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Famons Volumes That Have Made Money for Their Authors,

How Writers and Publishers Score Bits and Misses-Bookmaking as a Business-The Fickle Public.

The scriptures tell us of a certain man noted for patience under affliction, who expressed the wish that his enemy might expressed the wish that his enemy might write a book. It is to be presumed that wish grew out of the spirit of revenge, ment. Many books that have been writ-ten have caused their authors, as well as which have made fortunes and enviable with the head of an old publishing house yesterday.

'Bookmaking is a peculiar business, the publisher said, "and in it a great many fortunes have been made and lost. I make it my invariable rule never to print a book unless I think it worth publishing, but there are many houses which will take hold of any sort of a book if the author will protect them against pecuniary loss. For instance, a young bargain is immediately closed."

they are somewhat slow of sale now."

'How about books of verses?' "Well, there is a good demand for gallons of beer. rhymes of a certain sort. Will Carlton's Farm Ballads' seemed to touch the pop-Women, E. P. Roe's 'Barriers Burned Away.' Of Mrs. Alexander's 'Wooing O't' many thousand copies have been The acrid tasts of raw whisky is due N. Y. o't' many thousand copies have been sold. John Habberton's 'Helen's Babies' to the presence of certain greasy products made a hit because it appealed to the of distrilation and light alcohols mixed, hearts of all the fathers and mothers in which are known by the name of fusil the land. It sometimes happens that a oil is separated. It may also be elimin-book of which little is expected proves a sted by running the raw whisky through great success. I have known instances granulated charcoal that has been prevwhere manuscripts, declined by one pub-

for success in a book?"

from the venture."

Well, sir, that's a pretty broad question; but I will answer it to the best of my

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's 'Uncle Tom's Cabia' attracted more attention than any other work of the kind. The languages and circulated in almost every part of the civilized world. Among other successful books was Barnum's Autobiography. The showman, who better advantage if you were to hang it had secured a rich harvest of shekels by over the clock." for the public purchased upward of 50, 000 copies Greeley's 'What I Know About Farming' had a wide sale throughout the United States. I do not know how many copies of this work were printwas a plain practical work, and the people who bought it got the worth of their fully endorse it.

money. "Mr. Allan Pinkerton, the famous detective, wrote several sensational books did not understand parliamentary law was no real merit in them, but but as they treated of crimes and criminals they discussion he took off his coat and joined supplied a market for such reading. Pinkerton was a very shrewd Scotchman, and his plan was to make his book ameans of profit not only in their sale but as a method of advertising his detective business. The principal characters in his want you to help us frame a dog law." books were himself and his detectives. Among the Bohemians who has a wassed don't need no help. I am as good a car fortunes may be mentioned Artemus penter as there is in the state and car

"Charles F. Brown was not a prolific writer," said the man of books, " and he .a'dom produced more than one or two of his humorous articles per month. He was so slow at composition that it was not an unusual thing for him to work for s whole day or night on a single para-graph. He made a handsome sum of uoney by his iterary works, but he was far from being a miser, and when he died he was a poor man. Mr. Bailey, the Danbury News man, never mide as much noney as some people supposed. It is rue that his book sold pretty well: but he fact that the contents had already ppeared in the most of the newspapers n the country prevented the volumne from having as large s sale as would otherwise have been the case."

WHAT BOHEMIANS EARN. "What are the average annual incomes o' Bohemians!

answer. The public would be surprised if it knew how poorly paid even popular authors are for their work. There are story writers of no mean ability whose Four Colored Gentlemen, pay is not more than that of a hodearrier. novelist who can make \$5,000 per year is a great exception to the general rule. A very few writers have made as high as \$10,000 in twelve months. Because an author was once popular and successful it does not follow that he will always remain so. I know of one man-whose name I will not mention—who, twenty years ago, reseived \$75 per a serial story printed in Mr. Bonner's paper. the same man is writing blood-and-thun- nation. and that the man who gave it utterance thought that his enemy was a pretty bad for an average stipend of \$5 per week. man, who deserved very severe punish. An old Bohemian once told me that writing stories was like turning a kaleidoscope. A collection of incidents, situatheir readers, great unhappiness. On the other hand, there are famous volumes which have made for the same made for the is nothing new under the sun; and his re- mest am de mos' nootrishus?" mark applies as well to bookmaking as to other things. It is wonderful how room that the dropping of a forty-pound many times the rame old literary grist weight might have been heard. can be ground over and the public be

The Way to Make Whisky. New York Sun.

original.

made to believe that it is new and

A Nebraska correspondent wishes to man has written a lot of trash which he The grain, corn or tye, for instance, is is vain enough to think is poetry. He ground between a pair of ordinary millimagines that if his verses were printed stones. The meal thus obtained is mixed he would be as famous as any of the in an iron tub with barley mait in the tides Jones. great writers of ancient or modern times.

