

# WHY SIR THOMAS LIPTON LOVES AMERICA

## THE GENIAL KNIGHT CHATS ON THE ERIN OF HIS BOYHOOD STRUGGLES IN THE UNITED STATES AND HIS LATER TRIUMPHS



THE ERIN



IN THE DRAWING ROOM ON BOARD THE ERIN



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SOME OF THE TROPHIES



THE MASCOTS OF THE ERIN, AND THE RACERS

"If I win the cup," said Sir Thomas Lipton—"well I'll need a lady to take care of it." And he laughed knowingly as he waved a goodbye to his visitor.

The distinguished yachtsman is given to saying graceful things in his dry, direct manner when he is entertaining the gentler sex, but his declaration takes on an added significance perhaps when considered in connection with Sir Thomas' preceding declaration.

"I don't mind saying," said he emphatically, "that I think the American women are the smartest and brainiest women in the world, and I don't care who knows it. They have tact and comprehension, and I think the latter quality all men appreciate. Yes, the American woman has that confidence in herself and recognizes her ability to do what she pleases and go where she pleases. And she exercises this independence without robbing herself of femininity. I do admire her spirit."

When Sir Thomas' visitor boarded the Erin she was conducted through the music hall and below, where rooms yawn into rooms in a neighborly manner.

The reception chamber is the drawing room. Some homes reflect with striking significance the life, character and birthplace of their owners, but this is a bachelor's hall, furnished from the four cardinal points, and is in keeping with the princely manner in which Sir Thomas lives. The home on the Erin is an equivalent word for luxury and order and at once suggests an air of comfort and a happy ease.

The walls are of old rose silk tapestry of the Louis XIV. period. Panels, screens and tapestries glory in many of the exploits of gods and men, and heavy curtains, wrought in Chinese looms, display the story of Confucian dreams.

A feeble light streamed from the curtained ports and a bronze incense burner was offering up its worship in sweet spices and myrrh. Tabourets of tortured woods, sherraton chairs, settees, divans and ottomans in delicate shades crowd the gorgeous hangings and are smothered with cushions of Oriental stuffs.

There are tables of armoir and buhl, and there are cabinets inlaid and glittering with

pearl, mosaic tabourets from India, brasses from Benares and bronzes from France. Royal blue Sevres vases adorn Louis XVI. cabinets and statuettes of Dresden china give grace to the room.

The dining room is lighted by electricity, that filters softly through blue Iris shades, and the false light shames the honest daylight and shines in unreal fancy over all. The heavy stuffs at the doorway stirred slightly, a servant's deferential hand held them apart and a tall man stepped informally into the room and paused under the hazy glow. He gave his visitor a quiet hand in greeting and began with an earnest question.

"Oh, say, isn't it a fine thing for a woman to earn her living in this way? You know, I think it must be fine. Because"—then thoughtfully pulling his mustache, he continued, "Well, no one could be impolite to a lady; of course not."

Sir Thomas paused between each word, not so much to weigh them carefully as it was to use the intervals in reading telegrams brought in by the secretary.

He speaks in a sort of English-Irish accent, through which the Scotch "r" rolls low and free. He is an intensely human man, fond of comforts and impatient of restraint. He has a sort of rugged self-appreciation that is called "Western" in the United States, and he is big hearted, persistent, vigorous in body, without being athletic, and cautious at first, with a placid reserve. He is an easy going man, of plain tastes, and has the manner of one who dresses carefully and straightaway forgets his clothes.

Sir Thomas is fifty-three years old. He is tall and loosely built. His eyes are bright and irishly blue and have a way of looking merry even when the subject of conversation is grave. The eyes are topped by shaggy brows. He has a confidential manner in talking and can ask a question with a simple directness that is ingenious. He can ask it in a sort of "of course you will answer it" way that is not easy to refuse.

His face is lined with the furrows of habitual smiles and his complexion is a good fresh color without being rosy. The fringe of hair that surrounds his non-committal baldness is thinning, but not yet gray. A heavy gray mustache shades a kindly, good

natured mouth, beneath which he wears a gray imperial.

**Souvenirs of Royalty**  
 "That," said he, waving his right hand toward a photograph of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, "is the only one of its kind in America. You see it is taken in her coronation robe."

There was a veritable gallery of auto-graphed majesties, including the late Queen



### TRIBUTE OF SIR THOMAS TO AMERICAN SPORTSMEN

WHEN Mr. Hutton Mitchell, the well known English black and white artist, visited Sir Thomas Lipton on board his yacht, the Erin, for the purpose of sketching the gallant knight, he happened to say to the latter:

"Before leaving England, Sir Thomas, I observed a statement in the London Referee, credited to Mr. George R. Simms, and saying:—'Sir Thomas Lipton will not bring back the cup, even if he happens to have the better yacht. The Americans will not allow him to win. With them it is, and always will be, a case of win, tie or wrangle.' What have you to say about that remark?"

