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Some Masters of Christmas Fiction and Their Work The Pioneer Genius of This Kind Was an American

BRET

E impression prevails in many a well informed household that Charles Dickens was the inventor of that delectable literary varlant, the Christmas story. Master of this

species of composition that he was, the creator of Pickwick was by no means first in the field. Like so many other good things, the carilest distinutively Christinas English written story cume from the fertile brain of an American. In 1818 "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.," appeared in New York, and a few months later it was reproduced in London by John Murray, the dean of British publishers. It wont into numerous editions and was translated into many languages. The name of Washington Irving became known in all civilized countries, and the deman for a successor to "The Sketch Book was unmistakable. Mr. Irving, howev. er, was not a writer whose inspiration was subject to popular demand; he walted three years before publishing "Bracebridge Hall." When it came it met every expectation. There was no falling off, and it was conceived in the same vein of tender good humor and genial companionship that distinguished his earlier work. The chapter entitled "Christmas Eye at Bracebridge Hall" is the gein of the collection, and it passed speedly to first place in holiday llierature.

It is characteristic of literary gen-

CHARLE DICKENS some effort little known to the public, ness, for "Vanity Fair" had just been is a charming bit of holiday netion, but he was certainly a most successful fel- izens of the holiday world. His Christ-

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TRACKERAY

Thackering declared that he had writ-for Thackeray had so little faith in hiftcance by the magnitude of the other ing them. No other story writer has reputation to the fact that he had writs then the Christmas tale entitled "Mrs. Perkins' Bal." This is an especially amusing example of literary obtuse-it was published, "Mrs. Perkins' Bal." In entities by the magnitude of the other the originator of the Christmas story, fill it with the nover-to-be-doubted den the originator of the Christmas story, fill it with the nover-to-be-doubted den the originator of the Christmas story, fill it with the nover-to-be-doubted den the originator of the Christmas story, fill it with the nover-to-be-doubted den the originator of the Christmas story, fill it with the nover-to-be-doubted den the originator of the Christmas story, fill it with the nover-to-be-doubted den

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faith in them that no lupse of time or they do not fit into the holiday scheme. stress of circumstance can shatter that Miss Mitford did not deal with the belief, Critics cavil over Dickens' mor- supernatural. She found her inspiratals, but no one has presumed to doubt tion in the things that are, and she his ghosts. They are seldem insignifi- | concocted a very dainty and appetizing are provided with a presence which is ent and most apparent realities. Even they be dead.

site inspiration "Dickens in Camp" he long disused cabinet of her literary did not know that the great master of gems, JAMES L. TREVATHAN. Christmas fiction, then gone to his long rest, had or looked upon any scrap of his literary handiwork. He did

not know until long afterward that abortly before his death the generous ing to his blographer, "kept up to the open.

last the fond and foolish custom of If the snow is very deep in winter the ver pennec

"Christmas Party" are as dissimilar in consequence organize wolf hunts both in plan and in treatment as two during the winter.

his ghosts, by the way, are the ghosts | lutely nothing mortal in their makeup of a mortal who has once had so great Of course they are genuine ghosts, but cant and never supernumerary; they Christmas feast out of life's ever presnever wanting. They live even though now her delicate imagery is fair and very sweet, but it is the fragrance of When Bret Harte wrote that exqui- the faded lavender which lies in the

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A WOLF HUNT.

The most northern point of Scandinavia, or Finland, is inhabited by Laps, English novelist spoke admiringly of They are divided into mountain and the gifted young far westerner and de- field Laps. The latter live in the valclared to those about him that Harte leys and are employed chiefly in agrihad caught his own manner to a turn, culture; the former keep to the mounand his Christmas manner at that. tains, and they are very wealthy, ow-Harte always preserved his fondness ing to their immense herds of reindeer, for the Christmas season and, accord- which graze summer and winter in the

sending presents to his friends." "How herds are brought down to the more Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" sheltered valleys. In spite of constant is one of the most dainty holiday idyls watchfulness they are even there not safe from the invasion of wolves, whom

Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Christmas hunger drives down to the lowland Banquet" and Mary Russell Mitford's from the forests. The mountain Laps

holiday compositions well could be. Like They pursue the animals on ski, or Dickens, Hawthorne was constrained snowshoes, and, owing to the great by his artistic sense of justice from ex- speed at which they can get over the luding ghosts from his Christmas fes- frozen snow, they soon overtake the lvities. But his apparitions and pres- flying beasts and kill them. The huntsnces are not the cheery and well be- men carry nothing but a short, heavy haved spooks who came obedient to spear, which they drive home with a the call of the English magician. They practiced hand, Only when wounded

ABOUT UBIQUITOUS ISRAEL. The Japanese Belloved to be Descendants of the Lost

Tribes.

NE of the great mysteries that | helm. He has discovered six reasons has troubled the world for the last 19 centuries, and whose first place, Herr Stettenheim points last 19 centuries, and whose solution is apparently as dis-tant today as that on which the quess-tien was first broached, says the Lon-don Daily Graphic, is the ultimate fate of the descendants of the Israelites--the Ten Tribes-whom Shalmaneser took into captivity on the overthrow of the kingdom of Israel. The Lost Tribes have at different times been found in all parts. Their alleged dis-covertor on the America and the state of the capital of Japan is derived from the Hebrew "Teldo Gedoulo," which denotes that the city was founded after some great victory. The name Weisome great victory. The name Wei-hai-Wei is derived from the Jewish expression "Ai-wel," an exclamation of selet. This suggests Japanese mis-fortunes in connection with that port. The tifth argument in favor of the theory is the mutual hatred between Russia and Japan. Finally, the name of the official organ of Japan is "Tchuwo," the Hebrew equivalent for answer or repentance.

WANTS THE BOYS TO SHOOT.

and the children provided for by law. Families are small. The girls marry young, and marriage in the peninsula apparently is a success, for little is heard of drunken husbands or mis-chief making women. It is then that heard of drunken husbands or mis-chief-making women. It is true that the Malay is sometimes a law unto himself that when he wants a thing it is difficult for him, in the jungle, to recognize other tenets than the one that might makes right; yet he is amenable at the last.—Casper Whitney, in Outing.

"I was much afflicted with sclattea," writes Ed C. Nud, lowaville, Sedswieh Co., Kan, "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Huiment, which re-lieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c. 50c. \$1.00. \$00d by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept M. I. Drug Dept

PRICKLED BUBBLE.

month a number of American blue-iackets in London at the Crystal Palace. During luncheon Sir Thomas



covery on the American continent was one of the causes that led to the retirn of the Jaws-the descenduate or the subjects of Judah-to this country in the middle of the seventeenth centery, The Anglo-Israel theory has been quoted by Anglophobes as the reason for the English hostility to Napoleon and the sympathy of this coun.

poleon and the sympathy of this control try with Dreyfus. The remnant of Israel has been located in Polynesia and the Sahara. By one set of theor-ists the whole of Europe is said to be peopled by the descendants of Israel. Afghanistan, Tartary, Abyssinia, Ara-tic all hears ther advocates as the bia, all have their advocates as the home of the remnant. Wales has been pointed to as the final refuge, while on the other hand it has been suggested that the last of the wanderers disappeared when Atlantis sank into the ocean. Another school of theorists concean. tends that the people never went into captivity at all, and that their descend-ants are still to be found in the Holy ants are still to be found in the Holy land; and a further one argues that the district in which the captives were placed by Shalmaneser still holds their descendants. Whenever any little known part of the world comes into prominence the Lost Tribes are in-evitably found within its limits. Dur-ing the native disturbances in South Africa some of the local tribes were Africa some of the local tribes were identified with those of Israel. When China came prominently before the public eye a few years ago, Israel was traced to a corner of that vast empire. Now that Japan has become the cyno-sure of every eye, the foes of the Rus-sians are halled as the lost ones of Israel come to avenge the wrongs of their Jewish brethren. This theory, extravagantly fantastic as it is, is believed so sincerely by some that it has been held in parts of Russia as a reason for avenging defeats by the Japanese on the Jewish subjects of the czar, and a combined belief in the Anglo-Israel and the Japano-Israel theorles has explained to observers not confined to Russia, but to be found throughout the continent, the sympathy he English feel with the Japanese in their struggle.

