

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

W. P. Elliott, of Lewiston, Pa., ninety-one years of age, is still editing a paper.

Pauline, the seventeen-year old daughter of E. P. Roe, the novelist, has taken to story-writing also.

Henry Irving says that Joe Jefferson is the only foreign actor who has been universally accepted in England.

Israel Phillips, of Greenfield, Mass., eighty-eight years old, is regarded as the oldest commercial traveler in active service.

Macon Mason, now Governor of Massachusetts, Egypt, is a Maryland man. A graduate of West Point, he took the losing side in the war of secession, and after Apollonax sailed for Egypt.

The Men a curious New York publication, demands that all women, on arriving at the age of twenty-one, be permitted to use the prefix "Mrs." to their names, whether married or not.

Senator Merrill, of Vermont, has served nearly thirty years in Congress, six terms in the House and three in the Senate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who recently returned from a two-years' sojourn in Europe, has decided to make Johnstown, Fulton County, N. Y., her future residence.

The family of Minister Hunt, who died recently in St. Petersburg, is widely scattered. Of his six sons, one is in the navy, one is a lawyer in New York, another is a civil engineer in Dakota, and another is living in Montana.

Dr. C. C. Graham, at the age of one hundred years, writes forcibly on the cause of the floods in the Ohio Valley. Fifty years ago he wrote in the Frankfort (Ky.) Argus that the reckless felling of trees would ruin the valley before the end of the century.

General Grant's wealth is estimated at \$200,000, which makes him the richest ex-President since Buchanan. Mr. Hayes is not rich, though in a well-to-do condition.

Franklin Pierce entered the White House poor, but went back to Concord worth \$60,000. Martin Van Buren was the richest of all our Presidents, his estate being estimated at \$800,000.

Of the late Mr. Cheney, editor of the London Times, Mr. Labouchere says: "He passed much of his time at the Athenaeum and Reform Clubs, where he was more given to listen than to talk."

A Boston woman has discarded her pet pug and gone to petting her husband, and "her set" have gone back on her on account of her plebeian tastes.

"Clean the streets!" shouted a Cincinnati paper, and next week a torrent like a river was rushing through half the streets in town.

Fly-paper manufacturers and druggists with a large supply of this commodity on hand will, in all probability, lie down and roll all over their premises in disgust.

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"Was, eh?" grunted Mr. Spoopen-dyke. "Well, when it takes the form of a visage like you screwed up a minute ago I want to be hung instead of being sympathized with."

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Dictating a Letter.

"Now, my dear," said Mr. Spoopen-dyke, when his wife had propped him up in bed and stuffed some extra pillows under his shoulders.

"You'd better use paper," replied Mr. Spoopen-dyke, severely.

"All ready, dear," murmured Mrs. Spoopen-dyke, dipping her pen into the ink and contemplating her husband anxiously.

"Is his middle name 'B'?" asked Mrs. Spoopen-dyke, resting her album on the table, her head on her hand, and looking at him over her shoulder.

"If any other name occurs to you, put it in," observed Mr. Spoopen-dyke, with a growl.

"Have you got the date and 'dear sir' in, too?" asked Mr. Spoopen-dyke, peevishly, for he was trying to think how he should start his letter.

"No, dear, you didn't say anything about those," replied his wife.

"Will, will?" croaked Mr. Spoopen-dyke. "Sticking on a great deal of credit to yourself for your kindness to the sick, ain't it?"

"But I've got 'em in," pleaded Mrs. Spoopen-dyke.

"Then strike 'em out!" roared her husband. "S'pose I'm going to let you put those things in and throw 'em in my face from the moment I get well till the day I die?"

"Anything to show whether he's a man or a woman?" demanded Mr. Spoopen-dyke.

"Certainly," replied Mrs. Spoopen-dyke. "It says 'Mr. Peter B. Speckle-wottle.' That's the way you told me to write it, didn't you? Now go on with the letter."

"Way not?" squealed Mr. Spoopen-dyke. "So pose a man is going fourteen blocks out of his way to get the mail for a man who has only a cold in his nose? You put it that I'm dying, or I'll drop over into that corner and write the whole letter with one application of the inkstand!"

"Go on, dear," cooed Mrs. Spoopen-dyke. "I've got it so; only he may think it strange that any man should write to him."

"Then say, 'I want you to get my mail from the office, and tell them I will be over in a day or two.' Got that?"

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At the beginning of every year Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt makes it an invariable custom to take a careful inventory of his immense property.

"I believe I am," said Mr. Vanderbilt, "the richest man in the world. In England the Duke of Westminster is said to be worth \$200,000,000, but it is mostly in lands and houses. It does not yield him two per cent. A year from now I shall be worth more than \$200,000,000, and will have an income equal to six per cent. on that amount."

When his talking fit had left him the modern Midas repented his hasty speech and asked that it be repeated, claiming his words were but boastful and his wealth exaggerated.

A few days ago Mr. Vanderbilt sent some papers to a gentleman with whom he had business relations. On looking them over the recipient was astonished to find the rough draft of a memorandum in the czar's peculiar handwriting.

It was dated January 15, 1884, and was evidently his last balance sheet which by oversight had been folded inside another paper. Of course the secret could not be kept, and the figures reached the Journal.

One of the most daring Kangaroo hunters of Australia, and his stag bounds, were terribly lacerated by a wounded Kangaroo, on the great sheep ranch of Mr. Alfred Hay, Boonoomoomans, N. S. W., and were entirely cured by the use of St. Jacobs Oil.

Waxes somebody told Mrs. Parvuu that she was ambitious she said she knew that people often took her for an Italian.

The New York Tribune in its market report explained why some butter is sold for such low prices. In speaking of butter it said: "Light colored goods are very hard to dispose of and several lots were thought well sold at 8 to 10 cents."

Many "heavy swells" float on the bill-boards of credit.—Governor Herald.

Dr. W. D. Wright, Cincinnati, O.: "I have prescribed Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs in a great number of cases and always with success. One case in particular was given up by several physicians who had been called in for consultation with myself. The patient had all the symptoms of confirmed Consumption. He commenced to get better and was soon restored to health."

Through a kerosene burner may be very heavy, the oil will make the lamp light. Hale's Honey of Horchound and Tar Promptly cure asthmatic wheezing. Pike's toothache drops cure in one minute.

In many cases the worship of beauty is a mere matter of form. My father had an eating cancer for several years, which had eaten away his under lip and the inside of his cheek, down to the bottom of his gums.

Which is the oldest of the berries? The elder berry. Having used Ely's Cream Balm for Catarrh and Cold in the Head, I am satisfied that it is a first rate preparation and would recommend it to any one afflicted.—R. W. CHEEVER, Editor Herald, Clinton, Wis.

It only takes about two seconds to get up a duel.—N. O. Picayune.

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