

AN IRISH DUELIST.

How the Famous Fat Power Possessed Himself of a Gold Watch.

Pat Power, of Daraght, was a fat, robust man, much distinguished by his temperance, and generally seen with a glowing red face.

When traveling in England, Power had many encounters with persons who were attracted by his brogue and clumsy appearance.

On another occasion, a group of gentlemen were sitting in a box at one end of the room when he entered at the other.

COLOR OF TROUT.

The Effect of Light and Freedom on the Gameness of Fish.

Every trout fisher has observed the difference in the color of the speckled beauties he loves so well, but to the query why are some brighter than others the correct reason is rarely given.

Sir Humphry Davy is credited with a story that is substantially as follows: "A great French manufacturer sought the secret of making the brilliant carmine that was manufactured in England."

In that the whole secret lay, so it is with salmon-trout, the brook trout, and with almost every other fish that swims.

It has puzzled many amateur anglers also to account for the difference in the color of the substance or flesh of the brook trout.

Mrs. Mary Arndt, a lady about thirty years old, living at Calhoun, Ind., a small station on the Lake Shore road, was taken sick recently and was confined to her bed.

Colonel J. W. Porter, of Bangor, Me., lately dug up something of interest to astronomers, it being the fact that the first observation of an eclipse of the sun ever taken by scientific men in America was taken on Long Island (Penobscot Bay) on October 27, 1780.

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THE CHARTREUSE MONKS.

Lore and Legends Connected With the Ancient French Monastery.

A native of Grenoble who has known this ancient monastery and its inhabitants all his life, and has visited it on several occasions, and on one of these occasions he has written an account in one of the French newspapers of some of the lore and legends connected with its history.

"In all the three halls, at all the different tables, the food is exactly alike. It is the price only which varies, those who appear the wealthier among the visitors paying slightly more than the rest."

"I have heard an eye-witness tell the story of a lady who entered the monastery, dressed in men's clothes at the side of her lord and master."

"Here is a story which does credit to the old General du Chartreuse, who is said to be most independent and stiff-necked among the followers of the Holy Father."

"We had, before the play was performed, sent a number of tickets to the various authorities and notabilities of the district, among others to the General of the Chartreuse, to the Superior of the Jesuits, and to the Bishop."

"The graceful and gracious note was concluded with a few words of thanks for having remembered the inmates of the monastery."—London Times.

Preferred to Be a Slave.

An old negro, Madison Pitts, has just died at Griffin, Ga., whose history furnished a curious contradiction to the almost universally deep-seated longing for freedom implanted in the human breast.

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REVISED FIRST READER.

Four Practical Lessons Not Taken from the Sunday-School Weekly.

LESSON I.—Ann and Eliza were two girls of the same age and lived next door to each other, and they looked so much alike that people often took them for twins.

"But I don't h-a-v-e to!" When Ann was eighteen years of age she could knit, sew, make bread, split wood, hoe corn or put a diamond-shaped patch on the south side of her father's trousers with a deftness that excited universal admiration.

"Old chap, I have married a Chicago banker worth half a million, and if you want \$25,000 to start a grist mill here is the dress!"

LESSON II.—"Shall we go to the zoo to-day, papa?" "Not to-day, my son!" "But they have just received a kangaroo from Australia."

LESSON III.—"Who is that man, father, and why do the people take off their hats to him?"

"Yes—a sad, weary smile." "Did he make a mistake in going around to the rear of that house?"

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GET THERE AT LAST.

How Nitro-Glycerine Teamsters Feel About Handling the Stuff.

Speaking of the men who handle nitro-glycerine in the oil country, a gentleman from there recently commented on their utter fearlessness.

"Not when I am handling it, he replied; it never occurs to me that there is any danger to me in it; then, but sometimes when I'm home in the house at night, and there ain't an ounce within five miles, I get so blamed nervous I fairly shake with fear and decide that I'll never touch the stuff again."

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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Michigan University pays \$148,000 yearly to its professors and employees.

The Soudan has been almost totally neglected by Protestants as a field for missionary effort. It has a population of about 60,000,000 people.

The reports presented at the recent annual meeting of Mr. Spurgeon's church showed a total membership of 5,274. The additions for the year were 307, and loss 341, making a net loss of thirty-four.

There is a church in Jersey City which bears the multitudinous title of "The Tabernacle of the Testament of the Church of the First Born."

Mrs. Mary E. Richmond has presented to Union Free School District No. 2, of Batavia, N. Y., a handsome public library building, to be called the Richmond Memorial Library, in memory of her son, Dean Richmond, Jr.

The Catholic Review estimates that the actual Roman Catholic population of this country is over 10,000,000, although official statistics just published make it to be only 8,157,676. The total number of parochial schools is 3,070, and the attendance 585,965.

LOSING HER SKIRT.

Social Blunders Made by Persons Ignorant of the "Style."

Many are the social blunders made by those who are in some minute detail ignorant of the "style."

"Well, sir," rejoined she, with a smile which relieved the words of rudeness, "let it swing."

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Extent of Our Arid Lands.

The vast region in the United States where the rainfall is insufficient for successful agriculture, comprises about two-fifths of our entire area (exclusive of Alaska).

"No, I am too old; I really can not dance," said the old gentleman, "but if the Crown Prince will dance I will grind the organ for you all."

According to recent statistics, published in the Honolulu Almanac and Directory, the population of the Hawaiian kingdom is made up, in round numbers, of 18,000 Chinese, 2,000 white natives, 2,000 Americans, 1,300 British, 1,600 Germans, 9,500 Portuguese, 2,000 of other foreign nationalities, and 44,000 Hawaiians and half-castes.

Incorporation is to the mind what whetting is to the scythe. He, therefore, who spends his whole time in recreation is ever whetting, never mowing; his grass may grow and his seed starve; as, on the contrary, he who always works and never recreates is ever mowing, never whetting—laboring much to little purpose.

Some negroes of Carrollton, Ga., entered into a compact to rob the town. They succeeded finely until they consulted a Talapoosa fortune teller, who said they were thieves. This terrified them and led to their arrest.

THE RUSSIAN POLICE.

The Almost Unlimited Field Occupied by Its Representatives.

There is probably no country in the world where the public power occupies a wider field, plays a more important part, or touches the private personal life of the citizen at more points than it does in Russia.

The theory upon which the Government of Russia proceeds is that the citizen not only is incapable of taking part in the management of the affairs of his country, his province or his district, but is incompetent to manage even the affairs of his own household; and that, from the time when he leaves his cradle and begins the struggle of life to the time when his weary gray head is finally laid under the sod, he must be guided, directed, instructed, restrained, repressed, regulated, fenced in, fenced out, braced up, kept down, and made to do generally what somebody else thinks is best for him.

The natural outcome of this paternal theory of government is the concentration of all administrative authority in the hands of a few high officials, and an enormous extension of the police power. Matters that in other countries are left to the discretion of the individual citizen, or to the judgment of a small group of citizens, are regulated in Russia by the Minister of the Interior through the imperial police.

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FASHIONABLE WOMEN.

One Who Claims to Know Talks About the Literature Affected by Them.

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HABITS OF ROOKS.

How to Keep the Greedy Birds Away from a Certain Locality.

In the autumn when the nuts are ripe the rook is busy. Walnuts are his special favorites. You will not see a bird near the place until they are ready for thrashing out; but when that time has come a solitary pioneer will appear first, high up, inspecting the tree or trees. The next day he will be joined by one or two more.

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SOLITARY AS A GOD.

The Hard Lines Surrounding the Young Emperor of China.

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