

"I SPY STRANGERS."

A Cry That Will Clear the Galleries in the House of Commons.

As is well known, it is only through courtesy, and in violation of strict rules, that anyone is allowed to witness the proceedings of the English parliament. If an ill-natured member chases to call out at any time, "I spy strangers," the galleries must be immediately cleared. This custom, of course, has become obsolete, and of late the ladies, who can go anywhere else in Westminster where visitors are allowed, through their especial champion, Mr. Byles, have endeavored to secure the same privileges relative to admission to the members' gallery as those accorded to men.

In a recent declaration before the house of parliament, says the New York Advertiser, Mr. Herbert Gladstone stated that the exclusion of ladies from this place was based on the rule enforced by successive speakers that women cannot obtain admission to the house. "In former times," he said, "between 1679 and 1778, the occasional presence of women in the gallery below the bar was permitted. Notice having, on February 2, 1778, been taken that strangers were present, the strangers, who were men, withdrew in obedience to the sergeant-at-arms. The ladies who filled the gallery exhibited such persevering reluctance to comply with the order that they interrupted the business of the house for two hours. Since that ladies have never been allowed to sit within that part of the house." Mr. Herbert Gladstone's statement has filled the English newspapers with columns of letters on the subject, the general trend of which goes to show that the British maid and matron propose to assert that they have equal rights to witness the doings of the lawmakers with their husbands and sweethearts.

GHOSTS OF THE MAORIS.

They Scratch on Walls and Make Their Presence Known by Whistling.

The Maoris, it appears, have a rooted belief in ghosts, which they called "Kehuas," and in various manifestations from the spirit world. They do not profess to hear the raps by which European spiritualists suppose that the presence of spooks is manifested, for the reason that Maori houses, being of reeds, rushes or grass, raps would not be heard; but the ghosts ingeniously accommodate themselves to circumstances by scratching instead of rapping, which is, of course, very thoughtful of them. Maoris believe that ghosts speak in shrill, whistling voices, and a recent traveler states that for that reason the Maoris hate to hear anyone whistle. The Kehua, according to native tradition, is generally found lying across a path, and to step over him is to die. If the traveler goes round by another path that leads to the place for which he is aiming he will find that the Kehua is on the new path before him. The one way to avoid disaster is to turn back and go home, or, at least, to the place last left. A chief, described as "very intelligent," assured Mr. Tregear, who, according to the New York Advertiser, has lately been investigating Maori superstitions, that he saw the spirits of two of his uncles on each occasion before they died. His father, mother, brothers or sisters did not see, and it is not stated why he supposed that his uncles specially desired to visit him in this fashion. The explanation of this and the rest probably is that the Maoris are a remarkably superstitious and imaginative people, who can make ghosts out of nothing—or nothing more substantial than dreams—as easily as an old Scotch wife of the last century.

THEY SLEEP THROUGH SUMMER.

Animals That Lie Dormant During the Heated Term.

When the heat of a tropical or semi-tropical summer dries up every pool and parches the ground to such an extent that it is difficult for animals not endowed with great powers of locomotion to obtain water, they compromise with nature by sleeping off the season of heat and scarcity. The winter sleepers, says the Brooklyn Eagle, are pretty well known, but, owing to the summer sleepers being for the most part inhabitants of tropical countries, far removed from the path of trained observers, we are less acquainted with the species practicing that means of escaping the heat and drought of summer. Indeed, at present only one mammal, the tenece, a hedgehog-like beast of Madagascar, is known to do so. In South America and Africa various reptiles estivate. In the plains of Venezuela the alligator, the land and fresh water tortoise, the box constrictor and several sorts of the smaller kinds of serpent lie motionless during the hottest period of the tropical summer. But their dormancy is not so perfect as that of some hibernators. In Brazil, Australia and Cape Colony lizards, frogs, tortoises and insects pass months of the rainless season inclosed in hard earth, and in India many species of fishes live during the hot season in a torpid condition, embedded in the hardened clay.

It Needed Trying.

Judge Shipp, of the North Carolina bench, was presiding over a trial which had been protracted till midnight, and, as a consequence, everybody was tired. The plaintiff's lawyer was addressing the jury, and suddenly said: "Gentlemen, I will tell you an anecdote." Instantly the judge, the jury and the few spectators were all attention, as the lawyer was an admirable story teller. But this time he proceeded to tell one of the dullest, prosiest and most pointless jokes possible. Everybody looked disappointed. The judge, leaning over, said in an unmistakable tone of disappointment: "I don't see the point to that joke." "Neither do I," replied the witty counsel, "but your honor told it to me on our way down here, and, I thought the lack of appreciation must be due to my obtuseness, I concluded to give the joke a trial by jury."

