

OLD TIME LEGAL METHODS.

When the Evidence of Ghosts Sufficed to Hang Men.

The testimony of a ghost would not now count for much in a court of law, but the day has been when it has sufficed to hang a man.

A farm servant declared that in the night a spirit had appeared to him declaring itself to be the ghost of the soldier, whose bones, it is said, lay still unburied.

The story of the highlander came to the ears of an anti-Jacobite, who caused the matter to be brought to trial before the court of judicary, Edinburgh.

Following the Flag.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration.

In voting to build "the largest battleship afloat" the House of Representatives seems to have taken unfair advantage of the fact that the Hon. R. P. Hobson, though already nominated for Congress, will have to wait two full years before breaking into that body.

For a good shave go to the Occident Barber Shop. Five chairs No long waits.

THE BANANA PLANT.

Each Tree Produces Only One Bunch of Fruit.

The banana plant is not properly a tree at all. It has no woody fiber. It is a large, green, fleshy plant, with big leaves six or eight feet long and some times two feet broad.

But while it is growing up and maturing its fruit it is at the same time sending up from its roots other young plants or suckers—perhaps eight or nine of them.

And there is this peculiarity about the banana: You can plant it at any season, and the fruit ripens all the year round.

A Curious Wooden Watch.

The most curious timekeeper perhaps that has ever been made in this country was the work of one Victor Doriot, who lived at Bristol, Tenn., in the last century.

A Wonderful Memory.

Hortensius, the great Roman lawyer and orator, had a memory of extraordinary scope and tenacity.

An Alarming Situation

frequently results from neglect of clogged bowels and torpid liver, until constipation becomes chronic.

AN EMPEROR'S TASTE.

It Was the Origin of a Common Saying in Austria.

An anecdote which was current of Ferdinand I. of Austria at one time greatly delighted his subjects and gave rise to a common saying.

The emperor had always been the most plain of men, but he now showed that he had a will of his own and persisted in gratifying his new fancy.

"Emperor I am," he shouted, "and dumplings I will have!"

RELATING TO IRON.

Discovery of the Metal, According to Various Authorities.

The Bible speaks of Tubal Cain as the discoverer of iron and the father of smiths.

Moses mentions an iron furnace, and Job speaks of it as being taken out of the earth.

The Britons before the time of Christ used to export iron to Gaul, and after the Roman conquest the conquerors established extensive smelting works, which existed at least as late as the Saxon conquest.

When chasing the butterfly of loveliness there is one thing to keep in mind and that is, chase the right kind—beautiffulness that comes by taking Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea.

NAMING A TOWN.

How Abilene Came to Be Selected by Mrs. Hersey.

Abilene was named by the wife of the founder of the town, T. F. Hersey. With her husband she had come to central Kansas in the spring of 1857.

When it came to the naming of the future city Mr. Thompson went to Hersey and asked him to suggest a name.

"No," was the reply, "let my wife do it. She is a great reader."

Mrs. Hersey was a graduate of a seminary in the east, and her little library, which she carried with her in her wanderings, was one of the ties that bound her to the girlhood life.

"Call the town 'Abilene,'" said she. "It means 'City of the Plains,' and that exactly describes the location."

So Abilene it was, and in the fight for the county seat, wherein it contested with Newport, Smoky Hill and Union City, all long since passed away, good fortune attended it, and the new town became the county capital for the 378 dwellers then in Dickinson county.

Fleshmaking Food.

Cream gruel, according to an eminent English authority, is the ideal nourishment for thin folk.

The Pepper Vine.

The pepper vine grows best in a wooded valley where there is plenty of moisture and abundant foliage to protect it from the heat of the sun.

Sarcastic.

"Yes, my dear; I believe in transmigration of souls. I may be a brute in my next life."

"Wouldn't that be discouraging—or don't you care for a change?"—Houston Post.

In Plain Words.

"What," asked the judge, "was the cause of the altercation?"

"I didn't see anny, yer honor, but it was him callin' me a liar that started the fight."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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Deadly Serpent Bites

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