

Bunch of Short Stories

General Fitzhugh Lee recently told this story about his name. It was after he had gone to Cuba, and the manipulators of the telephone were not very familiar with his name and reputation: "What name is that?" asked one operator. "Lee—Fitzhugh Lee," was the response. "Spell it, please."

Senator Shelby M. Cullom, like other successful politicians, has the faculty of making young and old, rich and poor, exalted and humble, feel equally at home and comfortable in his presence. While at Springfield recently during his visit to his home for the holidays, relates the Washington Post, the senior senator of Illinois dropped in at the Leland hotel and shook hands with

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Cannon in the Melting Pot

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"THEY RAISE CORN IN NEBRASKA"— Photo by Louis R. Bostwick.

a host of old-time acquaintances who crowded around him. A rather bashful young man with the faintest suggestion of a moustache remained on the outskirts of the little throng until he finally summoned up sufficient courage to step a little nearer the senator and grasp the extended hand.

"Your name?" asked Senator Cullom. "John Jones," answered the youth, and then he stammered: "You and my grandfather were boys together." "And you and I are boys together now," responded the venerable legislator, quick as a flash, his face beaming with geniality; "aren't we, eh?" The young man's embarrassment vanished like snow before a furnace blast, there was a few minutes' talk about "old times" and the elder Jones, and when the "two boys" parted the younger one in years had grown several inches in his own esteem and the boyish attachment of a grandparent had been renewed with redoubled enthusiasm by the grandson.

Bailey of Texas has taken Webster for his model. John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee imitates the great Clay. He is, however, more beautiful than was that illustrious personage and rather vain of his appearance. When Foote represented New York in the house, relates the New York Tribune, he was regarded as the handsomest man of that body and the fact was a subject of frequent comment. One afternoon Mr. Gaines was missing from his seat. An associate who went in search of him found the handsome Tennesseean pacing wildly up and down the cloak room, his hands thrust into the bosom of his coat, his brow knit in thought, his face, usually pale, as red as the flamboyant necktie which he wore.

"Why, Gaines, what in the mischief is the matter with you?" asked his colleague. "You look excited." "Excited!" said Gaines. "I am not excited, but indignant, sir, indignant! What do you think I heard just now? That Mr. Foote of New York was the handsomest man in the house!" Then, standing back, striking an attitude and pounding himself on his chest with closed hands, the Turveydrop of the house said, proudly: "And look at me, sir, look at me!"

In the cloak rooms, according to the Washington Post, they tell a funny story at the expense of Cy Sulloway, the tall congressman from New Hampshire. Cy is a picturesque and graphic talker, wherein lies some of the point of the story.

In the campaign of 1896 Sulloway went to Portsmouth, N. H., to make a speech. The republicans there, knowing his fiery nature, waited upon him with a few words of warning and explanation. "Cy," said they, "the democrats around here will vote for McKinley this year, if you don't scare them off. Whatever you say in your speech, don't get the democrats mad. Conciliate them, Cy; conciliate them."

Sulloway shook his shaggy locks by way of understanding and approval. "All right!" he said.

The speech began. It ran along all right enough until Sulloway approached the sins and shortcomings of the democratic party. Then he grew emphatic and eloquent; also severe. "If before me," he said, "was a yawning chasm, and at the bottom of the chasm were the fires of hell, and if above the chasm was suspended a basket containing the entire democratic party, do you know what I would do?"

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that many of them should be broken up and recast into other forms at the same place from which they were sent out new over a quarter of a century previous, and that many have never seen service. Some have lain undisturbed beneath the old trees on the park for years—and some even have spent their lives there. The old guns have been placed in the park as fast as they were turned over by the ships, and these, with some brought directly from the foundries, have formed the unique collection which for many years has been a feature of the navy yard.

The oldest of the guns was cast at a foundry in Richmond, Va., in 1855. The others were from widely separated points and were cast in the years from 1875 to 1894. The nine-inch guns came from the foundries at Fort Pitt, Pittsburg, Pa.; West Point, N. Y.; South Boston (Silas Alger & Co.); Richmond, Va.; Providence, R. I. (Builders'). The eleven-inch guns came from the Portland company; Z. Chaffee; Hinckley, Williams & Co., Boston; Builders' foundry, Providence; Fort Pitt foundry, Pittsburg, and Silas Alger & Co., South Boston. R. P. Parrott made the 100-pounder Parrotts.

While some of the old pieces were never mounted on board ship, many were and did good service. Many, no doubt, could tell much of historical interest if only they could speak. The four fifteen-inch were taken from the old monitor Miantonomah.

These immense cannon were cast in 1864-65, three at Fort Pitt and one at South Boston. They were taken from the Miantonomah and brought to the gun park in 1871. The Tacony, Kennebec, Franklin, Fearnot, Osceola, Wassuc, Pawnee and Swatara turned over their eleven-inch guns to the yard. Some nine-inch guns were received from the Osceola, Vincennes, Sabine, Ticonderoga, Wabash, Ossipee, Hartford and Yantic. The Worcester gave up her sixty-pounders. In 1869 the Ticonderoga had one sixty-pounder, but it was finally turned over to the yard by the Ossipee, to which ship it had been transferred. The schooner St. Mary's, now at New York, had two sixty-pounders and the historic old Kearsarge one, which she turned over to the yard in 1880. This gun, however, was not in the Kearsarge's original battery.

The number of guns of each class at the yard previous to the sale was as follows: Seven 700-pounder Parrotts, seven sixty-pounder Parrott rifles, seventy-six nine-inch guns, five ten-inch guns, one sixty-pounder breech-loading gun, one eight-inch muzzle-loading rifle, eighty-nine eleven-inch guns, four fifteen-inch guns, one eight-inch sixty-five hundred-weight gun, two thirteen-inch mortars, fourteen thirty-two-pounder fifty-seven hundred-weight guns, two thirty-two-pounder forty-five hundred-weight guns; twenty thirty-pounder Parrott rifles. The fifteen-inch guns weigh twenty-one tons each. The total weight of all the guns at the park was, approximately, 2,460,000 pounds.

Fourteen of the nine-inch guns were put in order for the state of Massachusetts, and twenty-three thirty-pounder Parrott rifles are reserved for Grand Army posts, municipalities, cemeteries and public parks, the idea being to make them serve in this way as monuments to the dead heroes of our wars. Many towns, too poor to erect monuments, have in this way obtained fitting memorials.

The shot park is sharing the fate of its neighbor. Very few of the old shot and shell now remain in the park. They, too, have been sent to Pittsburg to share the fate of the guns. Like the guns, a few have been set up in distant cities.



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