

INGALLS ON ORATORY

No Such Thing as Impromptu Speaking as Popularly Understood. A GREAT ORATOR DESCRIBES HIS ART. Vivid Account of a Desperate Battle Between Rufus Choate and Ben Butler.

Everett was an orator of deserved renown, with copious and glittering vocabulary, graceful rhetoric, strong cultivated mind, elegant scholarship, a rich, flexible voice and noble presence. His address occupied two hours in delivery, and was worthy of the speaker and his theme. At the close Lincoln rose slowly on the platform of the pavilion. From an ancient case he drew a pair of steel-framed spectacles, with bows clasping upon the temples in front of his ears, and adjusted them with deliberation.

LINCOLN AT GETTSBURG.

He took from his breast pocket a few sheets of foolscap, which he unfolded and held in both hands. From this manuscript, in low tones, without modulation or emphasis, he read 300 words, and sat down before his surprised, perplexed and disappointed audience, aware that he had really begun. It left no impression, so it was said, except mild consideration and a mortified sense of failure. Some supposed that once the great orations of the world had been pronounced in the five minutes which Mr. Lincoln occupied in reading his remarks. But the student, elaborate and formal speech of Everett had been forgotten, while the few sonorous and solemn sentences of Lincoln still remain as a constitutional liberty abides among men.

Three Requisites. To produce a great oration three elements are requisite—an audience, an occasion and an orator, e. g., the English speaking people, by which a speaker perceives the operations of his mind, and sees what he is saying and what he is to say, but behind and beneath all state, preparation, discipline, knowledge of the subject, and distinct perception of the purpose to be accomplished. But orator can not get out of a cow unless you put butter into her, and the notion that there is some "inspiration" by which a man singularly endowed can unexpectedly and for hours pour forth a succession of majestic periods, freighted with argument, wit, humor, description, quotation, pathos, narration and passion, without previous thought or reflection, is as erroneous as would be the idea that food and drink and training are not essential to successful pugilism. The orations that survive are the result of profound thought and long meditation. Cicero wrote out his great speeches in full and committed them to memory. So did Eschines and Demosthenes, and this habit enabled them to participate with more effect in unexpected debates where elaborate preparation was not possible.

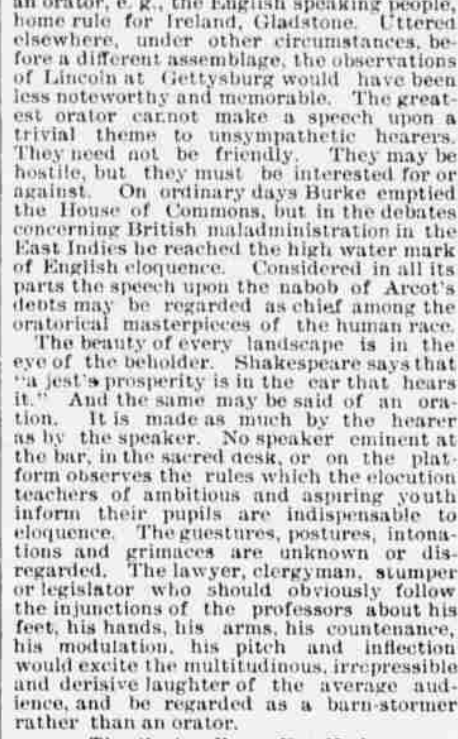
of its insupportable footstep. It was like the climax of a painful tragedy on the stage, the impression of a great artistic mind, like Richelieu or the rage of Virginius. Instead of a prosaic lawsuit it was a tremendous drama in real life, whose characters were the highest in the nation. It was the duty of a prosaic lawsuit it was a tremendous drama in real life, whose characters were the highest in the nation. It was the duty of a prosaic lawsuit it was a tremendous drama in real life, whose characters were the highest in the nation.

The Typical Orator Has Disappeared. The recent parliamentary, professional and intellectual history of America is somewhat meager in oratory. There is a surplus of strong, clear, fluent and effective public speakers, but those who, like Erskine, Pitt, Grant, Croly, Sheridan and Webster, stir and awe and sway, inspire and thrill, are few even in tradition, which always exalts and magnifies its heroes. Perhaps the most intelligent patient could not present the assertion that today there are none.

An Estimate of Conkling. To those who knew Roscoe Conkling in his meridian it seems incredible that he like-wise should have become a gorgeous reminiscence, fading from day to day as a crimson saturated cloud grows pallid and ashen with the sun's decline. No man, for the ten years immediately prior to his death, had a larger space in the public eye than he. No name was more frequently spoken with fervid admiration and respect than his. The exaggerations of the caricaturists made his form and features, his habits, mannerisms and peculiarities known to every citizen of the Republic.

Conkling's Characteristic Pose. He possessed an extraordinary and attractive assemblage of physical, moral and mental characteristics, of which he was never entirely unconscious. To the stature of an athlete, the bearing of a courtier and the head of an Assyrian monarch, he added a voice of incomparable richness, range and flexibility, dignity of carriage and grace of gesture. The amplitude and opulence of his language sometimes seemed to detract from the force of his thoughts as excess of ornament impairs the majesty of a temple. He was the master of the art of speaking, and his armory of ridicule, invective quotation and satire was full. The gravity of his self-possession seemed formal at times, and was never forsaken. In his highest flights he did not forget himself nor permit others to forget him. His tenacious memory enabled him to transfer to the platform the toll of the closet with apparent spontaneity, and many of his efforts which seemed extemporaneous were the result of elaborate preparations. He was not ready in repolisher, and an impetuous, unexpected assault, like that of Lamar, left him floundering and in discomfiture.

