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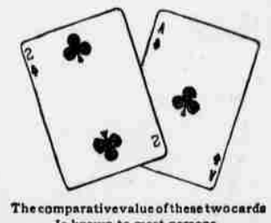

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PINK MINK JUSTICE.

Stories from the Marsh Country Round About Winamac, Ind.

Comfort A. Freemaen's Unique Manner of Disposing of His Cases—Some Stories That Are Told To-Day of the Verdicts Rendered.

When Pulaski county was first settled, in 1838, a class of Indian traders and stock thieves overran the county and terrorized the law-abiding pioneers till forbearance ceased to be a virtue with them, and they met in a mass convention and nominated and elected Comfort A. Freemaen their justice of the peace. 'Squire Freemaen, says a Chicago Tribune correspondent, possessed but a slight idea of what the state statues contained, therefore his justice court was run upon the appearance and character of the charges preferred; as the 'squire termed it: "Common horse sense and general principles in evidence." He held his court under a cluster of plum trees that was thickly covered with grapevines. A stump of a tree he used as a table. The jury used a hewed log for their seats; the spectators used the most convenient spots on the ground. Early reminiscences, as told by the old settlers, say that in the early part of 1840 Wilhelm Restrux's cow wandered far away from her pasture field of water lilies and cattails and no trace of her whereabouts was to be found until the following spring, when a worthless character and squatter by the name of McTurtle had the cow in his possession and refused to give her up. Mr. Restrux replevied the cow, and evidence during the trial was in favor of Mr. Restrux, and the court so decided. The justice of the peace, while in the act of entering his verdict upon his docket, overheard McTurtle remarking: "Nothing been sed 'bout that calf." His honor was egotistical, and, walking up to him, seized him by the throat. "Say, you cow thief, give up that calf or I'll pound niggerheads out of you." The calf was given up.

Charles Blackstone, being charged with stealing a slab-sided, razor-back hog, the evidence was against him, and the court instructed his bailiff to apply fifty lashes to the convicted man's back. Upon adjournment of the court the bailiff went out to find a good ox gad, and during his absence the attorney for Blackstone filed a hearing for a new trial. The court agreed to hear the argument and adjourned for dinner. In the meantime the bailiff returned and escorted the prisoner into the timber and carried out the court's instructions and I reckon, not understanding a motion for a new trial was to be heard, entered not a word of protest against the whipping received and went back to the court, which was then in session. His attorney was pleading for a new trial. Blackstone did not understand this, and exclaimed: "Great snakes, squire, I have had one whaling." The court was astonished, and said: "Yank that drunken cuss out of here and pound a bucket of grease out of him." His attorney protested, and the court threatened then to tar and feather the attorney if he "didn't shet up." In the meantime Mr. Blackstone received the second whipping, and was returned to the court. He found his attorney in a heated controversy with the court. Mr. Blackstone fell upon his knees and pleaded the court to make that lawyer "shet up" or he "would be hanged for that hog yet, and the wild fern would wave over his grave by the Pink Mink." The court awakened to the fact that something was wrong, and proceeded to kick the bailiff out of the room.

The squire's wife notified him one day they were out of meal and he at once filled a sack with shelled corn and started to what is known as the "Niggerhead Flutter mill." Upon his arrival he found the mill owner was absent, and as the squire did not want to make the second trip he filled the hopper and started the burrs to grinding. It being a slow and tedious job he concluded to take a nap, which he did, and in an hour or so he woke up and went to the meal-catch bin and discovered several dogs lapping up the meal as it came from the grinding burrs. The squire went home roaring mad and issued a warrant for the mill owner and sat in judgment upon the trial and fined the mill owner five bushels of meal.

Wilson Cornell was charged with selling whisky to the Indians. During a heated controversy between the opposing counsel the squire and Cornell slipped out the courtroom and they were soon seen rolling a ten-gallon keg into the squire's cabin. The court then decided that the act upon which this charge was founded had expired when Indiana became a state and that an Indian's evidence was no good until he became a citizen.

As time progressed 'Squire Freemaen blossomed as an attorney at law. His shingle read as follows:

FREEMAEN, ETERNY AND LAW SQUIRE.

Yet to-day, in consequence of this trivial error in orthography, he is an honored citizen of the Pink Mink regions.

Kelly and Lane became involved in a heated controversy over a "yaller hound," and Kelly had Lane arrested to keep the peace. 'Squire Freemaen was in trouble how he should draw up the papers. After a thorough search a form was found in the statute under the head "Vagrant Act." The words appeared in brackets. (John Doe and Richard Roe.) The squire was in a quandry what to do, and called in his next best friend to help him out. His friend insisted that "William Kelly and George Lane" was proper, but the squire stuck to it that "John Doe and Richard Roe" was proper, and no argument would convince him otherwise, and his docket reads: "(John Roe and Richard Roe) are vagrants and stand committed to jail until fines and costs are paid. Kelly vs. Lane paid their fines."

WIVES EASILY OBTAINED.

How Charity Girls Are Given in Marriage to Deserving Italian Peasants.

