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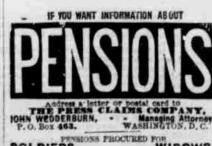
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Convivial Caledonia's Curious Inns and stronger'n ye look. I couldn't o' done Hotels and Some Facts About Them. many interesting historical items and Yes, he kin, I believe. Beat ye all holquaint anecdotes about the inns and ler. What? You'll saw two sticks hotels of Scotland, says the Caterer. It | quicker'n he sawed that? | Nonsuns! must be confessed the historical side begins very late, for in olden days inns lightnin'; but one stick ain't two sticks. were practically unknown over the No, sir. One ain't never two. Goin' to border, travelers being received in pri- do the other? Well, well! Tommy, vate houses as guests. Consequently he's goin' to do the other; whatever there is no record of such ancient Lon- you goin' to do? You'll do two? don hostelries as the Tabard, in Southwark; the Mermaid, in Bread street, or Ye'll do three? Waal, go ahead; don't the Blue Boar, in Eastcheap. When let me interfere. Allers glad to see Defoe went to Scotland he had difficulty in finding an inn at Aberdeen, and this in spite of a royal edict issued by James I. in 1424, to the effect that in all borough towns where there was considerable traffic, hostelries should be established, but these institutions did not flourish till very much later. Mr. Kempt gives some amusing information as to the pains and penalties enacted in the fifteenth and seventeenth centuries regarding the hours of closing, drunkenness, etc. The inns of Aberdeen are accorded a whole chapter, for there is much to say about those of the last century. They practically formed open clubs for the wits and learned men of the hospitable city. Over very modest repasts and potations, grand symposia were held; the philoso-

phers lived low, but thought and spoke Dr. Johnson seems to have appreciated the Aberdeen inns; he found them almost as congenial as his hannts and suffer such things. Philadelphians in Fleet street, and certainly far better than the Scottish houses of entertainment. Among other interesting in any city of the country. They positems of information Mr. Kempt points out that whisky is a comparatively modern beverage, and that in olden days claret was almost as much drank as ale. The regent Albany is supposed to have made claret popular. In 1480 red Gascony wine sold in Aberdeen at sixpence a pint, and later on claret and port wine could be had at eighteenpence a bottle. Indeed claret and port in those early days could be procured cheaper in Scotland than in most parts of England. In the cities at least, well acquainted with that and country side are many inns with historical interests attached to them. In the Invercauld Arms hotel, Braemar, is the stone on which the standard of houses not half as good as could be Mar was raised in 1745, the beginning of Prince Charlie's wild escapade. Oth- the questionable pleasure of living er inns are associated with names ven- among saloons, groceries and shops of erated in Scottish history and litera- all kinds. Instead of dying out, as ture. There are many inns in the one would expect it to do in this en-Highlands closely connected with lightened age, this feeling regarding Burns, the Ettrick Shepherd, Sir the difference one's place of residence Walter Scott and other kindred giants makes upon his social standing is posi-Covenant Close, Edinburgh, and Mr. phia will retain as long as it exists. tails as to this once fashionable form of obliterate the dividing line have only indulgence. During the eighteenth | ended in dismal failure, leaving the century it seems that the best society situation much worse than before. It in the Scottish capital, ladies and gentlemen, used to make parties at one of the taverns in "Auld Reekie," there to partake of oysters and porter, ending up with brandy and rum punch, with ngs and dancing. Some of these old Aberdeenian and Edinburgh inns we're the ancient houses of noble families. great rambling buildings, with many rooms, some of remarkably fine proportions. Even a few of the country

"OLD NANCY"

of the soil.

History of an Hilicit Still Which Has Been

inns were former mansions of the lairds

Operated for Thirty Years. The capture of an illicit still operated near Sinking mountain by Deputy Collector Brown recalls a story of longcontinued defiance of law. The still was bought in New Haven in 1858 and was put to use on the plantation of the late George Dye. When the war is thereafter ordered her carriage, opened, says the St. Louis Globe-Dem- and, calling for a friend, took her for he becomes a man again. When I was ocrat, it passed into the hands of a a drive. The little excursion, planned a boy a melancholy instance of the Habersham county whisky dealer, who for pleasure, had a most disastrous root eating occurred. did a rushing business for four years. There was no railroad at the time within one hundred miles of this section, and the liquor made by "Old was the favorite trade not only through officers of Habersham in 1863 because given a page in the papers. Then, as thrust it into his mouth. of the demoralization it created among the turn- ut was her property, her the small boys, who, with the old men, were about all there were left.

authority "Old Nancy" became contraband. Revenue prisoners brought would tell about how "Old Nancy" was found themselves too closely pressed they would run the still over the mountain or down the creeks to where companions in lawlessness would secure possession of it, and they would run it until compelled to do likewise. This was the still in quest of which Lieut. McIntyre, of the United States army, was killed in Gilmore county in 1875. Subsequently it was run back east. being operated on Warwoman creek, in Rabun county, for several years. Of late the officers heard that this will-o'-the-wisp, which they have been following for thirty years, was in or ration in a secluded region near Smiting mountain. Collector Brown, with an armed posse, successfully located the spot one night during a violent rainstorm. The moonshiners fled, giving the officers the opportunity of destroying the whole plant.

