DUELING PLAYED OUT.

Reasons for Its Decline-Some Amusing Ancedotes.

"Is dueling still popular among genthemen?' was asked by a reporter the other day of a military man who has been prominent in several "affairs."

"No. times have changed marvelously. During Jackson's second term the democrats, flushed with victory at the presidential election, were rather arrogant. Many dashing and gallant young men had been elected from the western and southern states, and conscious of their great numerical superiority were somewhat disposed to carry matters with a high hand. Dueling in those days was much in vogue, and personal discussions in the house were frequently brought to an abrupt termination by an intimation that injurious imputations would be resented elsewhere. John M. Patton and Henry M. Wise of Virginia, Bailie Peyton of Tennessee, Gallatin Hawes of Kentucky, Jesse Bynum of North Carolina, and many other southerners were known to be prompt with the pistol, and it was understood that a call to the field would follow any damaging personal attack upon distinguished members of the ruling party. The rude demeanor and offensive vituperation by which congress has been disgraced for some years past would have been promptly punished forty years ago. Now it excites comparatively I ttle public attention and is only met in congress by a retort in kind."

"How do you account for the decline of the dueling mania?"

"The decl ne dates from the time it was made ancillary to gambling and swindling, or to the settlements of disputes between vulgar scoundrels. Since then it has gone out of fashion rapidly. The gross abuse of dueling has done more to remedy its own mischief than moral appeals and legal enactments,"

"What do the Irish think of duel-

"Grattan's dying advice to his sons was: 'Always be ready with your pistols.' The Irish are often much too ready. There is a trait in the Irish character which is considered by many to be nationally chivalrous, and that is a general dislike to seek in courts of law a monetary compensation for honor outraged through woman's folly. In this country reparat on for loss of ser- decision of not having the portrait vice is considered a thing as correctly reclaimable as loss of profit on a broken sion, "if you will let me know what contract for a cargo of wheat or cotton. while among Irishmen, in n ne cases I'll pay you for them"-thus decidedly out of ten, the man who works upon adding insult to injury. Had the piethe weakness of a wife, or trifles with ture progressed far enough for the the affections of a s ster, is not subject- sitter to have foreseen a possible failure ed to an assessment for damages by a one could have understood her ground jury, but summoned to give personal of action, but it had barely been begun. sat sfact on.

tional code of honor have often got out of the difficulty by availing themselves sitter. I need scarcely remark, I supof the right accorded to the challenged | pose, that these cases form an excepto choose the weapons. An old whaling captain not long since declared be would fight with harpoons or not at all, these exceptional personages would stay an alternative declined by his adversary. A M asourian daunted his antagonist by ins sting upon a combat with rawhides, I mited to half an bour's duration. Gon. Patnam was once challenged by a young officer and proposed that each should sit upon a powder-keg, with a lighted fuse in the bung. As he would hear of no other torms, the general had his way. At the appointed t me the bell gerents took their seats, the fuses were ignited, and the veteran watched the progress of the flame with unmoved countenance. Not so his opponent. He took intense interest in the fast-lessening match, and when the flame got suggestively near the bung-hole showed h s possession of the better part of valor by jumping off the keg and making for the open field till arrested by Putnam roaring out: "Hold on, my boy; it's only onlonseed."

newspapers once made fools of themselves. It came about through the editor of one of the papers declaring in a leader that the editor of the other paper was a bigamist, and that gentleman resenting the calumny by pulling the libeler's nose in the public street. The mayor of the town kindly undertook to arrange for the difficulty being settled in a proper way, and the two editors were soon ensconced, rifle in hand, behind the trees in a wood. For two mortal hours they dodged and peeped, neither caring to fire lest by missing he should leave himself at his enemy's mercy. Then the rain came down, and one of the compatants discovered that it had saturated his powder.

"Is your powder wet?" shouted he to his rival.

"No," answered the other.

