

A NEW JERSEY SOLOMON.

Justice of the Peace Renders Decision Not Unlike That of the Famous Bible Character.

Magistrate Jermon once spent a summer in a little town in South Jersey and made the acquaintance of a justice of the peace who held more offices than Pooh Bah himself. "He was," says Jermon, according to the Philadelphia Press, "a notary public, a storekeeper, superintendent of the Sunday school, a lay preacher, postmaster, coroner, a farmer and a few more things that I can't recall now. He was a shrewd old fellow, as a decision in a case that I heard will go to show. Two farmers had a dispute about the ownership of some poultry, and each pleaded his own case. Each side had an equal number of witnesses and there was some tall swearing done all around. If I had been sitting on the case I should have given it up as a bad job, or sent it to court for trial. But that's just what he didn't do.

"I forgot to state that in addition to all his other functions he was his own constable. The hens were in court in a coop and he ordered that the constable should take the coop to the roadway opposite the farms of the litigants and turn the creatures loose. And he did the job himself and got his fee for doing it. The hens settled the case themselves by going directly to one of the farms, and the justice declared that they knew their way home, and gave judgment accordingly."

HAREM WANTED SARDINES.

When First Boxes of This Delicacy Reached Morocco Court There Was Great Excitement.

If the sultan of Morocco, Muley Abd-el-Azis, loses his throne, it perhaps might be due to the discontent of his subjects in seeing him adopt so precipitately European manners and habits. The sultan disregards this danger, however, and when he wants a thing European, he must have it at once, says the New York Tribune.

One night there was a great noise in front of the residence of an Englishman inhabiting Morocco. Immediately the soldiers of the palace struck the door violently exclaiming: "Daba! Daba! (quick! quick!). The master wants all the sardines you have in your house!" The Englishman was not a sardine merchant, but handed over what few boxes he had, and learned later that only a few hours before a foreign minister had presented to the sultan a few boxes of sardines, which were opened in the harem and partaken of by all the inmates.

Such a sudden frenzy was created for them that on the morrow a special rakkas was dispatched to Tangier, with orders to bring all the sardines in the place.

KEEP BOYS ON THE FARM.

Educational Department Gives Good Advice to Rural Father—Advice to the Teachers.

The superintendent of public instruction of the state of Indiana has recently issued a bulletin touching on the steady migration of the young men of the rural districts to the cities in search of a so-called "better chance." Believing that Indiana is being sapped of its energies by that movement, the department in a bulletin to the teachers says that they can influence the boy to stay on the farm and to work out its problems.

"It will be a sad day for our national life when all our young farmers come to town; when the small, well-cultivated homesteads give way to landed estates," the bulletin says.

The necessity of keeping the boys on the farm was the subject of a discussion as to what the teacher can do for the community. A teacher's power in determining the industry of a community lies in making her schoolroom a busy workshop, where the rights of others and the nobility of honest toil are taught.

The bulletin which is being sent out by the state superintendent deals with the relation of the teacher to the school, her patrons and the locality. The teacher, the bulletin says, ought to be a missionary, harmonizing turbulent elements.

Booming Books.

Some time ago a rumor went round that astute publishers had in their pay a large number of the most attractive diners-out. Your neighbor at table would lead the conversation to the latest novel—quite the easiest of conversational openings between strangers, who lay their heads together over the menu and have to entertain each other for an hour. You are interested in the description of the book of the hour, you are a little ashamed of not having read it, and going home you sit down and order the book—from the circulating library. Every publisher, every theater manager, every deviser of a patent medicine knows that the advice of a friend is a more concentrated and personal pull than the opinion of a critic from the empyrean. And if the idea was ever carried out, it deserved to succeed, but no one ever spotted the paid diner-out. There was the artistry of the thing.—London Chronicle.

Independent and reliable—The Oregonian.

Beer Treasure is Found.

After a most diligent search the treasure removed from Pretoria before the arrival of the British soldiers has been found. Its value is estimated at \$1,250,000, of which the government will receive half. The search for health is still being diligently searched for by thousands of people who have been sickly for years. They try this or that remedy without success. They should follow the example of thousands of others who have found the secret of good health, and commence taking Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is the best health maker and preserver in existence, and for 50 years has never failed in cases of poor appetite, general debility, headache, pains in the stomach, dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, colds, la grippe or malaria. Try it today.

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Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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