now it was that a party sprang up in Paris, audacious in its advocacy of popular liberty. The policy of this party reached as high as the throne of France. A great club, known as the Club of the Cordeliers, was formed...

In April of 1793 that Hercules of the people and friend of order suddenly died, and for a short season the great partition which the French nation had been divided crouched down...

Young as he was he was hailed as chief by the audacious party which had determined upon the destruction of the monarchy. At length, in 1792, the assembly declared war against Austria...

Of the storming of the Tuilleries and of the virtual overthrow of the monarchy Danton is believed to have been the principal inspiring cause. Certainly history, as against all men, was in the field...

When the French monarchy toppled down, Danton was at the fore along with Roland and the men of the Gironde. He was a member of the executive committee when the Austrian successes on the frontier threw Paris into a frenzy of rage and vindictiveness...

This was the theory of that appalling butchery: The Austrians are gnawing into the vitals of our France. The king and the king's party wish the Austrians to succeed, to triumph over us, to destroy us. These men in the prisons are loyal and enemies of the republic...

them as a measure of terror. We will let in upon them the fierce Sansculottes, and not one of them shall escape our vengeance. Austria will hear it and tremble.

Above this devastation Danton rose still higher. He went into the national convention as the real leader of the revolution. There for nineteen months, from the fall of 1792 to his death in April of 1794, he stood and reigned as the supreme protagonist of the epoch...

After the overthrow of Roland and his companions, Danton would have fain staid the tide of violence. He believed that the revolution had now gone far enough, that it should henceforth be directed into the milder channels of restoration and order.



cautioned him in vain. Rumors of his arrest were abroad; but he simply said, with a titan's sneer, 'They do not dare!'

It seemed in those days that hell itself yawned to swallow the world. Danton, with Camille Desmoulins, Lacroix and Febré d'Églantine and others of his friends, were hastily condemned to death...

Danton was the most striking figure of them all. He was a giant both in body and in mind. Greatly over six feet in height, as he rose to speak his head was flung back and his great chest expanded with passion...

They Talked and Talked and Talked. Etcographers in the German Reichstag have prepared a table showing the comparative abilities of all the great German political parties to kill time. The standard of judgment was the last debate on the emperor's plan for the legislative protection of workmen...

To Protect the Saucepan. Jules Simon is worried about the possible loss of fame as cooks by the French people. He says: 'We have a patriotic reason for keeping select the art of eating. It is, or it was, a French art. I still believe that our cooks are the first in the world...'

DEAR LITTLE JOHNNY.

The Story of a Little Boy Who Loved His Mother.

Johnny Green was the son of a poor widow whose husband went out to feed the hogs one evening, and never returned to the bosom of his dear family.

'Mother, do not worry,' pleaded the boy. 'It will redder the end of your nose to cry, and besides, old Stoneheart cannot disturb us. There's a hen on.'

'Am I awake or dreaming? Child! child! What means this?' she cried. 'Only a little surprise, dear mother. Last June Elder Davidson offered me a cent for every ten later bugs I'd kill on my vines...

A Curious Coincidence. 'Speaking of coincidences,' said the man with the wooden leg, as he lighted a half consumed cigar he had been carrying in an old handkerchief...

'Well?' 'Very curious coincidence, gentlemen—very curious,' continued the man, as he puffed away at his old stub. 'We met on the cross walk. We shook hands. We struck each other for a quarter, but didn't get it. We were both dead broke...'

Too Transparent. A recruit was brought up for medical inspection, and the doctor asked him: 'Have you any defects?' 'Yes, sir; I am short sighted.'

Her Thoughts. 'What makes you look so pensive, my dear?' said Dr. Blick to his wife. 'I was only thinking,' replied she, 'that if the bait would only scatter itself around the back yard a little more we might have a real nice garden after a while...'

Worse Still. Jagway—Was that you I saw driving around in a carriage the other day? And yet you cannot afford to pay me the five dollars you owe me.

Had a Good General Idea. Judge (to youthful witness)—My son, do you know what would become of you if you should swear to what is not true? Youthful Witness—Yes, sir. The lawyers'd git me.—Chicago Tribune.

Not the Right Answer. Officer—Private Schultz, after you have served three years faithfully, what are you then? Private Schultz (saluting)—Three years older.—From the German.

Danger. 'Where are you going, my pretty maid?' 'Out to the Zoo, kind sir,' she said. 'May I go with you, my pretty maid?' 'They might detain you, sir,' she said.—New York Sun.

Teacher—Ladies, I am sorry to confess it, but I would rather have five young men from the high school than one of you. Chorus of Young Ladies—So would we.—Fliegende Blätter.

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