"Mine's beautifully dry." continued But his adversary, guessing how matters were, came boldly out of cover,

with his weapon ready to come to the "present." "Stopl" eried the appalled man, "stop! Let's have a parley. You are

a darned good fellow. Suppose instend of shooting we go into partner-

'All right," replied the other, and they returned home together.

Of course both editors had to set themselves right with their subserbers, Shopping in Paris.

I wish that my country women would understand, once for all, that French law does not admit of their going to a dressmaker, there to order any quantity of dresses, and then to change their m nds and refuse to take the garments aforesaid. Every now and then an American lady comes to me with this or a similar plaint: I ordered such a dress of Mnie X ---, and when it was finished it was not all what I imagined it would be. So I refused to take it. and do you know, the insolent creature actually declared that I must take it. or that she would have my baggage seized by the police."

And it is this very indecision that makes Americans such exasperating shoppers. I have known an American Indy to go to Worth's and purchase articles to the amount of some thousands of francs, sending them all back the next morning with the simple message that she had changed her mind and did not want them. A noted society leader of New York once wrote to a famous Parisian dressmaker to order a dozen magnificent to:lets for the coming season. The dresses were finished and packed, just ready for transportation, when the head of the house received a letter from the New-Yorker saving that she had just lost a relative and had to go into mourning, so she refused to take the toilets she had ordered. Now the personage in question was immensely wealthy, so the settlement of her bill, a mere act of justice and honor, would in no wise have embarrassed her. I believe that the money was finally paid after threat of a lawsuit, but not till then.

And in another case a very rich American ordered a portrait from a young and rising artist. The terms, the time and the number of the sittings, and the details of the dress were all settled. Madame posed once and the outline of the figure was begun. Then she wrote word to the painter that she had changed her mind and would not have any portrait painted after all. He wrote her a very polite note, begging her to reconsider her determination, as the picture had been a good deal talked about among his comrades, and the rescinding of the order would seriously injure his professional reputation. He received a letter in answer wherein the lady (?) maintained her painted. "But," she added in concluyour paints and canvas have cost you The young painter has since achieved Men disinclined to make targets of fame and fortune, but I think that he themselves in oled ence to a conven- will not soon forget this early experition among our country-people that come to Europe. But I do wish that at home. - Chicago Tribune.

Save Your Sugar.

A young housekeeper may know, perhaps, that her lack of experience in a particular branch of cookery is some reason why she should not meet with unqualified success in that direction. but just why, for ius ance, with a recipe of authority before her, and after having put forth her best endeavor to make cake for a very special occasion, she should at the last hour find it marred by a heavy streak through its center, or why in taking the layer cake from its pans it should adhere to them in waxy persistency; to come out finally with broken and ragged edges, are questions so po guant in their annoyance that an immediate and sat sfactory answer would at that particular moment be ignored as insufficient recompense for so great : Two western editors of opposing disappointment. She may read now, if she has not previously discovered, that the failure to make a successful cake is one among many unsatisfactory results of the use of too much sugar. It often happens that where a rec pe requires two cupfuls the generous-hearted measurer, intentupon making an extra good cake, will hear the cups, which in most instances causes a waxy or brittle crust, with the aforesald disastrous results. The quality of the sugar has also much to do with the success of the cake. The coarser grade of granulated sugar should never be used for the reason that, in the short time it requires to stir up a cake, it, being the hardest of all sugars to d ssolve, will not become thoroughly incorporated with the batter, and therefore after the cake is in the oven there begins a melting and hardening process of the pure sugar, which not only interferes with a proper rising, but gives to it a coarse, uneven texture. Small white spots on the crust of a sponge-cake also indicate the use of too much sugar. -Harper's Bazuar.

senborry, You're too vacillating. You begins to oppose the motch-not, as backbone enough." "Backbone doesn't vanity, but because she has a th ory amount to much, my dear." Oh, it that men who like cake never drink to doesn't, ch?" "No. Now, there's the excess or live dissipated lives of any camel. He's nearly all backbone, and sort. "Give me," she sais, "a man which they did by telling tuem that yet he's the meekest cuss in creation. that loves gingerbread; its a sure sign their guns were wet, and wouldn't go He'll let you pile the last straw' on he isn't fond of whisky."-Hudson him."