Rufus Choate. The evidence was conflicting, but the sympathies of the rural jury were profoundly moved by the condition of the clergyman, who was rendered absolutely and irretrievably helpless by the collision. The battle was bitter, and Butler's insolence to the court, witnesses and counsel was inconceivable. In the closing arguments his sneers and flouts at Choate to prejudice the jury against his influence approached the borders of brutality. Choate's indignation and indignation were not without effect. When the morning of his closing address he entered the court room with the favoring footstep and languid pallor of an invalid just discharged from a hospital ward. He began his speech enveloped in three overcoats, of which he divested himself one by one at intervals as he proceeded. Now and then he refreshed himself by sucking oranges, of which he had an endless supply. Butler had characterized him as a man of man and juggler, charming juries with his legends and innuendoes. Choate's purpose seemed to be to dispel this imputation by his bold and colloquial simplicity. When this purpose was accomplished he gradually and by imperceptible gyrations wheeled to higher flights, till at last he seemed almost to flounder in the employ of articulate splendor.



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Educational. The Press association has become a well organized society in Iowa college. It will cost \$20,000, a year to supply the schools with text books.

Small Madeline is something of a humorist and has no very pronounced religious tendencies, but she often day she comes home from church in a highly pleased frame of mind. "Oh mamma," she said, "you just ought to have been at church today. The preacher had such a good text—just the kind I liked." "What was it, Madeline?" asked mamma, who had stayed at home with a cold. "The Lord loveth the cheerful sinner." "I was," The Lord loveth the cheerful sinner." "The Only Reason—Teacher—Why is this called the temperance text?" Bright Boy—"Cause if you take the hottest day in summer and the coldest day in winter and add 'em together and divide by two the weather will be just—"

Another innovation has been made at Yale, this time in the institution of a scholarship in connection with a line of college work until very recently regarded as foreign to a college curriculum. The interest in the scholarship consists of a fund of \$2,000, the income of which will be devoted to the encouragement of extemporaneous speaking at Dartmouth.

The Salvation Army system is being imitated by the Japanese Buddhists, who are organizing a religious union on the model of General Booth's creation. Alva Gage has presented to the Unitarian church of Charleston, S. C., a handsome brick parson house, costing over \$1,000. It will be finished during the summer.

Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper of San Francisco has a Sunday school class of more than 500 intelligent men and women, and she has a bible class for more than forty years. Bishop Howe of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania celebrated his 55th birthday at Reading Wednesday. He has been in the Episcopal ministry for more than sixty years.

A posthumous work by Cardinal Manning, being his only contribution to secular literature, is about to be published in London. It consists of essays on "Honor," "Consistency," "Vanity," "Popularity," "The Fourth Estate," "Critics," and "The Subjects." The Methodist church of Kansas has dismissed Rev. V. H. Bladson, the populist chaplain of the state senate, because of the prayers made in that body last winter, in which he alluded to the three cardinal principles upon the republican party.

Cardinal Gibbons recently expressed himself in this way: "Young men who have received a liberal education and superior education want to appear wise and learned and think in order to do so they must affect a degree of skepticism and infidelity, which frequently results in an entire loss of faith." Rev. Hiram Brigham, who for thirty-four years has been laboring among the natives of the Gilbert Islands, had the satisfaction of obtaining the printing of a bible in the language of the Gilbert Islanders, in the composing and press rooms of the American Bible society.

Alfred Mace, son of the once famous English prize fighter, Jim Mace, has just closed a season for the ten years in Sweden. For twenty years he has been preaching, traveling up and down the world, stopping wherever enough people wanted him to speak with fervid admiration and respect than his. The exaggerations of the caricaturists made his form and features, his habits, mannerisms and peculiarities known to every citizen of the Republic.

Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Smith, who has just resigned the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian church of Baltimore, after serving there for thirty-one years, was the moderator of the General Assembly which met in Omaha in 1887. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of Jefferson college, Indiana. In 1841 he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Erie, and in April, 1842, was called as the pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mercer, his birthplace.

Harper's Young People: It was in the definition class; teacher was giving out the words to suit the occasion, "What is the same time," "N-a-p, nap, that means a little sleep, you know, Johnny. K-i-n, kin, that means of a family, belonging to the family, do you understand?" "Yes, ma'am." "Pretty soon the class was called up again and the word 'napkin' was given. "Can any one tell what napkin means? What is it?" asks the teacher. "I know," yells Johnny; "a sleepy family."

Free Press: A Detroit boy uses slang and his father doesn't like it. The other day the boy was talking. "You say," interrupted the father, "that Jones was fired?" "Yes, sir." "Don't you mean discharged?" "Yes, sir." "Then why not say so? A gun is fired, not a man."

A mother tells her two children, who were left at home with the nurse, who, in order to insure a peaceful retirement of the tots, allowed them to take a small lunch to their room. They knelt down, as is their nightly custom, but the prayer of one of the children interrupted by the other, who said, "Mr. Lord, please excuse me a minute, Kit's takin' a bite of my pickle." After a short but decisive engagement devotions were resumed.

The large and valuable collection of fossils, geological specimens, etc., which the late Ralph Butterfield of Kansas City bequeathed, together with \$20,000 to Dartmouth, has received Harvard. It will be kept in the museum in Culver Hall until the Butterfield building provided for in the will is completed.

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