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From a letter written by Rev. J. Gundersman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rivers junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory results." Trial bottles free at Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co's Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

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TATTOOED ROYALTY.

That Sort of Adornment Favored by Princesses, and Now and Then by a Princess.

Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, brother of Alexander III., enjoys the distinction of being the most magnificently and elaborately tattooed prince of the blood in Europe. His powerful right arm is adorned with a superb dragon, which covers it almost entirely from halfway between the wrist and the elbow to the shoulder. It was done in Japan, at Nagasaki, where the grand duke spent some time serving as lieutenant on board the flagship of the Muscovite squadron in China waters. Alexis is by no means the only member of the reigning family who is thus indelibly marked. Princess Waldemar of Denmark, wife of the sailor son of King Christian, has a beautiful anchor and a crown tattooed on her arm halfway between her shoulder and her elbow, which of course is conspicuous when she wears a low dress. Her husband, likewise, has naval emblems tattooed on his arm, and so, too, has King Oscar of Sweden, who served for many years in the navy before ascending the throne. His sons followed his example.

Queen Victoria's second son, the new duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, is tattooed much in the same way as his brother-in-law, the Grand Duke Alexis, while his nephew, the duke of York and future king of England, has a couple of crossed flags upon his forearm. The tattooing was done during his cruise as a midshipman and led to no end of rumpus, for some busybody either wrote or cabled home from Australia that Prince George and his elder brother, the late duke of Clarence, had had the "straight arrow"—the mark used to denote government property—worked with the needles upon their royal noses. The idea of a sovereign having his most conspicuous feature adorned with an emblem which figures upon the garments of every convict and penitentiary inmate was one that struck terror into the hearts of the worthy people of England. Questions were addressed to the government in the house of commons by members who were forced to take the step by their constituents, and so widespread and serious was the popular indignation over the affair that the London newspapers received an official communication, which each published in large type on the editorial page, assuring the people that, after due investigation, it had been ascertained that the noses of both the prince of Wales' sons were absolutely free from any such disfigurement as that which had been reported.

King George, of Greece, his second son, and his nephew, the czarowitz, are each of them tattooed, it having been done in both the latter cases in Japan. Besides these there are among the tattooed princes Queen Marguerite of Italy's brother, the duke of Genoa; Archduke Stephen, of Austria, and Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of Emperor William.

FISHING WITH A SUNKEN FLY.

The Only Way Black Bass Can Be Taken in the Saginaw River.

"You might not think it worthy of your skill as a fly fisherman," recently said one who is an expert in the art himself, "and ordinarily it wouldn't be, as it seems a trifle vulgar in style, but if you ever come to fishing for black bass in a certain kind of water you will find that you must sink your fly or go without any fish. For instance, there isn't a better black bass fishing water on the continent than Saginaw river, Michigan, or anywhere the bass are bigger or more gamey. But the water is deep and very much discolored by the bark on the logs of the endless processions of pine rafts that go up and down that stream. Whitefish in the Saginaw river would be whitefish only in name, for they would take on the hue of the pine-wood water, just as trout in the hemlock-bordered creeks of Pennsylvania are so dark in color that, compared with their brothers of the open-woods streams, they are like a mulatto compared with a white man.

"There is only one way of fly fishing that black bass can be taken in Saginaw river, and that is the seemingly unsportsmanlike way I am speaking of. You must have large and rather gaudy flies. Three inches above the dropper put a No. 2 split shot on your leader to sink your flies. They must be sunk almost as deep in the water as if you were fishing with bait. Trail them toward the surface smartly, and when one of these big bass strikes a fly, which will be so often that you will be astonished, if you don't say that you never had sport before fly fishing for bass, then you are a dilettante sort of a fisherman, and no mistake.

"A person who thinks he isn't doing right by himself if he fishes for black bass any other way than with the fly ought to know there is fly fishing. I never knew of but two kinds before I tried the Michigan method, and I have used this third one with great pleasure and profit in many eastern waters where the conditions were similar to those in the Saginaw, and where no one had ever succeeded in taking any bass to speak of by the regulation methods. I had rather make a nice catch by sinking my flies, even at the expense of being looked upon as a coarse fisherman, than to dawdle all day on the surface and never get a rise."

Testing the Hearing.

The ordinary tests employed by aurists for determining the power of hearing of their patients are in most cases sufficient for all practical purposes; but in some instances indications of great delicacy are absolutely necessary. For this purpose a "sonometer" has been invented by T. P. Hawkinsley. The instrument consists of two primary coils of unequal winding, a secondary coil, two dry cells, or a thermopile supply current, and an adjustable rheotome. The secondary coil is connected to a telephone, and the relative and comparative perception of hearing of the patient can be determined with the greatest accuracy.

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