SNAKES IN IRELAND.

Good St. Patrick's Work Undone by a Tipsy American Showman.

From Ireland comes the news that snakes have appeared in that country. It seems that about five years ago a showman named Wilson came from America with a show of living wild animals. He landed his show at Queenstown, and gave exhibitions up through Ireland with more or less success. But one night at the little town of Amraugh, in Tipperary, Mr. Wilson got very drunk and attempted to clean out his own show. The constabulary force sought to interfere, and (whether as a means of self-defense or in a spirit of humor, I know not) Mr. Wilson turned all the wild animals loose. Of course this created a terrible uproar, and for a week the neighborhood was in a state of wild excitement. The wild beasts were duly either captured or killed, but for three years no trace of the den of snakes let loose on that memorable night could be found. Meanwhile Mr. Wilson went to prison for two years.

Two years ago the people in the neighborhood of Amraugh began to miss poultry and pigs. Several vagabonds fell under suspicion, were apprehended, and were locked up. But the depredations continued, and finally a farmer's lad testified that upon returning late one night from a merry-making he had seen the evil one in the guise of a serpent making way with a pig across a field. The village priest took the lad in hand and questioned him closely, but nothing could shake the fellow's testimony. About this time other people detected similar fiends in the act of like depredations, and at once arose a hue and cry that the spot was a damned one, and had been given over to the devil for his diabolical practices. Special prayers were said and the devil was publicly denounced, but the depredations continued, and presently from Castelraine, a town twelve miles distant, came word that his satanic majesty had begun operations in that locality, his victims in this instance and in this place being sheep, not poultry and pigs.

In this dismal emergency the Bishop was most properly appealed to, for the parish priests were at their wits' end and their parishioners were well-nigh crazed through fear. The Bishop promised to investigate the affair, but instead of resorting to conventional ecclesiastical methods, that holy and sagacious man enlisted the services of two shrewd detectives from Dublin, the intellectual center of Erin. The Bishop fancied that the devil was doing his unholy work by proxy—not in the guise of dragons and serpents, but in the person of certain lawless characters too lazy to work and just knavish enough to steal. The detectives, laboring under this heresy, made their investigations quietly, and in the course of a fortnight reported to their employer that the depredations at Castelraine and Amraugh had indeed been committed by serpents, the detectives themselves having seen and watched the same upon three distinct occasions seize, kill and carry off their prey. The serpents were described as dark of color and fully fifteen feet in length. They killed their victims by coiling about their bodies.

The story was discredited by the clergy and laity until, as good luck would have it, a correspondent of the Freeman's Journal (at Dublin) recalled the significant, not to say portentous, circumstance that the numerous and divers species of snakes which had escaped from the Wilson show about three years previous had never been captured. Then of a sudden the mystery was cleared up and bands for the extermination of the monsters was speedily organized among the vengeful peasantry. Three of the snakes were shortly thereafter seen, pursued and killed in the bog east of Amraugh; the largest of the snakes measured four feet; in the maw of each was found a pullet. About a month thereafter a fourth snake was killed near Castelraine; this snake upon being cut open was found to contain very many little snakes which immediately glided into the grass and escaped before the astonished rustics could apprehend them. Subsequently, stimulated by the advertised reward of half a crown and a special dispensation for every snake, alive or dead, the country people caught eleven of the smaller snakes—none measuring more than seven inches in length. Then the snakes seemed to disappear, and, no further depredations being noted, the excitement gradually died out.

But it is now reported, after a lapse of two tranquil years, that snakes have suddenly appeared at and around Ballingal, an agricultural region thirty miles north of Castelraine, the country seat of the Earl of Densloe. These snakes are of a strange species; though none have been captured, they are said to be of enormous length, broadth, thickness, voracity and ferocity, and to make a noise when moving like the clatter of dice in a box; they kill by biting, and they have created great havoc among the flocks of his Grace the Duke, as well as in the coops and sties of the peasantry. Simultaneously serpents similar to the Amraugh and Castelraine varmints have appeared still further to the eastward, and have caused such a panic that the country folks are afraid to venture out of doors after nightfall.

