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Henry VIII.

The admission and division business is getting rather stale; and for a fresher and more profitable subject, and to please the children, we devote this column, this week, to Henry VIII. Henry VIII has perhaps suffered from as much posthumous abuse as any other fond husband of the mediæval period. Perhaps, Gilhooly, or Jones, or Brown, would have been just as bold in their remarks about Henry if they had lived in the same town with him. Probably they would have appreciated Henry's grim humor, when he evened up with them. Henry had a fund of grim humor. He was the most humorous man in England. When he cracked a joke everybody nearly died laughing, or simply died. A man with the spitting consumption, and one foot in the grave, could not help smiling at Henry's dry wit. If he would not smile, Henry put his other foot in the grave. This was one of Henry's grave peculiarities. Yet he had a good deal of bonhomie some sang froid, and about fifty per cent of je ne sais quoi, accompanied by the acarus scabiei—he was so humorous.

He was a patron of letters. He employed a newspaper man to write a book for him, all in the dead languages. Henry was partial to the dead languages. It was a libelous attack on a prominent mugwump of the period, known as Martin Luther. Henry took the first copy of the work, and wrote on the fly leaf:

"With the compliments of the author. HENRY VIII."

and sent it to the Pope of Rome, whose daughter, the infant of Portugal, Henry was sitting up with at that time. The good Pope, whom Martin Luther wished to fight with hard gloves, sent a letter to Henry in which he professed himself tickled to death with the book, and said Henry was chock full of "spicy, gentleness, and meekness." The Pope died soon after this, and went direct to the place where all bars go. Henry wasn't full of gentleness and meekness. He was full of humor and old Medford rum. He was not as gentle as Davis & Pickett's kicking mule. "Nancy" nor as meek as a wild bull with blood on its horns. Now Henry's claim to the authorship of this book was never disputed. The reporter never claimed it. He could not claim it. He was dead. He had no sooner written "finis" than Henry, in his grim humor, chopped off his head. No "Beautiful Snow" complications for Henry. And so Henry is known as "Defender of the Faith." This is not an official position, like that of Justice of the Peace, and our chronic office seekers need not envy Henry. There was no salary attached to the place. History does not tell us how many copies of the book Henry sold; but it is safe to infer that if Henry canvassed for it, himself, he sold several editions, and at his own figures. Henry was so full of acarus scabiei and grim humor that it would not do to keep him waiting in the parlor. Mr. Blaine and Henry Ward Beecher are eloquent talkers, and would make good book agents, but they have not that persuasive way that Henry VIII had. Henry probably sold his book at a hundred dollars a copy, spot cash, or chattel mortgage. He put on his crown, and his long, royal, purple gown, when he went out to canvass. We don't have such book agents now. They usually wear a pluchat with the nap worn off, a Prince Albert coat with grease-stains and buttons scattered along the front, and, alas, too often, the breezy that precedes them is often of the front of the still. They are often ex-ministers who have been gruffless, but "judicious." Many young fellows nowadays pride themselves on being indiscreet; but they get out pretty bad, sometimes. Henry didn't get out up. It was the other fellows who were cut up. Henry kept a cutter, something like an ordinary paper cutter, to cut them with. After he had cut them,

they never made any more remarks. Now you could wipe the floor with one of these old ministerial canvassers and he would pick himself up, dust himself off, and tell you pleasantly, that he would "call again." But you couldn't wipe the floor with Henry VII. He was not that kind of a book agent. Henry had two little girls whom he was wont to take out with him when he went out to canvass. He probably had more of them, but he saved these two, because of their long ears, and other fine points—they showed pedigree. One of them was called Libby, and the other, Bloody Mary. Henry, you see, was king; and if he called one of them "Crazy Jane," and the other "Walledd Susan," it would have been all right, and those names would have been as fashionable in London as Maud, or Edith, or Alice,—he had so much grim humor, you see.

But to retrograde—Henry, to have been father of these two girls, must have had a wife, and that was what was the matter with him. He had several wives. He was like Solomon in this respect; but, unlike Solomon, whose biography we shall soon consider, he had only one wife at a time; for, to spare her any chagrin, he seldom permitted an old wife to look on the joys of a new wife. He divorced the old wife, or cut her up in his machine before he acquired a new mother-in-law. And right here, let me call your attention to the fact, that mothers-in-law never bothered Henry. History does not mention them, and it is safe to infer that his grim humor kept them in subjection, or he run them through the machine. His kindness of heart saved a woman, once his wife, from family jars, or the triumphs of a rival. A less considerate man would have mixed up red headed women and mothers-in-law, poisonous like; and they would have been troubled with contused eyes, bruised heads, scalded backs, and other conjugal ailments. Catherin of Arragon was warranted not to fade or fray at the edges, and she disappointed him. Anne Boleyn he married for her vivacity, whatever that is, and he divorced her because she had too much of it, and then he ran her through the machine. The next day he married Jane Seymour, and all the old maids of England began to prick up their ears, thinking they might wear diamonds yet. After Jane Seymour he married a German lady, but she could converse about nothing, save "swei beer," and it made him tired. He next tried Catherine Howard, but she had hard luck and she went to the machine. He next married a red headed widow, named Parr, and his doom was sealed. She pounded him with the broomstick, put her cold feet against the small of his back, and wore his pantaloons around under her royal train, during the cold weather. She had a rabbit's foot. History doesn't mention it; but she must have had. A rabbit's foot is as great a thing in a case of this kind, as a horse chestnut in the pocket is for rheumatism.

