

BOSTON'S BLUE LAWS.

The Neat Way Barbers Have of Evading Them to Their Customers' Satisfaction.

Boston Letter to Chicago Tribune. The barbers of Boston are, as a rule, ungodly. Despite the new law which forbids them to practice their profession on Sundays, their shops are still kept open seven days in the week.

The first day of the present week, at about 10 o'clock in the morning, the writer was walking along Charles street with some faint hopes of finding a tonsorial artist in pursuit of his illegal business, when he was agreeably surprised to observe a colored person, with a white apron, leaning gracefully against a red-white-and-blue pole on the nearest corner.

"Can I get a shave this morning?" inquired the customer, wistfully, passing as he came to the spot where the gentleman from Senegambia was standing in picturesque repose.

"Yes, sah," replied the latter, courteously. "Walk right in. You'll find de implements, sah, all ready to use at the fourth cheer on de left."

The newcomer thereupon entered the shop, where he found three other men—all in a partially-shaved condition—sitting on the edges of as many chairs and applying lather and steel to their own faces. The situation was quickly explained by the Ethiopian in charge, who had followed the late arrival from the sidewalk. "You see, sah," he began, "we don't dare shave nobody on Sunday, for fear o' bein' looked up; but dere's no law against lendin' a razor an' cup to a gentman friend. So, if you like de hospitalities of dis establishment an' at your service. You'll find a cuttin' instrument, wid de sharpest kind ob an edge on it in front ob de lookin'-glass; likewise a mug full of lather, some hot water and a bottle o' bay rum."

"I see," responded the applicant, who, without further delay, seated himself in chair No. 4 and proceeded to operate upon himself with the utensils at hand. At the end of twenty minutes or so, with some incidental laceration, he had finished his task, and the barber, having helped him on with his coat, proceeded to brush him off. Then the customer fumbled the loose change in his trousers pocket and asked, sotto voce, what the charge might be.

"Nothing, sah," said the knight of the razor. "We should be taken up if we asked pay for services rendered on de Sabbath." And as he spoke he gave a portentous and most expressive wink.

"Ah, I understand," returned the guest, and as he went out he dropped an unostentatious 15 cents on a little pile of coin near the doorway. All of which goes to show conclusively the ingenuity of an iniquitous generation is too much for the law and the prophets to contend against.

A QUEER RACE ARE THE FUEGANS.

When Their Women Reach a Certain Age They Roast and Eat Them.

San Francisco Examiner's Account of Albatross Expedition.

Professors Lee and Townsend are both more than ordinarily successful as amateur photographers. They have brought back a fine collection of photographs of interesting places, people and situations, some of which are reproduced here. By far the most interesting pictures are those taken off the coast of Terra del Fuego, the inhabitants of which are the next to the lowest type of the human race known.

Prof. Lee, by the way, ascribes a different origin to the name of the land than is given in the geographies that were studied in the schools. These text books said that the number of volcanoes about gave the country its forbidding name, but the professor says there are no volcanoes anywhere about there. The natives of the country live in long bark canoes, in the center of which a fire is always burning. When to kindle a fire meant to rub two sticks together until they started to burn the savages were careful not to let the fire go out, and the custom survives. The name comes from these ever-burning fires.

The natives have learned the use of matches and tobacco, and these two commodities command a high price in Terra del Fuego, even though there is no protective tariff there. A sheep or a baby is considered a fair equivalent for a plug of tobacco or a bunch of matches. If the choice of the price is given the native he will always give the baby, as there is a much greater demand for sheep than for young Fuegians.

It was reported that in one of the copper tanks, among the strange fishes, a good specimen of the Fuegian baby was comfortably tucked away in alcohol, but the scientists would not admit this.

The Fuegians are not a warlike race, though they are very skilful with their primitive bows and arrows. The arrows are not feathered, and the barb consists of a triangular piece of glass ground sharp.

Though the Fuegians are very low in the human scale, they are careful not to offend the eyes of strangers. An explorer approaching a boat sees only the best-looking squaw of the party. She handles a paddle at the stern and steers the boat. Her less comely sister—there are always two families on a boat—is hidden laboriously under the seats.

There are no old women in Terra del Fuego. Lest this should cause an exodus from the civilized world it would perhaps be best to explain why. When a woman gets to the right age, about forty-five, she is considered to have done her duty. With appropriate ceremonies, therefore, she is either lanced or strangled, and the family larder is replenished with her roasted remains.

The women, when they see the time of sacrifice approaching, never attempt to escape it. They regard it as about almost as settled a fact as that the wind should blow, and never trouble themselves about it.

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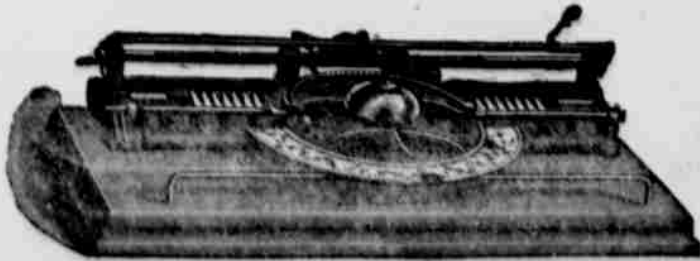
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