The theory is that in five years the reptiles let loose by the wretched Wilson during his ribald drunken frenzy have multiplied so numerously that a militant union of Church and State will be necessary to restore the island to the virgin condition in which the good St. Patrick left it.—London Cor. Chicago News.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, never submits to an interview. I remember my first experience with him. I was correspondent for the Cleveland Leader, and I told him that I had been sent by its editor to ask him certain questions. He was sitting in his dressing gown and slippers in his library when I made this remark, and he straightened himself up like a shot and shut his mouth like a clam as he chopped out the words: "Well, young man, you may put your questions, but I warn you that I will not answer one word." I then told him that I did not expect to interview him by force, and that if he had nothing to say there was no use in my asking questions. He then told me that he had made a resolution to publish every thing that went from him into the papers over his own signature and begged my pardon for his seeming gruffness. He wanted me to stay and look over the cartoons in Puck with him, but I thanked him and left.—F. G. Carpenter, in Philadelphia Press.

—A short time before young Abraham Lincoln was taken sick with the malady from which he never recovered, he wrote a friend in Chicago: "There is no place like America for me. I long for a game of base-ball with the boys."

FIRESIDE FRAGMENTS.

—Clothes that have been sprinkled will not mildew for days, even in summer, if kept away from the fire.

—For mint sauce wash and chop small bunch of mint; put in coffee cup; fill three-quarters full of vinegar; fill with water almost full; sweeten with sugar; mix; serve in sauce boat.

—Nothing removes impurities from floors, etc., so rapidly as boiling hot soda and water, applied with a long handled scrubbing brush and rinsed off once with clear water and dried with a clean cloth.

—Bouillon: Five pounds of juicy beef cut in small pieces and simmered slowly for two and one-half hours in two quarts of water. Remove every bit of fat, strain through a cloth, season with salt, no pepper.

—Forcemeat Fritters: Two cups stale bread soaked until soft, one onion chopped fine, salt, pepper and a little sage to season, one tablespoonful dripping. Form into cakes and brown on greased griddle. Serve hot.—The Home.

—Milk Soup: Four potatoes, two onions, two ounces of butter, one-quarter ounce of salt, pepper to taste, one pint of milk, three tablespoonfuls tapioca. Boil slowly all the vegetables with two quarts of water. Strain through the colander. Add milk, sweet-basil, and tapioca. Boil slowly and stir constantly for twenty minutes.

—Yeast Buns: One and one-half cups of warm milk, one cup of sugar, one cup of yeast, thicken to a batter, let it rise over night, or until it is light, then add one cup of sugar, one egg, one-half cup of melted butter, a little salt and nutmeg, two cups chopped raisins or currants as you prefer, add flour as for bread, put in a baking tin in small cakes, let them rise again, and then bake.

—As drops of oil on creaking hinges of doors and on machinery silence complaint of too much friction, so kind words, pleasant deeds, polite attentions, etc., lubricate the whole domestic economy. What a difference is thus occasioned in the running of farms, households, and every sort of business! Even a nail or screw can be driven home much more easily and perfectly by application of a little oil.

—To Broil Spring Chicken: Split a half-grown spring chicken down the back, twist the tips of the wings over the second joint, wipe dry, spread out, and break the breast-bone with the rolling-pin. Put on a greased gridiron over a clear fire, rub with clarified butter. Turn often to prevent scorching. When half done sprinkle with salt and pepper. When thoroughly done put on a hot dish with melted butter and a little mushroom catsup. Garnish with squares of toasted bread.

—Knitted Portiere: It is the easiest thing imaginable to do if you can collect enough silk pieces. An old black silk, no matter how forlorn, is the very thing you want. Cut it in strips about a half an inch wide, and sew together. Mix with it any strips of colored silk. The children's old faded sashes or hair ribbons are made useful by dying them orange, red, or any other color. After you have wound your strips into balls like carpet rags, get a pair of bone knitting needles about three quarters of a yard long, knit the plain stitch until you have a very handsome portiere.—N. Y. Observer.

EXCELLENT ADVICE.