A HUMORIST'S REASONS.

To explain the Japano-Israel theory one might almost adopt the satire of the German humorist Julius Stetten-



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AN INVASION OF JAPAN. The bases of the theory of the sin-

ere believers are almost as ridiculous core believers are almost as ridiculous. The story is that the victims of Shal-maneser's captivity wandered to the confines of the earth in the northeast and the northwest. From those who chose the latter direction the English are descended. The other branch found a resting place in Japan. In 750 B. C., Japan was invaded by an allen race, under the leadership of their king of lemely, and he became the first g of Isruel), and he became the first the 126 emperors of the Japanese . A very ancient painting is mentioned in which is depicted the invasion of Japan by Israelites. The king is scated on a raft. Soldiers supporting the tables of the law and carrying hammers and ploks surround him. The king wears the crown of judgment. Other figures represent judges clad in black robes, and hats, said to resemle the uniform of the rabbis, what-ver that may be. The procession is rought to a close by porters bearing te ark of the covenant. The account, on the whole, somewhat reminiscent of the traditional Danite landing in reland under Jeremiah and Baruch, when the Lia Fail was first brought to Irish soil.

A COMPARISON OF NOSES.

Half a century ago another theory was evolved by a European Jewish resident in the far east. The south-ernmost of the main islands of Japan is connected with Formosa by a long chain of small islands, the Loo-Chooan group. Their inhabitants are of two aces, the Japanese proper in the north and the Loo-Chooans, or aborigines, throughout the group. It was in one of the little known centers of this group that the aforementioned European that Jew lived. From the account he has left he seems to have been a mer-chant who had adopted medicine as a obby, for he complains of the unwill-ngness of the natives to accept his tiention and their preference for suffering, since their own medicine men were unable to relieve them. The country was both unattractive and country was both anathractive and poor in fauna, flora, and everything else. The inhabitants, according to this settler's description, had a distinctly Semitic appearance. The convexity of the noses of the natives and their par-tiality for long beards, have been no-deed by all students of the Loo-Chooans. They also resembled the Jewish race in their intense longing for male offspring. In the Loc-Chooan calendar, as in the Jewish, there are many strict insts, and the dates in both cases coincide to some extent. The betrothal rites of the Loo-Chocans also bore a strong resemblance to those of their allegred kindred. The inevitable simi-larities between Hebrew and the lan-guage of the islanders was, of course,

druggists.

discovered, and resemblances were also found in the nomenclature of the two peoples. The feasts as well as the fasts of the Loo-Chooans resembled those of the Jews, and were celebrated

THE ISLE AFAR OFF. The strongest support of every Lost 25 A. D., so that this excellent 'fuma-rone' must have been giving its warn-Tribe theory is, however, to be found in Holy Writ. In the case of the Loo-Chooms resort is also had to the same authority. "I will send those that esings well nigh 2,000 years, at least." —Short Stories.

WASTE PAPER IN STREETS.

cape of them unto the nations to Tar-bhish. Pul and Lud, they draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory, and they The current contract for street cleaning requires, waste paper to be removed from the streets. Waste paper is not shall declare my glory among the Gen-tiles. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations upon horses and in charoits and in litters, and upon mules and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord," wrote Isniah in his last chapter. "Ja-van, the isles afar off." is, as a rule, in-terpreted as Greece, although its readg as Britain is the basis of the An- | ployes of the street-cleaning contract-

SEMERAL CRCAUE.

Gen. Cronje, the sturdy old Boer leader who has been at the St. Louis fair, says that we should adopt the same plan as did the Boers of teaching our boys to handle firearms. The general says that a nation that depends so thoroughly on its citizen soldiery in the case of war should teach every one of them to shoot well.

quire the streets to be kept as clean of loose paper as loose dirt. One is as bad as the other. —Philadelphia Press.

THE MALAY SOCIAL LIFE.