"Look here," said Sir Thomas, "I'd sooner, if I had my choice, race against an American than I would any other nationality. The mere fact of being a foreigner evokes interest and real sympathy in the American people. They are the best sportsmen I have ever met; fair minded, square and above board I have always found them. Why," he said, suddenly flying off at a tangent, "it's my belief they want me to win that cup. They are tired looking at it. They've had it too long. So I'll just take it back with me," he continued with a smile. "By the by, I've had a real good time here and met the most delightful and pleasant of people, but, however charming, social functions will not distract me from the serious business of finding a fresh resting place for the America's Cup. I have an idea," he remarked with a twinkle, "that that cup will find itself in strange quarters before long. Let us have a cup of tea and talk about something else—my canaries, for instance. One of them is a particularly cute little rascal. He rings a bell and looks for a reward in quite a natural and humanlike manner."

And thus he dismissed the subject of suspecting the honor of American sportsmen.

### Salvationists Put Cupid in Bonds.

MARRIAGE in the Salvation Army is a momentary affair to come, but the army cannot hinder him from "coming." In addition to this preliminary declaration he is also obliged to sign an agreement never to "court" any girl in the station who may be appointed, and "never to begin or break off anything of the kind without first consulting his division officer." This would seem to be a provision for courting at long range only, but a loophole has been given by which a man who finds his peace of mind disturbed by some fascinating sister in a poke bonnet may "honorably resign," and after being removed to another field of battle court his girl by long distance telephone or any other way he can find to do it.

Even when the candidate has persevered and cleared all these preliminaries from his path, there are still enough impediments to give him time to be sure of himself—and of the girl—before taking the fatal leap. No man can marry without the consent of his division officer, and not even then until the latter is able to give the would-be bridegroom three stations, as becomes a man of family. Neither will he allow one to marry before he is twenty-two years of age and has been fighting for three years. And when all the powers have given their consent and the various impediments are removed, he still has twelve months to think the matter over before the ceremony can be performed. Then if he doesn't know his own mind the army washes his hands of the matter and leaves him to his fate.

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### Candied Flowers.

THE latest novelty in candiees is candied flowers. The art of making them has not yet been brought to the same state of perfection here as in European countries, but some of the season's novelties are quite as attractive to the eye and palate as though they bore the magic word "imported" in their make-up. Switzerland knows how to candy flowers, and they have a trick about using them and rose leaves on the other side which is not much practised here. Beaten up in whipped cream, they color and flavor the cream charmingly, and in this way can be used with great effect in a great number of desserts. Bajette, a French chef of high reputation, is devoting himself to experiments in candying flowers, and is trying to do up a flower palatably with its own leaves and stem all perfect. Probably it will not be as toothsome as a penny striped stick, but it will have great vogue as a novel bit of confectionery.

Victoria, Edward Rex, the King and Queen of Italy; royalties from Eastern climes and sun down seas, potentates from unpronounceable domains.

"This is not a day for reserves, Sir Thomas; tell me how you did it?"

"Oh, come now, I don't want to talk about that for publication," and he slowly closed one eye and laughed with the other.

"Then I'll change the question. Tell me of your early struggles in America."

Sir Thomas raised one finger, a quick gesture of dissent, and laughed.

"Then begin at the beginning. Tell of your boyhood and its rosiest dream."

He sat down, leaned his elbows on his knees, drummed his fingers loosely before him, and said, half sadly,—"When I was a child we were very poor."

He said it with a pride that was good to see.

"Very poor," he repeated, "and we were seven, although I was the only one spared to my parents. The others died quite young. My great passion at that time was for the violin. I loved it, and every night I studied with a German teacher. I studied while other boys played at games." Here he paused and said confidently—"I played very well, too. I could read and execute admirably, considering the time I studied."

"And you gave it up?"

"Yes; other things crowded it out of my life. There were other things to do. I had to work, and how to help my parents became my engrossing thought. The violin was tranquillizing, but it couldn't bring quick results. I remember about this time I said to

mother, 'Never mind, mother, you will have your coach and pair yet.'

**Early Struggles.**  
 "And did she think you overconfident?" he was asked.

"No, indeed; she always had absolute faith in me, and, let me tell you, miss, she had that coach and pair."

He arose from the chair as he said this to receive some visitors' cards. He smiled a deep smile as he repeated, "Mother had her coach and pair."

"But, in the meantime?"

"Ah," sighed Sir Thomas, "in the meantime—that is another story."

He considered the question seriously, then swung across the room with unembarrassed ease and with long strides mounted the carpeted stairs, was half way up and then returned.

"You know I came to New York an emi-

### Queries Answered by the Oracle.

Please tell me what celluloid is made of. FRANK.  
 Gun cotton and camphor.

Will you please tell me what was the Challenger expedition? LAURENCE D.  
 It was a scientific exploration of the Atlantic, Southern and Pacific oceans, instituted by the British government, 1875-1876. It was made in the corvette Challenger.