Three Suggestions Made by Goethe, the Great Poet-Philosopher.

Goethe's advice to a friend, to whom, he was writing, is well worth remembering and accepting, viz: "Make sure each day to see some beautiful object, to read some great truth, to perform some good deed." The first suggestion, "Make sure each day to see some beautiful object," is to the most of us neglected. To be sure there are many so situated who could not if they would, comply with this advice, but how many, on the other hand, pass along through life scarcely noticing the beautiful skies, the fleecy floating clouds, the starry firmament, the glorious sunset, the glistening snows, the flowers and green-swards, and all the varied beauties of nature, which are free to all. Then, too, the beauties of architecture, which so delight the eye of one trained to appreciate them, or one having a natural taste for symmetry, might be enjoyed far more than they are. And the developing of talent and sentiment in that direction would do much toward the larger cultivation of that art.

It is a fact that very few Florentines leave their beautiful city, so filled with gems of architectural beauty, and with works of genius, to make new homes for themselves elsewhere, even when they would better themselves financially by so doing. The question being asked of an Italian lady as to the cause, the instant reply was: "Ah, a Florentine must see something beautiful every day! Florentines would not be happy without a sight of their dear Duomo and Campanile, and the towers and the churches. They love their old city, "La Bella Firenza."

And the second suggestion, "Read some great truth," might be adopted by nearly all. A great truth read and pondered every day would no doubt be helpful, stimulating to higher thought, to broader conceptions of life and its opportunities, and preventing us from too much introspection, and keeping many who now devote too much of their time to gossip and small talk to get rid of that unfortunate habit.

The third injunction of the old German philosopher, "Make sure each day to perform some good deed," would be so easy for every one to follow, but alas! alas! in this selfish world how few, how very few the number of those who have such a purpose before them at the dawning of each new day. What a sweet and lovely world this would be were that advice followed by every one.

Like the falling of a gentle rain upon the hard and arid soil on which no bright flowers bloomed but which soon responded to the heavenly blessing and made the plants to blossom, so the influence of good deeds would permeate all society, leaving beauty and fragrance everywhere.

Good to remember is this advice given long ago, "Make sure each day to see some beautiful object, to read some great truth, to perform some good deed."—Standard.

—The annual report of the Peabody Trust for the maintenance of good homes for the working classes in London shows the birth rate in the houses kept by the trust to be 8.72 per 1,000 above the rest of London, and the death rate nearly 1 per 1,000 below the average, while the infant mortality is only a little over half the average. The trust has spent over $6,250,000 in providing buildings for 20,374 persons. The average earnings of each family are about $5.75 per week, and the average weekly rent about $1.20. The rate per room is 32¼ cents per week.

ORIENTAL PEOPLES.

An Importer of China Contrasts the Chinese and the Japanese.

One of the largest silk importers in China claims that the Chinese are a much superior race to the Japanese.

"I've lived in China for twenty years," said he, "and have had plenty of time to study the land and people. The stories you hear about the Oriental countries are written by people who remain a short time and never take the trouble to substantiate any weird story or rumor, and it is to be expected that their writings should be unreliable. It is true that Japan has railroads and many European and American industries can not be found in China, but the latter country does not want nor need these latter-day improvements.

"The development in Japan is not due to the Japanese. These improvements were forced upon them by the Europeans and Americans. Railroads, mining and irrigating schemes, manufacturing industries, and impracticable enterprises are springing up like mushrooms in the land of the Mikado. Half of these ventures are not needed, and just as soon as this is discovered by the Japanese there will be a big collapse. They are jumping into civilization by the rapid-transit line, and often that route is dangerous.

"On the other hand, the Chinese are slowly coming to the front. They are a conservative people, and use their thinking faculties more in an hour than do the Japanese all day. The Chinese well know that foreigners are imposing upon the Japanese, and they are awaiting the result. For years Englishmen have been trying to construct a railroad at Shanghai. It would be of no value. The surrounding country is so lined with canals or natural creeks that it now costs less to bring in silks and teas than it would be if a railway was built. The Chinese argue that as they were civilized before Englishmen were on earth, they can get along now with the old methods of life, and they want no nation to furnish them with bright ideas."—Chicago Tribune.