SAWING WOOD.

The Old Man Was Somewhat Posted on Human Nature. 'Mornin', boys," said Old Jack, who believed in judicious flattery, and whose doings are reported in Harper's

"What's that? You're wiry, be ye?

"Why, ye kin saw purty well. Yer that better myself. He beats you on Robert Kempt has gathered together sawin', I guess, Bobby. Eh? He can't?

"Hokey! ye went through that like "Don't brag, Bobby. Ain't braggin'?

hovs snunky. What! the hull lot sawed? Waal, I'm surprised. That bein the and the substitution of "a youth who case, I think I'll go indoors an' rest. Sawin' allers did make me tired." and Bobby and Tommy went home, the land. All of which goes to show a little game on them, after all.

DO AS THEIR FATHERS DID. Philadelphia People and Their Curious labor.

Notions of Social Eligibility. Philadelphians well deserve their reputation for slowness. Progression is an unknown word in the Quaker city. The fashionable people scorn any innovations, as they desire to continue to do as their fathers did. When you look upon the number of slow and uncertain horse-car lines and the aggravating speed of their cable cars, says a writer in the Pittsburgh Dispatch, you can well judge the temperament of a people who will stand by are perhaps the most peculiar, clannish, unchangeable people that exist sess certain traits of character and ideas regarding sociology, which will probably be found still thriving and strong by anyone going to Philadelphia a hundred years hence. The effect of the absurd idea that the eligibility to soar in the mystic circles of fashionable Quakerdom is to be determined by the answer to the question whether he resides uptown or downtown can never be appreciated by one who is not a Philadelphian, or, city's social peculiarities. It causes people to pay twice as much rental in the downtown residence district for gotten uptown, not to say anything of seems that common sense was not dis-

delphia, at least on this one point. HER NAME NEVER PRINTED. The Curious III Luck Which Has for

Years Followed a Washington Woman. It looks as though social notoriety is not to be the fate of one Washington woman whose name for some inscrutable reason for the last half-dozen years has been omitted from all published accounts of gatherings in which she has taken part. An overmasterinstitute an investigation into the that, so far from the omission having respondents, it arose from the fact that | tiger, has a very long one. she was personally unknown even by sight to them. Having satisfied her- root which if a man eat of it he is conself on this score, the incognito short | verted into a tiger on the spot; and if termination, as the horses, taking name would of necessity figure in the became instantly a tiger, but his wife necount. The following morning a was so terrified at the sight of her hus-With the restoration of United States | detailed account of the accident ap- | band in this form that she ran off with peared in the paper, but by a strange the antidote in her hand. fatality that has for so long ruled her before United States commissioners elimination from print, her name was not mentioned. That of her companion prospering, but try as they would the was several times repeated in the officers never could capture the still. article, which wound up by stating When the distillers of one community that "a friend who was f - ---rage at the time was also injured."

MAKING POETRY.

There Is Often Hard Work as Well as

Inspiration. There are yet some persons left who fancy that poetry is the product of a fine frenzy; that the poet of genius awakes from a sublimated cataleptic trance to fill page after page with effortless beatitudes. A number of manuseript sheets of Longfellow's "Excelsior," which may be found in Harvard, should not only explode this theory, writes a Boston correspondent, but give hope to many a discouraged amateur. As Longfellow first constructed the first verse of this poem it

The shades of night were falling fast As through an Alpine village passed A youth who, as the peasants sung. Responded in an unknown tongue.

This was manifestly weak, as the only obvious reason why the Alpine peasants sung was that they might afford a rhyme for the youth's response in an unkn own tongue. A second trial at the verse, however, not only failed to improve it, but arranged it in such

A youth who hore a pearl of price, A banner with the strange device.

There are not many, even among by mail, for 50 pents, Dr. Swayne & Son, one o' them sticks through, You kin? the magazine poets of to-day, who would consent to refer to a banner as

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"pearl of price." But the poet had by this time three lines to his liking, bore 'mid snow and ice" completed the The old man walked into the house, throughout the length and breadth of verse as it has been read and spoken wondering if their friend hadn't put up that the genius of the poet is in the conception, and that the production of the poem, being quite another matter, lies solely in the direction of patient

HEALTH IN CORN BREAD.

This Accounts for the Good Condition the Southern Laborer.

