

THE CONFESSION BY A. CONAN DOYLE



the confessor, reassuringly: "Have no fear, my sister, in confiding to me." command. But still she hesitated, and when at last she spoke it was in a whisper so low that the hand beyond the grating gathered itself round the ear.

"Reverend father," she said, "we who wear the garb of the Holy Dominie have vowed to leave behind us all thoughts of that which is worldly. And yet I, who am the unworthy abbess to whom all others have a right to look for an example, have during all this week been haunted by the memory of one whom I loved—of a man whom I loved, father—in the days so many years ago before I took the veil."

"My sister," said the Jesuit, "our thoughts are not always ours to command. When they are such as our conscience disapproves we can but regret them and endeavor to put them away."

It was your voice, father, which made me think of what I had believed that I had at last forgotten. Every tone of your voice brought back the memory of Pedro."

ENGLISH VERSE POET Stephen Phillips, Who Won the Academy's Prize.

AN ADMIRER OF MILTON. He Is Partial to Blank Verse and Does Best at It.

MERITS OF HIS WRITINGS.

They Have Many Good Features and Show Lasting Qualities.

EXTRACTS FROM HIS LAST BOOK.

THE most talked about poet in England today is Mr. Stephen Phillips. This is not, perhaps, so much because Mr. Phillips has just published a volume of poetry, for he has done that before, but because the Academy has awarded him its 5000 crown. You may remember that at the time the Academy named its list of Forty Immortals it said that it was going to crown with a 5000 note the book that it considered the best book of the year. In this competition, in which no one competed, Mr. Phillips carried off the prize. The English papers of the last week have been filled with discussion of his merits as a poet and I have read fragments of his verses that have been used by the reviewers in the course of their reviews. It was only today that I had the pleasure of reading Mr. Phillips' poems complete, having received a copy of his book from the Bodley Head, Mr. John Lane's well-known publishing house, of which there is a branch on Fifth avenue.

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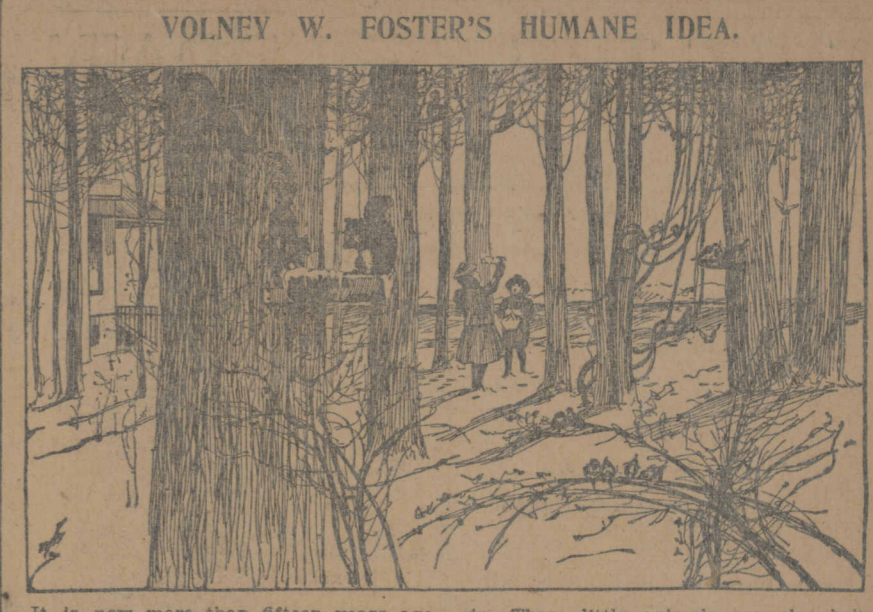
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It is now more than fifteen years ago that Volney W. Foster, of Evanston, endeavored to revive and make more effective an ordinance touching the protection of birds and their nests. This was done by publication of the ordinance and the distribution of copies in the public schools.

These little animals are also being fed regularly. The result of this friendly attention to the birds and squirrels has been to increase their numbers. The trunks are, of course, of use at this season to some of the winter birds, the linnets, the grosbeaks, and some of the others.

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STANDING AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR.

by which the penitent had involuntarily uttered the name of her lover. She heard his breathy flutter down upon the ground, but he did not stoop to pick it up.

She had risen from the cushion and was turning to go, when a little gasping cry came from beside her. She looked down at the grating and sank in terror from the sight.

"It is you, Pedro," said she at last. "We must not speak. It is wrong. My duty as a priest is done," said he.

"For God's sake, give me a few words! Never in this world shall we meet again," he said.

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MRS. COBB WEARS MANY HONORS

Among Them Is That of Being W. J. Bryan's Step-Grandmother.

Kokomo, Ind., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Mary Forbes Cobb of West London, this country, who has the distinction of being the only daughter of a revolutionary soldier now living between the Allegheny Mountains and the Cape Fear, has just celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday.

She was born in Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 11, 1843. Her father, Daniel Cobb, whose father and four brothers also served their country at that period. The senior member of this family, John Cobb, was chaplain of Washington's army during the Revolutionary War.

MARY FORBES COBB. The elder Bryan was a private soldier in a company of Kentucky militia mustered by Captain Isaac Cunningham.

She is in great demand at all old settlers' picnics, where she takes her spinning wheel. She is remarkably well preserved and bids fair to reach the century mark.

She still smokes her pipe, but says she is weary of it and may quit in the near future. She smokes mullin leaves along with her tobacco as a remedy for catarrh. She is a member of the Baptist church, calling herself an "old-time preacher's daughter."

German officials think the problem of aerial navigation has been solved by the invention of Herr Schwartz, and, though the first trial of this aluminum device was not wholly successful, it does not seem to have dampened the enthusiasm of the War department.

The experiment was made the other day on the Tempelhof Common in Berlin, in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The balloon, not unlike a gigantic oil can in shape, was 140 feet long and 40 feet in diameter, and contained 40,000 cubic feet of gas. Both balloons rose to a height of 1,000 feet, and then disappeared behind a cloud.

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Shed Skin 20 Times.

Little Boy's Terrible Eczema. Mass Running Sores From Head to Foot.

Not an Inch of Body Unaffected. Skin Came Off With The Bandages.

Screams Were Heart-Breaking. Four Doctors and Medical Institute No Avail.

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