The reign of Henry is called the dawn of the reformation—Henry finally snapped his finger in the Pope's face, and chased the nuns and monks out of their holes with blood hounds. The monks and nuns had a right lively time with Henry. When they saw Henry out with the dogs, they generally took to the woods. They distrusted a dog with its mouth full of nuns' feathers, or a sportsman who would pot hunt them during the mating season. If there was any one thing that Henry was "set" on, more than another, it was in dawning the reformation. He sent for the sable Africans to help him in this good work; and when Henry sent, the sables came, and they were distributed throughout the country to do the work, while Henry and the other reformers burned heretics, and ran Catholics through the machine. They had a gorgeous time at dawning.

Moral: We hardly know where to find the moral to this story. There wasn't anything moral about Henry,—he was immoral.

Delegate Gifford has introduced the bill which the late John B. Raymond refused to introduce—giving Col. Steele title to part of a section of school land upon which the town of Steele was laid out after the land was surveyed. Mr. Raymond refused to introduce the bill because he did not believe it should pass—did not believe the representations of Steele that the location was made by mistake. Because he was an honorable man, and would not consent to do a dishonorable act, he was defeated for a renomination through the assistance of Steele. THE REPUBLICAN is of opinion that before the end is reached Mr. Gifford will find he has made a serious mistake.—Fargo Republican.

A young gentleman of 8 years, no the Lack Boy, who had already five brothers, was told one day last week that he had a sister. As the news seemed to affect him rather badly he was finally prevailed upon to tell what the trouble was. Sobbing, he told his mother that he wanted all brothers, as he was in hopes of having a base-ball nine.—Ec.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 21, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Joseph Fromm, D. S. No. 14,144 for the nw 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Julius Stevens, Anton Enger, Fred Wake, Charles Gartman, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys. 50-55

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 14, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: John K. Thune, D. S. No. 14,806 for the sw 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses: Karl P. Anderson, John Anderson, John Paulson and Andrew H. Overby, all of Jesse, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 20th day of February, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, att'ys. 40-2

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Jan. 2, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: John K. Thune, D. S. No. 14,806 for the sw 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses: Karl P. Anderson, John Anderson, John Paulson and Andrew H. Overby, all of Jesse, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before Geo. B. Clark, judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, D. T., on the 25th day of February, 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. And you Harry J. Lyons, who on the 11th day of Feb. 1885, filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: John K. Thune, D. S. No. 14,806 for the sw 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses: Karl P. Anderson, John Anderson, John Paulson and Andrew H. Overby, all of Jesse, Griggs county, D. T.

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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 23, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Herman A. Vandy, D. S. No. 14,322 for the ne 1/4 of sec. 5, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Wildgrube, Christian Lindgren, Anton Enger, Peter and Constant of Willow, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Wm. Glass, Attorney. 31-4

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 14, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Karl P. Anderson, D. S. No. 14,669 for the ne 1/4 of sec. 12, tp. 14n, r. 60w, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Jens Anderson, John K. Thune, Mads M. Nelrost, Trond Rogne, all of Jesse post-office, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1886, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie. 2-7

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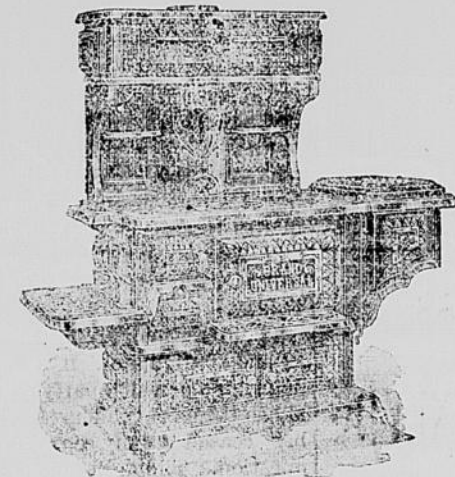
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