Behold the average colored laborer on a southern plantation, said Hon. P. B. Winston, of Minnesota and Virginia, recently. How fat and sleek he looks; how his shining eyes and smooth, ebony skin reveal the robust physical man. He is a type of perfect health, and to what does he owe his superb condition? I'll tell you in two words-corn bread. There is the grandest food product in the world. and all honor to the noble American who is trying to teach the old world people the various delicious uses of corn bread and the many palatable ways it can be prepared for the table. If it were not for corn I don't know how many of the poor people of Virginia, white and black, would exist. It is in reality the mainstay of life in many localities of the old state. But to really love corn bread I think one must be used to it from childhood. Southern-born men of the old regime commenced gnawing on corn "pones" when they were babies; as they grew older the pone accompanied them on every hunting and fishing expedition, and so, when maturity was reached, corn in some form or other was wanted

wilderness. MEN TIGERS OF INDIA.

A Strange Superstition of the Ignorant pensed with a very free hand in Phila-Natives. partaken of this peculiar root. The signed on the Fourth. Sarimant, chief of Deori, related to the

author of "Rambles and Recollections" the following anecdote: "The tigers which now infest the woods from Sagar to Deori are neither more nor less than men turned into ing curiosity finally prompted her to tigers-a thing which often takes place in the woods of central India. The matter, says the Post. She then found only visible difference between the two own fare, but her aunt said no. is that the metamorphosed tiger has been intentional on the part of the cor- no tail, while the lora, or ordinary

"In the jungle about Deori there is a i. this state he can eat of another root

"My father's washerman, Raghu, was, fright, run away and, getting beyond like all washermen, a great drunkard; the control of the coachman, the and, being seized with a violent desire vehicle was overturned and both to ascertain what a man felt in the Nancy," as the still was fondly named, ladies is jured, the owner of the car- state of a tiger, he went one day to the riage quit seriously. In the midst of jungle and brought home two of these northeast Georgia, but crossed the her palace was being carried home roots and desired his wife to stand by lines into North and South Carolina. there is hed through her mind the him with one of them, and the instant Once the still was embargoed by the thought that the runaway would be she saw him assume the tiger shape to

"Poor old Raghu took to the woods.

"The washerman ate his root and

and there are a good many of his old friends from neighboring villages; but he was at last shot and recognized from the circumstance of his having no tail.

"You may be quite sure," concluded Sarimant, "when you hear of a tiger without a tail that it is some unfortunate man who has caten of that root, and of all the tigers he will be found the most mischievous,"

The Sarimant religiously believes the truth of this story and so do his attendants and mine; and out of a population of thirty thousand in the town of Sagar not one would doubt the story of the washerman if he heard it.

SIGNING THE DECLARATION.

Bothersome Files Expedited the Important Proceeding.

Jefferson was fond of telling a story which illustrates in a forcible manner the importance that absurdly insignificant matters may sometimes assume, says the Philadelphia Press. When the deliberative body that gave the world the declaration of independence was in session its proceedings were conducted in a hall close to which was situated a livery stable. The weather was warm, and from the stable came swarms of flies that lighted on the legs of the honorable members, and, biting through the thin silk stockings then in fashion, gave infinite annoyance. It was no uncommon sight, said Jefferson, to see a member making a speech with a large handkerchief in hand and pausing at every moment to thrash the flies from his thinly-protected calves. The opinion of the body was not unanimous in favor of the document, and, under other circumstances, discussion might have been prolonged for days, if not at the table three times a day. This Efforts were made to find another hall weeks, but the flies were intolerable. fact will, I think, militate against any free from the pests, but in vain. As extensive use of the cereal as food the weather became warmer the flies among the people of Europe-they grew worse, and the flapping of handhaven't been used to it. It has always kerchiefs was heard all over the hall puzzled me that our own people, out- as an accompaniment to the voices of side of the south, fail to appreciate the the speakers. In despair, at last some of old. Scott mentions that it used to tively becoming more bitter. This is glories of maize. In the great cornone suggested that matters be hurried be the fashion to eat oysters in the one of the peculiarities that Philadelvery limited, and the eastern mind so Kempt has gathered together many de- Any attempts that have been made to far as corn is concerned, is a howling a few mild protests, but no one heeded them, the immortal declaration was hurriedly copied, and, with handkerchiefs in hand, fighting the flies as they came, the members bastened up to the table to sign the authentic copy The belief is very general through- and leave the flies in the lurch. Had out India that men are turned into it not been for the livery stable and its tigers by eating of a certain root. It inmates there is no telling when the is supposed that tigers who destroy document would have been completed, many human beings are men who have but it certainly would not have been

Very Strange.

The Somerville Journal has a story of little Dorothy, six years old, who, like other children, is a born egotist. She went out for a horse car ride with her aunt. She had her new purse with her and was very desirous to pay her are my guest," she explained to Dorothy, "so I must pay your fare, but you may take the ten cents and hand it to the conductor, if you like." So Dorothy took the dime and when the conductor came along she handed it to him in the most dignified manner. He gave her a quick look, and estimating that she was under the five-year limit, he rang in only one fare, and handed back a five-cent piece, which Dorothy took without a word. "Wasn't it strange," she asked after she got home, "the conductor took my fare, but he didn't charge Aunt Alice any fare at all?"

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