The publisher says to him: 'If you will deposit sufficient money with us to pay water at a temperature of 140 degrees dent.

"I don't think we ought ter decide dis question so sudden," said the president. the expenses of getting out your book we Fahrenheit. After washing, as it is will undertake to put it before the pub- called, for an hour and a half fifty gallons lic. If the author can raise the cash the more of water are added, at a temperature of 190 degrees. Two hours later, the The manager of the book department mixture having settled, two-thirds of the of the American News company was liquor, which is known as beer, is drawn asked to name a few of the books which off into shallow yats and tifty callons of had met with the greatest success during the past few years, and his reply was:

SOME SUCCESSFUL BOCKS.

OH Into analow vats and mity greatest temperature of 190 degrees. In an hour and a half this is drawn off and eighty off into shallow vats and tifty gallons of "I might mention a hundred books gallons of boiling hot water are poured

that have had large sales. There is in. In twenty minutes all the beer in "Called Back," by Hugh Conway. It is the tub is drawn off, and as the last lot very popular, and is still selling rapidly.

'Peck's Bad Boy," by the Wisconsin humorist, George W. Peck, has been tained before, or it may be used with a nootrishus."

Faraway Johnson on general principles, but he lacked the nerve, and officially announced that "possum's de mos' nootrishus." having a great run. Jush Billing's fresh lot of meal instead of water. The writings once sold like hot cakes, but they are somewhat slow of sale now." one gallon of yeast is added for each 100

ular heart, and the book has been circu- boiling it in a boiler and condensing the powerless to stay it. Dr. Pierce never lated in large numbers all over the steam by running it into ecolers, which decieves a patient by holding out a false lated in large numbers all over the country. The publishers have certainly made a fortune from this work. The Crawford books, including 'The Roman Singer,' 'Mr. Isaacs' and 'The American Singer,' 'Mr. Isaacs' and 'The American simply raw whisky. It possesses the seemed to avail. Your druggist has it. Politician, have been successful. I may simply raw whisky. It possesses the Send two stamps for Dr. Pierce's comsay the same of Mrs. Olcott's 'Little most disagreeable taste, and will kill at plete treatise on consumption with nu-

tously heated. Whisky is therefore lisher, have been accepted by another simply alcohol of a peculiar flavor due to house, the latter reaping enormous profits the substances from which it was derived, and diluted, when honestly made "What do you consider the requisite with about 25 per cent of water and some of the products of distillation other than the pure amylic alcohol.

"I intend to tell Jane to bring a fresh bucket of water," said the wife of Prof. Nottlehead, looking up from her sewing. be translated into half a dozen different | rhetoric, your mistakes are embarassing." satd:

be deeply interested in his personal his- clock, we couldn't tell what time it was. I was trashy; but it was a financial success, to rhetoric; your mistakes are embarassing."—Arkansas Travoler.

The manager Dietz Opera House, Mr. A. W. Stilwell, Oakland, Cal., says, Having from personal experiment become ed, but the edition was a large one. It familiar with the remarkable efficacy of was a plain practical work, and the peo-

Bob Potson was a great legislator. He had a wide circulation. There quite as we l as some people, for once when called to the chair, during a warm in the deba'e. Shortly after his arrival Potson was appointed a member of the judiciary committee.

"Bob," said the chairman of the committee, "don't go away to-night. We "Help frame it! Why, hang it, man, I make a frame that would tickle a president. What kinder wood do you want? -[Arkansaw Traveler.

The American Eagle.

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Prince Roland Bonsparte has a novel idea. He proposes to have a collection of the different uncivilized races in Paris We constantly, he argued, bring together the various products of the globe; why "Now, that's a pretty hard question to not bring together the producers?

POSSUM'S GOOD QUALITIES.

Philadelphia North-American, The Minister-street School of Philosophy was shocked and startled last night by its most rebellions member, Juniper Williams, who began to sing:

Yo' talk about good libbin, Yo' oystahs an' yo' clam; If yo' want to see good libbin, ib dose darkies ham.

Had a bomshell exploded in the room here could not have been more conster-

"Heah, heah, hole on dar," shouted President White, "De man's drunk," "I a'n't drunk; I'se happy," said Juniper Williams,

"Dis yere ain't no place to be happy. sternly retorted Spartacus White. yere's a skool o' filos'fy. But dat song kinder puts me in mind of a good subject renown for their owners and publishers.

