Gleanings from the Story Teller's Pack

ing her first call after a long boys do."-Chicago Inter-Ocean. trip abroad. Little Ralph Sparlington, 6 years of age, was playing with a woolly horse on

ne d.awing-room floor. "Ah, my dear Frances," sighed Mrs. way, international marriage. Sparlington, "I have often envied you while you were away. No cares. No responsi- he said, grimly. blitties. You are indeed fortunate not to haven't changed, it seems, since the Mid-have the worry, the strain, the fatigue, the "There were once the bound of the large was a see that the bound of the large was a see that heavy burden, of bringing up a child."

in French, mamma?" asked Ralph.

'Yes, mamma," replied the child. "And I'll tell you this-it aint't any cinch to be brought up. '-Harper's Weekly,

The Pitcher.

ter, replied with an anecdote to a com- you in safetly." pilment on his batting.

a home run, and another pitcher was matter."-New York Times.

"As I was taking a drink after my

time."-New York Sun.

Shooting the Boosters.

two dealers at a gambling house there who a bright-faced boy accosted me. were invited to go out and shoot ducks. They had never shot anything, these deal- train," he said. ers, but craps and patrons, and they were It was true. I booked my luggage and were to do.

They went to a hunting hut in the Illi- up to me and asked me for a tip. nois river and were told they were to rise early in the morning and go out after the ducks. They were so excited they couldn't tate," he unblushingly responded. sleep, and about midnight one of them went out in front of the hut and saw a large number of wooden decoy ducks floatgun and began firing at the decoys.

His companion, startled by the sound, You're shooting the boosters."-Cleveland Colonel Lewis praised the missionaries in

It Held the Governor Awhile.

desperation by the play his friends made "He said two poor women were talking, on his name. Hallam had borne allusions One asked the other; without end to the "Middle Ages," "Con-" "Where did you get that pretty dress stitutional Law" and the rest of it, when for the baby? It's most as good as new."

to Governor Hogg of Texas. to Governor Hogg of Texas.
"Hallam? Hallam?" the governor queried.

"Are you the original?" "Are you?"-Rochester Herald.

He Knew the Brand. Erskine M. Phelps of Chicago was introduced at Nice to Lord Blank of England. As he was smoking he said to Lord Blank, "Will you have a cigar?"

-the Henry Clay." "All right; I'll order some."

Henry Clay!

Bright does in your country."

RS. SPARLINGTON'S old class- cigars all my life, and I tell you old Clay equal portions. But the peasant turned mate, still unmarried, was mak- made a d- sight better cigar than his away in contempt, for the royal luncheon

A Mercenary Wife.

millionaire discussed, in his distinctive poor beggar like myself, after all." "Our girls don't marry men any more," he said, grimly. "They marry titles. Girls

avy burden, of bringing up a child." Touraine who was wedded to a medieval 'Won't you please say the rest of that count. The count went out from his French, mamma?" asked Ralph. castle one fine morning to meet the foe, "Were you listening, Rafey?" inquired but the foe defeated him and took him

Then the count's castle was beseiged. The counters was summoned to the battlements. From below a herald shouted to her

Lady, your lord has been defeated

But the counters answered without an "I could always bat," he said. "One instant's hesitation: 'No, I'll do nothing of the sort, for I Fourth, in my boyhood, a pitcher was can easily obtain another husband, but taken out of the box after I had knocked getting another castle is quite a different

His Important Service.

'Oh, how stupid of them to change costly commodity, and no menial service is his'-another reference to his notes-'God.' their pitcher! The other man was awfully too small for remuneration. An unusually good. He could hit the bat nearly every ingenious plea for a tip is that of a small Hibernian, mentioned by Mr. John Augustus O'Shea in "Roundabout Recollections." The author was traveling in Ireland.

Joe Ryan, the Chicago story teller, was I drove down to the station on the faint in Hot Springs, Ark., a time ago, and met chance of catching the train to Dublin. a coal operator who told him a story of When I got out of the cab at the station "Ah, sure, sir, you've just missed the

nervous and not exactly up in what they ascertained when the next train would leave. While I was waiting the lad came

"Sure, sir, I told you that you were too

Charity that Begins Afar.

"What for?" I asked.

"I dined with Colonel James Hamilton ing in the water. He rushed back, got his Lewis at the Hotel du Palias in Paris last month," said a Chicagoan. "Colonel Lewis had just got back from the Far East. He came out and took one look. Then he said China would soon start a crusade "Stop it, stop it, you lunatic! dents.

China, but at the same time he thought that missionary work should begin home. He thought we had enough mis-Theodore Hallam, one of Kentucky's slonary work in our midst most able lawyers, was often provoked to fairly busy a few years yet. work in our midst to keep us

"'The rich folks on the corner gave it to me,' was the answer.

Governor Hogg," replied Hallam, they always turned me down cold."

A King's Frugal Meal.

