

THE ORIGINAL ARYAN.

I am the ancient Aryan,
And you have done me wrong.
I did not come from Hindustan—
I've been here all along.

I never traveled from the east
In huge successive waves.
You'll find your ancestors deceased
Inside your own old caves.

There my remains may now be sought
Mixed up with mastodons,
Which very long with flints I fought
Before I fought with bronns.

In simple skins I wrapped me round
Ere mats I learned to make.
I dug my dwellings in the ground
Or reared them on a lake.

I had no pen, I'm sure of this,
Although you say I penned
All manner of theologies
In Sanskrit and in Zend.

My nature you've misunderstood.
When first I set my feet here,
I worshiped chunks of stone or wood.
My rites were rather queer.

The more my little ways you scan
The less you'll care to praise
And bless the dear old Aryan
Of neolithic days.

They've mixed me up till, I declare,
I hardly can repeat.
Whether I first was tall and fair,
Or I was dark and short.

But on two things I take my stand
Through all their noise and strife—
I didn't come from Asia, and
I had no higher life.

—Punch.

DECEIVED BY A DUDE.

How a \$3,500,000 Bid by an Unknown Man Was Taken Seriously.

Samuel P. Schuckers died recently at Wooster, O. He was a brother of J. W. Schuckers, private secretary of Salmon P. Chase, and brother-in-law of John H. Oberly, ex-civil service commissioner. An interesting incident is recalled by Schuckers' death which has never found its way in the newspapers. The incident occurred a number of years ago, and during the time of the sale of the Lake Shore railroad at Cleveland it happened that Schuckers and John McSweeney, the great criminal lawyer, met at the sale. McSweeney had but a short time before made a great hit by his political speeches at Cleveland and Philadelphia and was attracting attention all over the country. At this particular time he was trying a case at Cleveland. Young Schuckers was in these days a veritable dode and very spruce.

He went to Cleveland to have a time, as he always left Wooster to celebrate, and was having a good, glorious time on this particular occasion. He was small and wiry in stature and always carried a silk umbrella. It happened that he met McSweeney in the rotunda just as he had finished an argument and while the sale of the Lake Shore railroad was going on. They stopped for a moment at the edge of the excited crowd bidding in the road. There were a number of syndicates represented—foreign, Vanderbilts, Goulds and others. The bidding had reached \$3,100,000. In a spirit of devilishness young Schuckers bid \$3,500,000. In a moment a rush was made toward the new bidder, and a demand was made to know what syndicate he represented. His only reply was, with a wave of his silk umbrella, "Go away from me." The excited representatives of the other syndicates asked for a recess, which was granted, and in 20 minutes they came back, when the bid was raised to \$4,000,000 and sold.

Mr. Schuckers' spruce appearance and being in company with the great criminal lawyer had led them to believe he represented some secret syndicate who were trying to gain possession of the valuable railroad property.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Napoleon's Memory.

Napoleon had a wonderful memory. When emperor, he once surprised his council with his intimate knowledge of Roman law and was asked how he had obtained it. He stated that when a lieutenant he had once been placed under arrest and was in prison for two weeks. During that time the only book at his command was a treatise on Roman law. He sat down and in two weeks mastered the volume so completely that 20 years later he could repeat long passages from its pages. He never forgot a face or a name and would often greet private soldiers by their names, sometimes alluding to the march or the battle where he had seen them before. He kept in his head all the details of his military movements, and it was said of him that during the march to Italy and Marengo he knew where every pound of the supplies for the use of the army was located. It is said that he remembered the name of every officer to whom he ever issued a commission.

Orderly Music.

A colonel in the French army, who had a great eye for neatness, but not much of an ear for music, took occasion one day to compliment his bandmaster on the appearance of his men. "Their uniforms are neat," said the colonel, "and their instruments are nicely polished and kept in order, but there is one improvement that I must insist upon."

"What is it, colonel?"

"You must train your men, when they perform, to lift their fingers all at exactly the same time and at regular intervals on their instruments, so—one, two! One, two!"—London Answers.

Sure to Be the Case.

"I can't tell you," said the experienced suburbanite in reply to the question of his new neighbor, "when the next train goes, but I can tell you what your chances of catching it are."

"What are they?" inquired the new neighbor eagerly.

"Well, if you run as hard as you can, and if the experienced resident, in a minute to wait, and if you walk you'll find the train going out."—Chicago News.

had a very sweet voice, though no means strong. His conversational tones were well modulated and pleasing.

Catherine the Great never forgot a name.

The people of Galveston, Ill., have arranged for a great meeting on October 7 to commemorate the anniversary of the famous Lincoln and Douglas debate at that place, and while it is intended to be a non-partisan gathering we may be sure it will prove a stimulus to republicanism and to democracy of the Douglas type, but very depressing to the Bryanites who may happen to attend it.—S. F. Call.

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