Of the Malay social life much of

good could be said; it is enough here to say that there are no old maids in the Malay peninsula and fewer public

women than. I dare say, in any other country in the world. The Malay is

allowed four wives, but he is too wise to take the limit simultaneously or to

be on with the new before he is off with the old; and though he may di-vorce and replace without very much

difficulty, the women also have priv-ileges, which, in the better classes,

means settlements, division of property

glo-Israel theory. The new theorist, by tors. A man is fined in a French or German city if he drops a paper on the street. He should be here. German city if he drops a paper on the street. He should be here. But, on the other hand, if the paper

antly to the Biblical support of his gets on the street in a European city the street cleaner gathers it in. It is theory. "Swift beasts" mean steamers, adds the settler, for if not, how else were the scattered to be brought back from the islands? The closing argu-ment in favor of the theory was that "Swift beasts" mean steamers, not left to drift and scud before the wind, gather dirt and distribute it, making our streets look like a bit of a pig pen. Street-cleaning contractors are fined for unswept streets. Fines should be as swift for paper left un-gathered. Our municipal standards are the Loo-Chooans suffered from exactly the same diseases and plagues as were foretold for the Israelites in Deuterontoo low, too slovenly and too careless. Mrs. Samuel Sutcliffe, chief of the bureau of street cleaning, ought to re-

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out. "Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe coids which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egleston of Maple Landing. Iowa. "Knees and iolnts aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eves and nose run-ning, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon com-pletely knocked out the grip." It is a good plan to take a dose of the Tholets when you have a cold. They pro-mote a healthy action of the bowels, liv-er and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the grip. For sale by all drugglats.

NATURAL WEATHER PROPHET.

As a natural weather prophet, and infailible, at that, the volcano on the island of Vulcano, twelve miles north of Sicily, in the Mediterranean is believed to hold the record. The following is from an accountof a dinner given by the Geographical Council club of England in 1893: "Capt. Wharton, the hyd-rographer to the admiralty, told how he had once anchored in very dcep water on the east side of Vulcano, the southernmost of the Lipari isles. but that he had kept up steam with the intention of being off immediately if the wind changed to the east. He mentioned this to an Englishman who lived on the island and was in charge of some borax works. 'But,' said the man, 'there is not the romotest chance of the wind going round to the east without full warning.' 'What warning?' asked the other, 'Ob,' was the rejoinder, 'the volcano always warns us!' The volcano!' said Wharton. 'Yes, the volvolcano: said Wharton. Yes, the vol-cano. A "fumarone" always emits a whistling sound before the east wind begins to blow.' Shortly after this Wharton was tooking at Strabo, and, to his astonishment, found that that writer mentions the Caet. The English-man had never heard of Strabo in his life. Strabo died as an old man about

removed. It was rife yesterday on Pine, Spruce, Walnut and other streets. In all the center of the city yesterday paper was blowing and scurrying, dirty, noisome and disgusting. This paper is on the sidewalks. It is on the street. Much of it is due to the carelessness with which ashes and paper are handled by scavengers and the emaddressed the sailors in a pleasant speech, Among other things he said: "I counsel you to be plain and simple in your ways. Don't try to seem something your are not. Don't put on foolish

"They who put on foolish airs often come to grief. A woman with her little daughter entered a Lipton Limited the other day-Lipton Limited, you know, is the name my tea shops all go under-and she made a purchase of a pound of tea. The clerk wrapped up the tea and said:

tea and said: ""Shall I send this for you, madam?" "No, I'll take it with me,' the wo-man answered. T'm driving." "Here the little girl began to jump

up an down excitedly. "'Oh, mama,' she said, 'are we going back in the yellow 'bus, too?'

A GOOD EGG.

Gifford Pinchot, the government's mil-honaire forester, was talking the other day about odd epitaphs. "Of course," Mr. Pinchot said, "the fic-

"Of course," Mr. Pinchot said, "the ne-titious eptaphs are innumerable, but the true ones-the ones you have actually seen yourself-are few enough. I have only seen three, and this is the best of them, I copied it in my netebook." "Here Mr. Pincot took out his notsbook and displayed the inscriptoin: "HIRAM MAJOR. Dear Outpher 10 1931

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