"LET HER GO, GALLAGHER!" Where and How This Well-Known

Phrase Originated. I find myself in the position to contribute something to the current literature in regard to slang phrases. In the Sunday Sayings of last week there is a paragraph to this effect: "I have wondered where the slang phrases, 'Let ner go, Gallagher,' and 'Chippie, get your hair cut,' originated." They are not particularly bright or meaning on a casual hearing, and I am at a loss to account for the universal ty of their usage. The first phrase, "Let her go, Gallagher," I first heard in Kentucky several years ago, and have marked its gradual spreading. The circumstances under which it originated were these: In Harrodsburg, Ky., there was a terrible bully and desparado, Bob Gallagher, who had at different times killed some six or eight men, but under such eircumstances that he always escaped punishment upon the plea of self-defense. In his broils he was usually abetted by his two sons, and the trio were a terror in the community. During the period of lawlessness which succeeded the war he applied for the position of Town Marshal or policeman. The authorities thought it might prove a good thing, as he and his sons would be held in check, to some extent, and they needed just such a person to deal with the unruly element which was causing so much trouble. He was sworn in, and with good effect for a time. He inaugurted a perfect reign of terror, and for several years it worked like a charm. Finally one day some turbulent spirits came in from a neighboring county, and, under the influence of liquor, there was a row, which Gallagher and his two sons failed to subthe with the accustomed liberal use of their clubs. Pulling out a pistol, Eastern Liquors, Milwaukee, Walla he threatened to shoot. Quck as thought the other fellow-Hanks, I believe, was his name—pulled his pistol AlSO. and snapped it so close to Gallagher that it burned the button on his vest, shouting as he did so: "Let her go, Gallagher," Gallagher did "let her go," and killed Hanks instantly. He and his sons then fired a number of shots into the dead body of his victim. The murder and trial by which he was acquitted created a great sensation at the time, and the account of it was spread far and wide, coupled with the phrase, "Let her go, Gallagher" which has since become a by-word. -St Louis

Hereditary Diseases.

A fallacious notion has somewhat evept in that an intellectual man must be below par physically, and that the one faculty is necessarly cultivated Has now on hand and for sale the best of at the expense of the other. The old provorb mens sana in corpore sano, has HARNESS, LADIGO, been flouted as an absurd ty. So much, very briefly, for the first cause of rac degeneration; the second, and the one to which this paper would direct attention, is the influence of hereditary diseases. This factor has never received the attent on it should have had at the hands of writers of social science, The races of which we have been spraking had little of this element to contend with. The weaklings were either deli) crately exposed and left to die, as in the case of the Spartans, or if they attained maturity they were held in such low esteem that they willingly kept in the background. Look for a moment at our modern civilization and mark its diametr cally opposite tendens A Positive Cure. ey. Every day hospitals are being creeted to nurture the d sensed and imperfect specimens of our race, and every year thousands of children are by skill and care sayed from the death to which nature would consign them, All this accords with our enlarged notions of human ty, and reflects great cred t on the zeal of the philanthrophist and the science of the physician, but t exerts a baneful effect on the race. To one who has had access to any large city hospitals, it is a pitiful sight to see the multitude of children who are tided over a few years and sent out into the world branded withou bereditary taint, to propagate their wretched breeds. The limits of this paper will not allow any extended stat sties, nor the nature of it warrant a special discuss en of hereditary diseases, but there are two whose effects are apparent to all-consumption and insanty. The former, consumption, using the term in its wildest sense, has for ages produced the most frightful ravages. For example, in England, from 1837 to 1841, of the total number of deaths from all causes, 16 per cent, were from consumption. In Philadelphia, from 1840 to 1849, the death rate was one of consumpt on to six and a half from all

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