At the far end of Naples lies the little church of Santa Maria Annunziata, which, once a year, on the day of Our Lady, wakes up into a brief life and excitement. In a silent row before a high altar kneel thirty girls, all in black garments, with folded hands, and eyes fixed on the picture of the Madonna before them.

These are orphans from the neighboring foundling asylum, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, and once a year those who have reached the age of eighteen are brought here to the church and may be chosen in marriage by any honest man whose papers are in order and whose character is good. At the door leading to the sacristy leans a gray-haired priest, the head of the asylum. By and by a young man makes his way from the back of the church and hands him a packet of papers. These the priest reads carefully, and, being satisfied, he gives them back and leads the candidate toward the row of girls.

Their eyes are fixed more steadfastly than ever on the altar, their hands are clasped tighter together, their faces turn a shade paler, their hearts beat quicker as the young man walks slowly along the row. At last he stops; his choice is made. He stretches out his hand with a little smile.

The girl rises, casts a long look, half thanks, half entreaty, at the picture of the Madonna, puts her hand into that of the stranger, and together they disappear into the sacristy. The ice being thus broken, other suitors come forward.

VALUE OF ALFALFA.

The Wonderful Vitality of This Peculiar Growth.

The desert wastes of New Mexico and Arizona may yet be broad fields of pasturage covered with herds of fattening cattle if the hopes of the men who are deeply interested in certain experiments are realized. The expectations of these men, says the San Francisco Call, are based upon the wonderful vitality of alfalfa or Mexican clover, the growth of which is astonishingly rapid and a field of which will yield several crops in a season. Its roots are said to go far down in search of moisture, sometimes to a depth of eighteen to twenty feet, and its nutritious properties and the avidity with which stock eat it are well known. The large land and live stock investment companies which are now operating in New Mexico and Arizona have, as an essential part of their schemes of utilizing the desert lands, the growing of large tracts of alfalfa with which to feed their range cattle and other stock. At one ranch alone, the La Cuoca, in Socorro county, N. M., one thousand head of range cattle are now being fed and fattened for market on alfalfa. The Mexican clover is grown by aid of modern irrigation, and the lands laid down to it tend to improve in fertility. Stockmen down in that country have lost all faith in the prowess of modern rainmakers and their schemes, and they are running their efforts into more practicable channels.

A Fishy Story.

Pyeng Yang, a city in Corea, was founded three thousand and sixteen years ago. It is known as the wellless city. Within its walls is not a single well and all the water of the city is carried up by watermen from the river which washes its southern wall. Tradition shows that this has always been so, for it is said that when a Chinese general besieged it two thousand years ago, believing that he could compel its inhabitants to capitulate by cutting off their water supply, he was led to give up the attempt because the soldiers on the walls took fish scales and went through the motions of the bath, and the scales, glittering in the sun, looked in the eyes of the astonished besiegers to be drops of water.—Exchange.

A Pompous Little Chap.

Alfonso, king of Spain, is now a little more than eight years of age, and a pompous little chap he is, which is not to be wondered at when Spanish etiquette is considered. His slumbers are watched throughout the night by the Monteros de Espinosa, a body of men who for four hundred years have enjoyed the exclusive privilege of guarding the king or queen from sunset to sunrise. They are bound by tradition to be natives of the town of Espinosa, and must have served with honor in the army. They lock the palace gates with much ceremony and solemnity at midnight, and open them again at seven o'clock in the morning. Naturally, Alfonso thinks he is a great little man.

THE NATIONAL FLOWER.

How the Rose of Sharon Became the Rose of England.

That the rose is the national flower of England, and was accepted as such at the conclusion of the wars of the roses, when the red rose of Lancaster and the white rose of York were united by the marriage of the representatives of the two warring houses, most readers of history know. How this flower came to be the badge of either house, not many people even guess. The few students who suppose they know its history say that the white rose came to the house of York through the family of Clifford, whose device it had long been, and beyond whom it cannot be traced. The red rose, it is supposed, dates back to Eleanor of Provence, queen of Henry III., and was her personal device, assumed for love of the beautiful Provence roses of her native duchy, and transmitted to her descendants of Lancaster.

But in the recently published life of Dean Stanley, a devoted student of historic traditions, a new and picturesque origin is assigned to the national flower. He gathered the story while visiting in a chateau in the little town of Provins, France, and believed it to be correct. According to it, the red rose of England was never a Provence rose, but instead was a rose of Provins.

The chateau of Provins belonged centuries ago to the counts of Champagne, and in the time of the Fourth Crusade one of these counts, called Thibaut the Troubadour, became a crusader and visited the Holy Land.

On his return he brought to his wife a rose-bush with a splendid bright crimson flower—the rose of Sharon—and this was planted in the castle garden, where it grew and flourished.

Soon it spread to neighboring gardens, and the town became famous for roses. Wreaths for the great church festivals were made from these roses from the Holy Land; they were used to grace all gala occasions, and the good French housewives even turned them to more practical account. They made such an appetizing delicacy from rose leaves, put up with sugar or sirup, that its fame spread far beyond the immediate neighborhood, and it commanded a ready sale throughout the entire region under the name of Conserves de Roses de Provins.

