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THE HUMORIST IN COURT.

If there is such a thing as laughing a case out of court, that feat was accomplished in the city of Erie, Pa., the other day. One Frank Weiss, the editor of the *Sonntagspost*, published in that city, was haled before the court for publishing a cartoon of a citizen who had been doing volunteer detective work in spying out law-breaking saloon-keepers. When the case came on for trial, the district attorney had hunted up an old statute by which he could use so many peremptory challenges that he could secure a jury to suit him. The statute originated in the time of Edward I, and having once been incorporated into Pennsylvania law, it had never been repealed, although it was supposed to be dead law. Here was an ancient statute rung in on the humorist at the last moment. None of his German friends could serve on that jury. The humorist was not to be outwitted in that way. He got a breathing spell of a few hours, when he came into court prepared for his defense. He had been looking into ancient statutes himself, and had made some important discoveries. He claimed the benefit of other unrepented statutes; and among them trial by "ordeal." He showed that "wager of battle" was still an unrepented statute in Pennsylvania. The district attorney had got in the first lick; now the humorist would enlighten the court. Having produced his authorities showing that "wager of battle" was still an unrepented law of Pennsylvania, he claimed the full benefit of it, and proposed the following plan of enforcing the statute:

The judges and the clergy are to assemble on a given day, and before them the accused person must fling down his glove and declare his intention to defend the same with his body. The prosecutor will then pick it up and announce his readiness to make good the appeal, body for body. Then both men will bring out their battle-axes or javelins, and kneeling before the judges, will make oath that the weapons have not been charmed by witchcraft, etc. This done each is to grasp his ax in his right hand, and the left hand of the other in his left. The accused person to say: "Here this, O man, who callest thy name John Firch by the name of baptism, that I, who call myself Frank Weiss by the name of baptism, did not libel you, so help me God and all the saints." To which the accuser will reply: "Hear me, O man, whom I hold by the hand, and who callest thyself Frank Weiss by the name of baptism, that I do hold thee perjured, and this I will prove with my body, so help me God and all the saints." At a signal from Judge Galbraith the men will come out of their corners and go for each other, and his cause shall be deemed just who succeeds in carving up the other before the going down of the sun.

It did not lessen the humor of the defendant when it appeared that he was a little man, weighing hardly a hundred pounds; and that his opponent was a stalwart weighing over two hundred pounds, and having good fighting muscle. The humorist, succeeding in convulsing the court and jury, and having laughed the case out of court, he went forth a free man of solemn visage, but the funniest man who ever made a solemn joke in Pennsylvania.—*S. F. Bulletin.*

Arabi Pasha writes he would prefer to live in Damascus or if that is impossible, in London. He expresses contentment with his lot, because he knows his misfortune has been the means of securing for the country he loves the liberty and prosperity it deserves. He feels confident that when England carries out her good work she will permit him to return. She will soon learn that he was no rebel when he set himself at the head of a people who wanted nothing but justice.

An old Sandy Hook, Pilot, Mr. Peter Bailey, residing on Court street, south Brooklyn, N. Y., was cured of a very severe case of rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil. His ailment had resisted all professional treatment.

Four Remarkable "Hands."

Yesterday afternoon, at the Cavalier Club house Clay Culbertson, Jerry Kiersted, Alexander Starbuck and E. G. Webster, entered into a game of whist. After the first hand had been played, Mr. Webster, whose turn it was to deal, took the cards, shuffled them, and after they had been cut by Mr. Kiersted, dealt. Each player, as he turned it was to play, and who generally is very prompt in placing his card on the table, delayed the play until Mr. Starbuck broke the ominous silence which prevailed by exclaiming: "Gentlemen, I have the most remarkable whist hand I ever held. I hold thirteen hearts." "And I," remarked Mr. Culbertson, "hold equally as remarkable a hand. I have thirteen spades." "And I," nervously said Mr. Kiersted, "have the thirteen diamonds." "Of course I hold the thirteen trumps," quickly chimed in the dealer, Mr. Webster. To say the players were unduly excited at such an *expose* of the hands but feebly expressed their mental condition at the time. The conversation that ensued relative to this unexpected event in whist among the players and members, as they dropped in during the afternoon, was decidedly animated. No one had ever heard of holding such hands in whist. A case occurred in a Boston club a year or so ago where a player held the thirteen trumps, and also a similar case in a New York club, but aside from these two no one could report such hands as these. Mr. Zanoni, one of the old whist players in the city; on being told of the four remarkable hands, stated that in all his experience in the seductive game of whist he had never heard of such a deal being consummated. He thought that some one had previously been playing a game of solitaire with the pack in question, that when the dealer picked them up (it being the custom here to play with two decks), he made but one or two shuffles with the cards without disturbing their relative positions, and that the cut was made as it was between the two suits. Professor G. W. Smith, another expert, was simply amazed at such a result of a deal. It seems to be one of the impossible, and it might not occur again during a generation of playing.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

Antiquity of Printing.

In an interesting article on printing in China, the North China *Herald* says that the first great promoter of the art of printing was Fung Ying Wang, who in 932 A. D. advised the emperor to have Confucian classics printed with wooden blocks engraved for the purpose. The first books were printed in a regular manner, and in pursuance of a decree in 953. The mariner's compass and rockets were invented about the same time, showing that at this period men's minds were much stirred toward invention. Twenty years after the edict the blocks of the classics were pronounced ready and put on sale. Large-sized editions, which were the only ones printed at first, were soon succeeded by pocket editions. The works printed under the Lung emperors at Hangehow were celebrated for their beauty; those of western China came next, and those of Fokheim last. Moveable types of copper and lead were tried about the same time; it was thought that mistakes were too numerous with them, and therefore the fixed blocks were prepared. Paper made from cotton was tried, but it was found so expensive that bamboo-made paper held its ground. In the Sung dynasty the method was also tried of engraving on soft clay and afterwards hardening it by baking. The separate characters were not thicker than ordinary copper coins. Each of them was, in fact, a seal. An iron plate was prepared with a facing of tur-

pentine, wax and the ashes of burnt paper. Over this was placed an iron frame, in which the clay types were set up until it was full. The whole was then sufficiently heated to melt the wax facing. An iron plate was placed above the types, making them perfectly level, the wax being just soft enough to allow the types to sink into it the proper depth. This being done it would be possible to print several hundred or thousand copies with great rapidity. Two forms prepared in this way were ready for the pressman's use, so that when he had done one he would proceed with another without delay. Here is undoubtedly the principle of the printing press of Europe, although western printers can dispense with a soft wax bed for types, and can obtain a level surface without this device. Perhaps the need of capital to lay in a stock of types, the want of a good type metal easily cut and sufficiently hard, and the superior beauty of the Chinese characters when carved in wood have prevented the employment of the movable types, which are so convenient for all alphabetic writing. The inventor of this mode of printing in movable types five centuries before they were invented in Europe, was named Pi Sheng.

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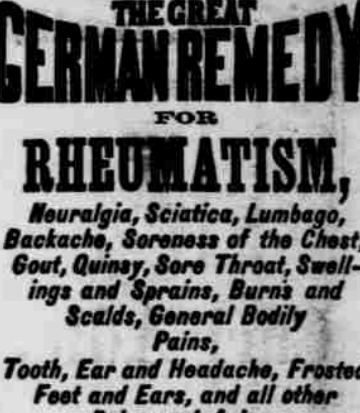
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MOTHERS, READ.

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