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CURIOUS CASES.

The supreme court of the United States is usually supposed to be a place where only the most serious and intricate problems are weighed and adjusted, but occasionally a case reaches there that gives that august tribunal the aspect of a justice of the peace court. One that has been given a calendar date for final adjudication is that of a lawyer from Louisiana, who seeks damages in the sum of \$60,000 for the loss of his beard during an election fracas at the polls back in 1911. That was three years ago and it is not stated whether it has grown out again during these years or not. Now \$60,000 is a good deal of money, but the chances are that if J. Ham Lewis, senator from Illinois, he or the gorgeous Auburn hirsute appendage, were on the bench, the plaintiff would have at least one vote for extreme damages, but a smooth faced court is hardly likely to attach the above value to mere whiskers.

SOR GRAPE JUICE?

From Washington comes late this afternoon word that the President should have assured the conference of senators and representatives of the foreign committee that this was to be "no rosewater campaign, and that the next move was up to Huerta." That's the kind of talk, Mr. President that your fellow citizens have been waiting to hear, and you will find an undivided country upholding you in defending this assertion.

SATAN GETS BUSY.

It may be that the administration back in Washington has only been waiting until after Lent to wake up and do something in Mexican affairs, for there seems to be more stir and a general air of getting busy. Even Bryan throws back his shoulders and declares that no one, not even a greaser, shall insult the glorious star spangled banner, no sir, not as long as he is at the head of the foreign affairs of this country.

HAVEN'T HEARD IT.

Up to the time of going to press the reverberation of that salute to our flag has not reached us here, although all ears have been turned toward the south and listening tensely. It may be that Huerta has not much saluting powder on hand, or it may be that he only used a pop gun.

Many people imagined that the heavy rainfall yesterday afternoon was a great deal more in volume than it really amounted to. Getting down to cold facts, the official measurement shows that less than three tenths of one inch fell. An inch of water is a tremendous weight over an acre of ground, and requires continued duration of even heavy precipitation to produce it.

The reading of the state's list of cruelties and battleships that have been ordered to turn their bows southward sounds like the roll call of the states, and makes the American heart swell with pride, even though we are a peaceful nation. It is good to know at such critical times that the cannon are not painted logs, and the powder not dry sand.

When the Titanic went down two years ago yesterday, with its frightful loss of life, the opinion was from

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ly expressed that no more passenger ships of that tremendous size would be attempted. But since then both the English and the German yards have launched trans-Atlantic liners of even greater dimensions and carrying capacity.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

She Wanted to Know.

A party of four just returning from a theatre called in at a fashionable restaurant. The prim spinster who was the guest of the evening was charmed with everything, especially the music. While the waiter was standing by the table, she asked him to find out the title of the piece the orchestra was playing. The willing waiter promised, but other duties claimed him for a while, and when he returned, the lady had completely forgotten her request. When he bent toward her and softly whispered something in her ear, she recoiled with horror. Then recovering from the shock, she turned with cold, relentless fury upon the hapless man who waited, "How dare you!" It took the terrified waiter quite a time to explain why he had merely breathed the title of the piece so softly: "What Can I Do to Make You Love Me"—National Monthly.

Not Needed.

Mr. Newcomb, the father of a family, stepped into a book store to purchase a birthday gift for his 15-year-old son.

"What kind of a book would you like?" the clerk inquired, to whom he had confided his purpose.

"Something that would be useful

for the boy," replied the father solicitously.

"Well, here is a very good one on 'Self-Help.'"

"'Self-Help,'" reiterated the father. "Walter don't need anything of that kind. You ought to see him at the dinner table!"

The Way to Unlock.

The red-haired office boy was whistling a late popular air, but he didn't carry the tune very well.

"You will break into song occasionally, will you?" remarked his employer.

"Sometimes," answered the ambitious youth.

"If you'd get the key you wouldn't need to break in," retorted the boss.

Identified.

Howard—a fool and his money are soon parted.

Mrs. Howard (clapping her hands)—"Oh, John! How much are you going to give me?"—Life.

Quickly Ordered.

Here is one that was smilingly recalled by Congressman Joseph Taggart, of Indiana, when reference was made at a recent banquet to sweet and beautiful natures.

Some time ago a man named Smith went into a big city cafe and dejectedly took a seat at a corner table. For a moment he listlessly scanned the menu card and then turned to the waiter.

"How about that calf's heart?" he asked. "Is it nice and tender?"

"Oh, yes, indeed, sir," was the prompt assurance of the waiter.

"Then bring it along," sighfully ordered Smith. "If there is such a heart I want it."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Flattering Resemblance.

"Miss Wombat seems to have taken a sudden fancy to you."

"Yes; she thinks I look something like her little dog that was stolen."—Kansas City Journal.

Most Likely.

If you don't pay as you go, some day you may have to go without paying.—New Orleans Picayune.

Hiram's Appetite.

The conversation at a recent social session turned to the size of some people's appetites when Congressman Charles R. Crisp, of Georgia, was reminded of Uncle Hiram's experience in a city hash house.

Uncle Hiram, he said, was rambling around the city on a sightseeing tour some time ago when hunger overtook him. Noticing a restaurant close by he rambled in and ordered a layout of lamb.

"One lamb," called out the attendant into the dumb waiter.

"Hold on there, pard!" exclaimed Uncle Hiram, with a look of great concern. "I can't eat a whole lamb! Better make it some oysters instead."

"One oyster," ordered the waiter, turning his face toward the dumb waiter again.

"Wait a minute there, young man," interposed Uncle Hiram again. "One oyster may be enough for a church fair, but ye kin jes' trot me out a dozen."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 3 a. m., April 15.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths.

Highest temperature yesterday 67

Lowest temperature last night 45

Precipitation, last 24 hours .30

Total precipitation since 1st of month 1.85

Normal precip. for this month 2.48

Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1913, to date 23.06

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Total deficiency from Sep. 1, 1913 6.22

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