SOME RAILROAD FACTS.

Paste This In Your Scrap-Book For Future Reference.

A steel rail lasts, with average wear, about eighteen years.

The cost of railroads in the United States has been $9,000,000,000.

There are sixty miles of snow sheds on the Central Pacific railroad.

The average daily earnings of an American locomotive is about $100.

The cost of a palace sleeping-car is $15,000, or if "vestibuled," $17,000.

One million persons are employed by the railroads of the United States.

There 208,749 railroad bridges in the United States, spanning 3,213 miles.

The consolidation locomotive weighs fifty tons, and is able to draw on a level over 2,400 tons.

The average cost of constructing a mile of railroad in the United States at the present time is about $30,000.

The line of railroads extending farthest east and west is the Canadian Pacific running from Quebec to the Pacific ocean.

The longest railroad-bridge span in the United States is the cantilever span in the Poughkeepsie bridge over the Hudson river—548 feet.

The highest railroad in the United States is the Denver & South Park, a branch of the Union Pacific, at Alpine tunnel—11,596 feet above sea level.

The longest American railroad tunnel is the Hoosac tunnel on the Fitchburg railroad—four and three-quarter miles. (The St. Gothard tunnel in Europe is over nine miles in length.)—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Mrs. Grant's Quiet Life.

A well-equipped brougham dashed through Central park the other afternoon. The driver was in deep mourning, and the sole occupant of the back seat was conspicuous for her pale face and widow's weeds. It was Julia Dent Grant, widow of General Grant. She was out for her afternoon airing through the park. There was a stream of carriages and horseback riders, but not one person of that fashionable cavalcade knew the distinguished woman. Mrs. Grant looked what she really is—far from well. She has been ailing for a long time, and is very seldom seen in society. Her eyesight is very poor. She attends church regularly when her health permits, drives out because her doctor insists on it, and lives a quiet, peaceful life among her own circle of friends. One of her most frequent callers is General Sherman. He often dines at Mrs. Grant's house, and is on the most intimate terms of friendship with her coterie of friends. When General Grant was alive all the big and little men of the country paid their respects to him, but they have forgotten his widow, and now she is seldom troubled except perhaps when some old soldier whom her husband befriended comes to inquire after her health, or some of the dead General's most intimate friends pay what may be called "duty calls."—N. Y. Letter.

WASHINGTON SPOONS.

A Fad That Is Taking Strong Hold on People of Means.

Of late the fad of collecting odd silver spoons has taken a strong hold on people who have plenty of money to spend. Lots of people who have recently returned from Europe are showing admiring friends the collections they made while abroad. No two spoons should ever come from the same town, and each should have as much of a story as possible connected with the place where it was bought and the manner of getting it. It should be marked with the name of the place and the date. It is rather a pretty idea and the spoons make pleasant mementoes of one's travels and experiences. Washington jewelers have noticed the demand and are not to be behind in answering the call. One of them has something quite original in this line. In answer to the question: "Haven't you something novel in spoons, something characteristic of the city, you know?" the would-be-purchaser is shown a lot of Washington spoons. These are rather large and heavy and have a medallion head of the first President set into the bowl. The head is a good one and is a much prettier setting for a spoon than one would at first suppose. Then there are others that are exact similes of teaspoons that belonged to Mrs. Washington. These are odd and decidedly popular. Others still have genuine coins of a century ago set in the bowl, and a set of a dozen punch spoons have a set of small gold coins from as many different countries. All these different kinds of spoons have Washington and the date of purchase engraved on the back. These Washington spoons are especially popular with foreigners and almost every one stopping for any length of time in this city takes something of the sort home with him.—Washington Star.

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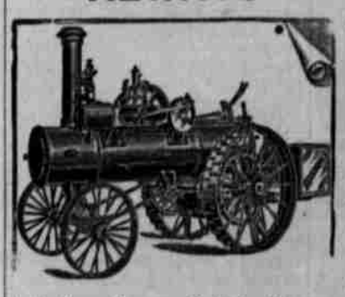

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