A generation later the prosperity of the town received a sad shock, and the preserving industry no doubt suffered with the other industries of its citizens.

Provins had a mayor of such oppressive views on the labor question that he ventured to ring the great curfew bell, which ended the working day, an hour later than had been customary.

This the work-people would not endure. They mobbed the unpopular magistrate, and killed him in his own house. They did not stop to consider the possible consequence of such an act. The line of the counts of Champagne had become extinct, but Blanche, the widow of the last one, had married Edmund Crouchback, first earl of Lancaster, who promptly undertook to punish the unruly inhabitants.

He made such havoc that the town never recovered from it, and had even to submit to having a new bell made and named Guillonette, in honor of the murdered mayor, Guillaume. This bell, after six centuries, still rings the curfew in Provins every night. When Edmund went back to England, leaving misery, poverty and terrified quiet behind him, he carried home, says Dean Stanley, two relics.

"One was the yard measure which, for many years, was in France peculiar to Provins; the other was the crimson rose, which through him became the rose of Lancaster."

The heraldic rose of England is still of blended red and white, significant of the union of the two great houses; but as Lancaster was victorious in battle, so also is the red rose the victor in popular favor, and it is of that, not of the stiff parti-colored rosette of the British coat-of-arms, that we think as the emblem and flower of the nation.

The old French crusader's holy rose, the rose of Sharon, the rose of Provins, has become the rose of England.

A HYBRID BANK NOTE.

It Is a Ten or Twenty, According to Which Side You Look at It.

There was received at the treasury department some time ago one of the most peculiar bank notes ever seen. It was a twenty-dollar note or a ten-dollar note, just according to which side was up, for, by some remarkable mistake, the one side was printed with the figures and devices of a twenty-dollar bill, while the other had all the figures and devices of a ten. The note was returned to the treasury by the cashier of the First Washington national bank of New Jersey, who sent it with a rather sarcastic note, intimating that his bank was not going into the freak business, and added that as the treasury had counted that bill for twenty dollars he would trouble them to send him an ordinary twenty-dollar note. The affair created a sensation, for no one had seen such a wonderful note before. The matter was referred to the department for issue, from which the note had been sent out to the Jersey City bank. The mistake was promptly corrected and an investigation was begun.

The investigation was prosecuted with vigor, says the Baltimore News, and Gen. Meredith, then chief of the bureau of engraving and printing, found the cause of the trouble. It seems that the four notes printed on a sheet, are not all of one denomination. There are always three of one kind and the fourth of another; thus, in this case, three tens and a twenty. It was an easy task to learn just when this bundle had been printed and by which plate printers. They were examined, and it was developed that one sheet of four notes, after having been printed on one side, had fallen off the bundle to the floor. The assistant who picked it up, by some unfortunate oversight turned the sheet upside down when she placed it on the bundle.

This sheet was printed on the second side with a twenty-face on the reverse of a ten and one of the three ten-faces on the reverse of the one twenty of the steel. Hence there were two "10-20" in the lot. Thus the mistake was corrected. But no good explanation was offered, or can be offered, why these two bills, passing through a score of hands, each one of whom is supposed to examine every bill most carefully, should not have been discovered. Every person in the bureau who handles a note is held responsible in the strictest way, and it is almost incredible that none of these people should have discovered the mistake. In the department of issue are not less than six counters, whose business it has been for years to count the notes before issuing them to the banks. They are considered the most expert counters in the world, and yet all six of these wonderful experts allowed such a bill to pass through their hands. No trace has yet been found of the second hybrid, so that it must be wandering around the country.

AN ARTIFICIAL NIAGARA.

England's Scheme to Utilize the Current of the Irish Channel.

England does not propose to be behind the United States in the utilization of natural waterpower for electric lighting and machinery. Since she has no Niagara, she proposes, it is said, to make one. The force to be borrowed is that of old ocean itself, says an article in the Boston Traveller.

The North sea flows through the Irish channel with a swift southward current. At the Mull of Cantire, only fifteen miles from Scotland, the average depth of the strait is not more than three hundred feet. A dam built at this point would incidentally permit of railroad connection between the sister islands. But the main purpose of its, construction would be to bank up the waters and create an artificial difference of levels.

The sea north of such a wall would at once rise higher than the Irish sea, which would be turned into an inlet or bay. By tapping the dam an almost inexhaustible power could be drawn upon, since the greater width of the wall would more than make up for the steeper descent of the narrow Niagara river. Secondary advantages, such as increased navigability of the now stormy Irish sea and improvement in the ports of eastern Iceland are claimed for the plan.

The Discovery of Glass.

There is little or nothing known with certainty in regard to the invention or discovery of glass. Some of the oldest specimens are Egyptian, and the age of certain glass vessels made by that people, which are now kept in the British museum, is believed to be at least 4,194 years, dating back to the year 2300 B. C. Transparent glass was first used about 750 B. C., the credit of this latter discovery being given to the Phoenicians. The old story of its accidental discovery is familiar: Merchants who were resting their cooking pots on blocks of subcarbonate of soda found glass produced by the union, under heat, of the alkali and the sands of the desert.

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