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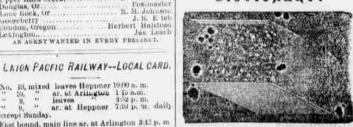
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ite dishes is rare stoak breaded with fruit cake, with a dressing of current jelly. In winter a regular morning meal of this gentleman is lettuce lasses and red pepper. There are many other unheard-of dishes which delight his peculiar palate, but enough have been mentioned. This freak of appetite has excited the their benefit.

curiosity of Mr. Cummings' friends for many years, and even the neighbors have indulged in comments as to the hey. cause of such a striking phenomenon. Hearing about the case, a reporter visted Mr. Cummings at his home The gastronomic freak is a pleasant man of forty, of ordinary appearance. He was found in his comfortable iome, surrounded by an interesting lamily. He told the following story of the way he asquired his remarkable appetite

"I don't know that I am more stubborn than other men." he said with a tell me that I was as preverse as Old Nick when a child. Not another what other people did, I wanted to do just the opposite, out of 'pure en sedness. o, among other thlors, I took to mixng my food into unbe an even remember that when I began this thing I did not find it picasana, bu the devil in me would not let my bar down, and so I really had a really to what I ate. Indeed, it was not long be

Mr. Cummings continued as if there was no possibility of anyone doubting his veracity.

st curious thing about this matter is that one of my children has acquired taste, and stranger still that this child should be

my youngest.' Then Mr. Cummings went out and brought in a pretty child of four years. "This child, sir," said the father, as

he put her on his knee, "has been a puzzle to a lot of physicians and physiologists. They all say that they never heard of such a remarkable case of heredity. You see that she does not look like me, but is the image of her mother, and yet she has inherited from me a taste which even with me is acquired. I have not met a man yet who can explain the thing even to his own satisfaction."

The little girl soon became tired of the conversation and demanded her supper.

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In the palmy days of the town I had a business there, and next to me was a Jew clothier. He came on fresh from ways, and he hadn't got his goods in he fore he was haif scared to death. But for the fact that the boys would have bursted in his shanty, he would have kept the door locked half the time. The toughs soon caught on to the fact fore I became indifferent to dishes pre that he was a coward, and one after anpared in the usual style, and to-day other went in and buildozed him and had great fun at his expense. I pri-

"Great heafens! But I nefer handle point of view, the company dollar to be oudt of dis!"

but a climax was coming! One after-noon a tough called Apache Joe entered the store, having three more toughs with him, and began the usual routine. The Jew begged and entreated, and actually cried, and in his disgustat such conduct Apache Joe kicked him. That kick acted like magic. The Jew sprang forward, grabbed the reviolence. The vocus had to sed and beome a tiger. After he was assolitted by the coroner's been of which I was one, he bought a brace of revolvers, began to application practice shooting, and in two weeks was Dangerous Jew." The most exaggerated stories of his provess were aff inside of a mouth he had to build on, hire two clerks and get a new stock. It was the making of him socially, finan cially and all other ways, and I know that his action assisted very materially to help the law abiders get the upper hand and drive the lawless gangs further on.

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nown how It ought to have been fixed." "Hang such a collar button" growls a man who is late for breakfast. "If I were in the meiness I'd make buttons that wouldn't slip ut, or break off, or gouge one the back of my

And the various sufferers forgot about thele set If they would set down the next ego enient opportunity, put their ideas about es rindows, saucepans and coller buttons is practical shape, and then apply for patents they might find themselves as independently wealthy as the man who invented the tron ambrella ring or the one who natented he fifteen puzzle

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There is an impression that judg-ments akin to those of Solomon are only given in the most, let it is evide that a judicial eleveracies the king of Israel is about be found down east. The Lewiston Journal tells of two Maine farmers who bought an old-fashioned pair of steelyards. Each paid a part of the cost, and used them whenever he wished to weigh his

produce for market. After a time a dispute arose, and each claimed the ownership of the steel The matter was enried into yards. court, and the jury disagreed. Then the case, on some technicality, was sent to the law court, and was again sent back for trial. The costs, up to this point, had reached about five hundred dollars. about a hundred times the price of the steelyards themselves.

When the case came up again, Chief Justice Peters want be presiding justice. He told the counsel that if the case were carried further, the costs would be increased to said an extent that one or the other of the parties would lose his farm in order to pay. He advised them to enter it "neither part divide the costs. After a consultation the parties owned themselves willing to do that, and it looked as though the case would be settled. Suddenly, however, one of the contestants rose, went over to his counsel in the courtroom,

and asked: "But who is going to get the steelyards? He shan't have them.

The other contestant made the same declaration. Then the counsel rose, and said that

the ease was just where it stood before any talk of settlement had been made. They were willing to stop litigation and divide the east, but what could be done with the steelyards; "Fill fix that," sold Judge Petres "Let the sheriff of the county take the

steelyards at night and go down and throw them in the middle of the river, letting nobody know the exact spot, so that they can never be recovered." The contestants agreed to this propo sition, each 'paid his proportionate share of the costs, and the case was

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York City, leased a tract of land there to the Government for ninety-nine years. The land was on the outskirts of the city, but as years rolled by and the city began its marvelous growth the tract was surrounded by colossal palaces of trade and mansions The Government, sceing a change to

different persons, and it has been built on and improved, and lying in the heart of the city its immense value can easily be understood. In 1875 the lease expired, and no one appearing to claim the property a legal fight of immense proportions was begun between the subessees and the Government, prominent mong the former being the heirs of the older Cornelius Vanderbilt. The Government was successful and gained posture. It is common to offer prizes for the best session of the property, and at the same time the heirs of the original lessor begen to assert their rights, and after another legal battle they were sustained and the property held for them. After years of nunting for the unknown beirs they have all been found, and the property ordered sold and the money dissetting tributed. The Boldrey family, of Sunman, of whom there are five, are among great-grandmother, and they have been notified by their attorney in New York City that the distribution will soon be made, and that their share will be \$4. 000,000 apiece. As they are all good, honest, hard-working chizens, their good lack will be appreciated by all was

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