



O, THESE MEN, THESE MEN! 1935

Moyer Bell, 1996

(Hazel Bell, 2017)

I have heard it said so. O, these men, these men!
Dost thou in conscience think,—tell me, Emilia,—
That there be women do abuse their husbands In such gross kind?
Desdemona to Emilia, *Othello*, Act IV, Sc. 3

page 24 **OGPU** was the secret police of the Soviet Union from 1922 to 1934.

p.30 **Attila**, King of the Huns 434-53

p.31 Oh! teach the orphan-boy to read,
Or teach the orphan-girl to sew,
Pray Heaven for a human heart,
And let the foolish yeoman go.
— from “Lady Clara Vere de Vere”, Tennyson

p.32 The **Treaty of Versailles** was the most important of the peace **treaties** that brought World War I to an end. It was signed in June 1919.

p.36 The Punch artist John **Leech** (1817-64) was an influential and popular figure in Victorian culture.

p.37 Isabella **Beeton** 1836-65, English writer on cookery.

p.38 “young men in black shirts” – members of Sir Oswald Mosley’s British Union of Fascists.

p.39 “Good old non-Aryan name” – the Fascists were anti-semitic.

p.42 **Gustavus Adolphus** was the King of Sweden from 1611 to 1632.

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I KNOW where I’m going,
I know who’s going with me,

I know who I love,
But the dear knows who I'll marry.
– Irish song

- p.52 And all my days are trances / And all my nightly dreams /
Are where thy dark eye glances / And where thy footstep gleams.
– from “To One in Paradise” by Edgar Allan Poe

- p.54 Gnaeus Julius **Agricola**, AD 37-93, Roman governor in Britain

Marcus Vispanius **Agrippa**, 63-12 BC, Roman soldier

Now tall **Agrippa** lived close by, - / So tall, he almost touch'd the sky; / He
had a mighty inkstand too, / In which a great goose-feather grew;
– from *Struwwelpeter : The Inky Boys* by Dennis Jackson

- p.55 **Mr Murdstone** is David Copperfield's brutal stepfather.

- p.57 **Agrippina** the Elder, mother of Caligula and of Agrippina the
Younger

Agrippina the Younger, mother of Nero

- p.58 **Uritur et loquitur**: (Mis)understanding Passionate Speech in Catullus 83

Gaius Julius **Caesar** 102-44 BC, Roman soldier and statesman

Cesare Borgia 1475-1507, Italian political leader

The song, “Tropical Heat Wave” includes the lines,
“She started a heatwave / just by letting her seat wave”
– perhaps this is what Hugh considers not respectable.

- p.71 **Hymettus** is a mountain range in the Athens area of Attica, East Central
Greece, noted for its thyme **honey**.

Virgil, Horace and Strabo all cited **Sabina** as the favoured land of woods,
vineyards and **olive** groves.

Falstaff is billed for a halfpenny worth of **bread** and two gallons of **sack**
(wine) in *Henry IV Part 1*.

Presumably Anna can appreciate Shakespeare, just manage Latin, but Greek is
beyond her.

- p.74 **A boy loves a girl** is a poem by Heinrich Heine from 1822. In his book of
songs it is listed as the 39th poem in the *Lyrical Intermezzo*. The poem is
about how a broken love ultimately gains a unique meaning if it only meets
one's own self.

- p.78 Albert **Einstein** 1879-1955, physicist born in Germany

Sergei **Eisenstein** 1898-1948, Russian film director

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THEY told me, Heraclitus, they told me you were dead,
They brought me bitter news to hear and bitter tears to shed.
I wept as I remember'd how often you and I
Had **tired the sun with** talking and sent him down the sky.
– from “Heraclitus” by William Cory

p.112 **The Black Brunswicker** (1860) is a painting by John Everett Millais showing a man and a woman clinging together.

you, at such times seeing me, never shall / With arms encumb'ed thus, or this
headshake, / Or by pronouncing of some doubtful phrase, / As "Well, well, we
know," or "**We could, an if we would,**" /Or "If we list to speak," or "There be,
an if they might," / Or such ambiguous giving out, to note / That you know
aught of me. – *Hamlet* Act I scene 2

p.113 The Marschallin sings this song in Act III of *Der Rosenkavalier*.

Cerberus, the dog which guarded the entrance to Hades, had three heads.

p.120 The **Territory of the Saar Basin** was a region of Germany occupied and governed by the United Kingdom and France from 1920 to 1935 under a League of Nations mandate.

e. p.130 Weave a circle round him thrice, / And close your eyes with holy dread /
For he on **honey-dew** hath **fed**, / And drunk the milk of Paradise.
– from “Kubla Khan” by S. T. Coeridge

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QUOTH tongue of neither maid nor wife
To heart of **neither wife nor maid**,
“Lead we not here a jolly life
Betwixt the shine and shade?”
– from “Philip van Artevelde” by Sir Henry Taylor

p.134 **William Horatio Powell** (1892 –1984) was an American actor, a major star at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

p.171 **Julia Mannering** and **Vanbeest Brown** are characters in *Guy Mannering* by Sir Walter Scott.

p.188 The poem **The Asra** appeared in 1851 in Heinrich Heine's third poem Romanzero. The 15th poem of the cycle *Historien* addresses the unfulfillable love of a slave to the Sultanstochter.

p.210 Angela herself avoided the difficulty of apostrophes when she changed her first married name, McInnes, to Thirkell.