A Star reporter had an interesting chat A stillness so deep reigned over the

"Hey?" asked the president.

"Possum," replied Faraway Johnson smid a general and suggestive smacking

of the lips, "H'm 'pears ter me I read a good many lists o' meet an' der nootrishusnese, an' I nebber seed 'possum mentioned know the process of making whisky. once," remarked Spartacus White, slowly. The grain, corn or rye, for instance, is "Dat's 'cause dem lists is alway made by white people, an' white trash don't know nothin' bout 'possum," said Arls-

"Now, see heah, "persuasively warbled Faraway Johnson, "ain't possum de bes' meat yo' ebber tasted?'

"Y-e-e-s." "Did anybody ebber starve on 'pos-"No!" shouted the rest in grand con-

"Dat settles it; 'possum's de mos nootrishus" replied Faraway Johnson, The president, while of the same opin-ion as the rest, felt like contradicting Faraway Johnson on general principles,

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"Order from the house to come." How the N. O. Exposition Was Inau-

gurated.

well, sir, that's a pretty of the best of my ability. A book must meet a want in the community. It must be opportune. Many really excellent books have fallended from the press because the occasion was not ripe for their publication. Fortunes have been made by 'snap' enterprise in the book line. For instance, when the Beecher-Tilton unpleasantness was uppermost in the public mindt two or three publishers made large suchs of money by printing volumes of trash composed of biograpical sketches of the chief actors in the trial, histories of the great scandal,' etc. These books were recognized as meer and bish, but they sold like hot cakes. When the first Atlantic cable was an accomplished fact a small volume on Ocean Piles, itching of the private parts, and for nothine else,

Read what the Hon, J. M. Coffinbery, of Cleveland, says about Dr. William's Indian Pile Ointment about Dr. William's Lindian of the private parts, and for nothine else,

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"In the novel line, I preume that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin's attracted more attention between the form's Cabin's attracted more attention of the Exposition at New Orleans, no.o., Dec. 16th, was cotemporary with the 175th Monthly and Grand Extraction by Chilam's Indian of Internation and Electrophy with the 175th Monthly and Grand Extraction by Chilam's Indian of Internation and Electrophy with the 175th Monthly and Grand Extraction by Chilam's Indian of Internation and Electrophy with the 175th Monthly and Grand Extraction by Chilam's Indian of Internation and the Electrophy with the 175th Monthly and Grand Extraction by

The Topsies still exist as veritable children of nature, if one can judge "You doubtless mean a bucket of fresh from a conversation between a philansuccess of her book was a surprise to her and her friends. Little did she chink when she wrote her nevel that it would would pay some little attention to "Ever been to school?" I saked. "Naw, A few moments later the professor said:

"My dear, that picture would show to in pea time."

and do' want to," he replied. "Can you read?" "Naw." "How old are you?" "Do' no'. Maw says I was born in pea time."

Count Spantini, a friend of cremation humbugging the public with manufac-tured mermaids, woolly horses and a mean if I were to hang it above the mother preserved in a beautiful marble what-is-it, knew that the people would clock. If I were to hang it over the urn. A thrifty servant helped herself be deeply interested in his personal his-tory. As a literary production his book wish you would pay some little attention awaeping up some filth and now the count has less than half of his ancestor's

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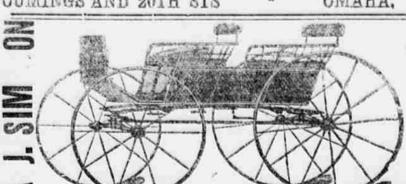
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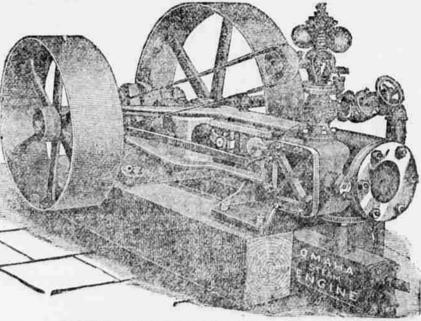
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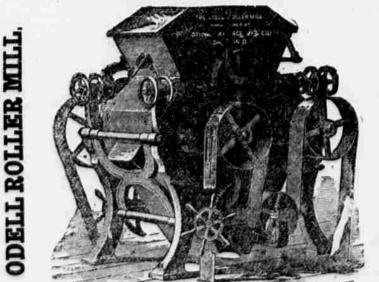


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