When did we begin computing time according to our present method? V. K. V.  
 It was introduced in the Christian Church about 525 by Dionysius. In England it was employed in 680, but did not come into general use until near the middle of the fifteenth century.

Is any kind of gin made out of cotton? BED.  
 There is not. If you are thinking of cotton gin, it is a machine for freeing cotton from its seeds.

Please tell if you think that a man can be an actor and be perfectly respectable. STAGE.  
 Certainly. There are many actors who are perfectly respectable, and there are many persons who cannot be respectable no matter what profession or calling they follow.

Were there at any time ten tribes who composed the entire population of the world, and if so, what were their names? G. G.  
 Ten tribes never embraced the people of the world. You evidently have in mind the ten tribes of Israel, who made up a very small part of the earth's inhabitants. They were carried into captivity by Salmanneser, King of Assyria, and ceased to exist as a people. The tribes were those of Joseph, Issachar, Asher, Zebulun, Naphtali, Benjamin, Dan, Simeon, Gad and Reuben.

On what days of the week did January 1 and April 1, 1833, fall? LIFE READER.  
 On Tuesday and Sunday, in the order given.

When may deer be killed in Connecticut under the law? H. H.  
 At no time.

In what book is this quotation:—"A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry, but money answereth all things."? Q.  
 In the Bible, Ecclesiastes, I, 10.

Kindly give me the family name of Oliver Cromwell. Were his father's and grandfather's names the same? CONSTANT.  
 The family name was Cromwell. His father was Robert and his grandfather was Henry.

How were the cities of Hilo and Troy related geographically and historically? I have them mixed up in my mind. SALLY.  
 They were extremely closely related, for they were the same place under two names.

grant when I was just sixteen," he said gravely. "Yes, I was an emigrant then, and now I come like a prince, but my heart goes out now to the poor devils to-day who travel steerage. Then I had only \$8 to my name and didn't know a soul—not a living soul in America. Only \$8 and a stranger in a strange land does not sound so desperate, but it was far from consoling. I went down South, and the way I used to steal rides and the places where I slept—well—"

"Let us go on deck," he said without finishing the sentence.

On deck Sir Thomas raised his cap with a quick motion, stroked his brow and continued—"I don't come in emigrant style, now, do I?"

There is character in the free swing of his legs as he walks the deck. There is shrewdness in the watchful eyes, and they twinkled jovially when he said—

"It took me two whole years to save \$100 and then I started for the old country with my little fortune and bought an Irish produce store. But, of course, I shall always feel that I had to come to America for my start."

At this juncture luncheon was announced and the host led the way to the table spread beneath the canopy deck, where all that glittered was surely gold. Desk-colored Chinese servants answering to the name of "Shamrock," "Erin" and "Pat" served the dainty repast. It was all very easy and democratic. They eat at all times and smoke between times on the Erin, and the warm geniality of three hachelors, Mr. Fife, Colonel Nell and Sir Thomas, made it a day to be well remembered.

Kindly tell me the total number of votes cast for Governor in the elections in New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan. C. READER.  
 New York, 1,380,516; Pennsylvania, 1,029,224; Michigan, 385,838.

Kindly give the difference between standard time and New York sun time. TEMPS.  
 Eastern standard time is four minutes slower than New York solar time.

Which is the higher, Strasburg Cathedral or St. Peter's, at Rome? G. G.  
 Strasburg Cathedral is 460 feet high and St. Peter's 448.

Was Columbus in Iceland before he discovered the new world? HISTORY.  
 Yes, he was there in 1477, and learned of the existence of land to the westward.

Can a yacht sail twelve miles an hour when the wind is blowing only ten miles an hour? LANDSMAN.  
 Yes, it can sail ten miles in the direction that the wind is blowing and two miles across the wind.

What was the electoral vote when Thomas Jefferson was elected? B. B. L.  
 73.

Did the old Know Nothings demand that only native born citizens should have the right to vote? D. D.  
 They did not, but they demanded a continued residence of twenty-one years as a requisite for citizenship.

To settle a dispute please tell us the location of the Champs Elysees and if it was ever known by any other name. K. AND T.  
 It extends a mile and a quarter from the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe. In 1816, when laid out by Marie de Medicis, it was known as Cours de la Reine.

When did Table Rock at Niagara Falls break and fall? D. D.  
 A large piece of it fell in July, 1818; another portion fell December 3, 1825; more in 1829, and all of the remainder June 29, 1850.

Can you tell me what is meant by "biogenetic" and where the word came from? CURIOUS.  
 The name was used by Professor Huxley for the theory that living matter always arises through the agency of pre-existing living matter. It is opposed to "abiogenetic," less accurately called "spontaneous generation."

Is it correct English to "axe" a question? SALLY.  
 It is not, but it once was, for the expression is as old as the language. In Wycliff's translation of the Bible you will find, "And Pilate axide him."