Thank you, but I smoke only one brand alive today than King Victor of Italy. He suppose, as large an experience in public The box was brought. It was embel- an amusing experience. He had shot a tremor?" lished with the familiar picture of "Harry chamois, and a peasant boy, who had seen "No," Dawson replied, "or, if I have, it you can work out your own system of to live. When the war broke out, Hecox of the West." As he took his cigar, Lord the animal fall, offered to go and fetch it is a mere monetary qualm, which is gone classification and index and cross index with his father and three brothers in Hou-Blank said, "When old Clay was alive he The king thanked him, but the lad inquired before I can realize it." made a good cigar, but his sons don't what was to be his reward. "Well, what "Now, for my part," said the great Why, he didn't make franc and half your luncheon," was the re- I have never risen to address an audience, cigars; he was a statesman and ranked ply. The bargain was struck, and the large or small, without experiencing a

"I beg your pardon. I've smoked these proceeded to divide his luncheon into two consisted only of black bread and a large raw onion. "Bah!" exclaimed the boy, disdainfully. "I thought you were a real gen-Frank Work, the venerable New York tleman, signor, but I see you are only a

Useful Notes.

The late Bishop Henry Codman Potter greatly objected to the use of notes. At one time he was addressing a number of young theologians on the importance of not being too closely confined to a manuscript. By way of illustration he told the following anecdote about a clergyman who was called upon to oficiate at a funeral;

"When the minister arrived at the town where the deceased had lived he had just time to make a few inquiries about his traits and achievements, the results of and is now our prisoner. Surrender the which he noted on a memorandum, His Harry McCormick, the Giants' star hit- castle to us and he shall be restored to eulogy at the service, as reported, was about as follows:

"'Our dear brother, whom we mourn today, was a man of rare character and ability. He had the mental capacity of a'-referring to his notes-'Daniel Webster, the tact of a'-again consulting his memorandum-'Henry Clay, the pertinacity of a -another reference-'Ulysses S. Grant, We "As I was taking a drink after my round of the bases I heard a pretty girl is tipping. A smile from a head waiter is a ful regret now that he has gone to meet

Harriman Outwits Wu.

The wily Wu Ting-fang, the minister from China, whose frank and penetrating questionings have made him the joy of newspaper men and the bane of the diplomat, for once met his match in a brief encounter with E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate. Mr. Wu opened on Mr. Harriman with this naive inquiry:

"How did you get control of all these railroads? What did you do?" Mr. Harriman smiled and replied:

"I can answer you best by a story about a prominent capitalist whom I once met. He was summoned to court as a witness and was being questioned as to his personal affairs.

'What is your salary?' asked the court 'Nothing,' was the unexpected answer. Well, what is your income from all sources, theh?" continued the court. "'Nothing," maintained the witness.

What, do you mean to say you have no income whatever?" Yea.

'How much do you spend in a year?' " 'About \$60,000 or so.' "'If you have no income, yet spend \$60. 000 a year, how do you do it?" was the

sharp rejoinder. "'Ah!' was the response, 'that is my

The Unconquerable Foe.

John Bright once described the variety "'Why,' said the first woman, 'I've John Bright once described the variety asked them for help several times, but of stage fright with which he was familiar with telling and quotable point. He was "'Well, you see,' explained the other. I discussing public speaking with George didn't let on it was for myself. I pre-tended I was collecting cast-off duds for day, when, according to a paragraph in the heathen.'" the late David Christie Murray's "Recollections," he said:

There are few more democratic monarchs "Tell me, Friend George, you have, I is very fond of going out chamois hunting speaking as any man in England. Have quite unattended, and one day he met with you any acquaintance with the old nervous

do you want?" asked King Victor. "A tribune, "I have had practice enough, but as high with us as Gladstone or John peasant went off and fetched the dead shaking at the knees and a sense of chamois. The king handed him a franc and scientific vacuum behind the waistcoat."

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Wandering Husband Does the Enoch the door. Arden Act After Forty-Eight Years.

George Hecox, who went away from Tucker." Lee, Mass., in 1861, a sprightly youth of The man looked at her for a moment and 21. and leaving a young wife, has just re- then said: turned to the home of his wife after an absence of forty-aight years.

to become a widow.

lects in the course of weeks or years for inches, holding a column, is more con. private secretary or a large family of George Hecox in 1869 married Mary Can-there his remaining days.-Boston Herald

ad libitum. But unless you have the with his father and three brothers in Houstamina to keep up a dairy do not underand enlisted.

George was assigned to Company I scrap-book has not its uses. You will thirty-fourth Massachusetts infintry. Affind it convenient, for example, to keep ter one of its battles George Hecox was one, as handsomely bound as you please, reported missing. He had served three as a sort of family record, for such kindly years and was wounded and sent to the references as it has pleased the press hispital. Before he recovered the war was yours. You may put into it the praise Why he did not return to Lee no one

biographical sketches of yourself, the ban- Eight years passed following the war, and quets you have attended, and all such one day Hecox met a friend in New York memorabilia, for the purpose of cheering The soldier said he was going to Lee and your declining years and of handing it was informed that his wife, believing him down to posterity, for you may be sure dead, had married Timothy Tucker. Hecox

began to receive aid from an unknown source. Money came regularly to her. THE OLD MAN CAME BACK On Tuesday just at sunset a white-halred man rapped on the door at Mrs. Tucker's home. A woman gray with years opened "Does Mrs. Tucker live here?" asked

the stranger "Yes," replied the woman. "I am afra

"Well, Mary, I've come home." Mrs. Tucker gave a scream and nearly In the meantime Mrs. Hecox, believing fainted. Hecox assisted her to a seat on folded, that is, about 9 by 114 inches, each of a single article, marked with a her husband dead, had married and lived the porch, and there they talked for an hour. All Hecox will say about his long It is a modern Enoch Arden story, some absence is that he has been successful in details of it as yet being obscure because business in the south and that he and to purchase a house in East Lee and live



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