

HIS HAD ENOUGH

The Man in the Barber Chair Didn't Want Any More.

Barber—Did you read about that terrible murder in the papers this morning?

Castleton—I glanced over it. Barber—Horrible thing. I've been nervous over it ever since. I tell you, sir, it doesn't do for a man to read many of those things. It unsettles him. Have a close shave today?

Castleton—Not very. Do you mean that it makes you nervous?

Barber—Well, sir, when I read those horrible things about people being cut in pieces, it kind of haunts me. There's a sort of fascination about it.

Castleton (unusually)—I see. As if you wanted to do something like that yourself. It that what you mean?

Barber—Well, yes, I suppose that is it. You see, a man comes in and sits down to be shaved. I have a dozen razors ready for him, and all the time I keep imagining to myself about those murders I read. Why, sir, that man might be my best friend, but—

Castleton (turning white)—You don't mean to say that you have an impulse to cut a man's throat?

Barber—How does this razor feel? All right? Well, yes, that's the way I would feel if I allowed myself to do so, but of course it wouldn't do to give away. You see, it becomes a struggle with me. The man lies before me helpless—just as you are. I feel the sharp razor in my hand. Zip, and the thing is done.

Castleton (the cold sweat coming out all over him)—You don't mean to say that you would murder me in cold blood?

Barber—Oh, no, sir! Not at all. Shave your neck? Of course I have always managed to control myself before this, but there is no telling—

Castleton (wildly)—Let me up, quick!

Barber—Why, don't you want your hair fixed?

Castleton—Not much I don't (throwing down 50 cents and reaching for his hat and coat). If I can get out of this place alive, I shall be satisfied.—Brooklyn Life.

COOKED FISH FOOD.

In a stream where trout have been accustomed to be fed with bread it might at first sight appear that they could easily be taken by means of the staff of life as a lure. Yet, though trout may be taken for a time by means of such bait, they eventually learn to discriminate between the dangerous and an innocuous crust or crumb. There are many pools in which the fish at no period can be persuaded to take it as a lure, however readily they may rush toward it in its innocent state. Once they have tasted bread, however, trout develop a great partiality for it.

Why salmon should take boiled and prepared prawns must ever remain more or less of a mystery. These assuredly are the most unnatural of foods for them, yet in certain states of the water salmon, though rarely if ever sea trout, succumb to it when they refuse every other kind of bait, and that, too, in no half-hearted fashion, but with an avidity that is often marvelous. It is the same with salmon roe, so far as trout, sea trout and bull trout are concerned. The smell probably has something to do with this forbidden fruit, and in some such way the oil of a heron's breast, if sprinkled over worms, is said to make them specially attractive. "Whatever is good" seems to be the motto of the feeding fish.—London Field.

SCOTLAND VS. KENTUCKY.

Kentucky is in trouble again. Her sons never were taken with the queen of England, but now they have no use for Victoria at all. It seems that the queen's ample appreciation of Scotch whiskey has rendered that beverage fashionable in London, and is popularizing it among the Anglomaniacs in New York. Now every true American who has tasted both knows that there is no comparison between white Scotch whiskey, with its smoky flavor, and the "mountain dew" of old Kentucky, with its rich amber color and its exhilarating "bouquet," but if the fad for Scotch whiskey gets a start there is no telling to what limit the rage for imitation may go.

HIS QUALIFICATIONS.

A judge, who was a very old and shrunken little man, was trying a case, when another very old man—a peasant, scarcely able to walk—came into court to give evidence. Instead of going to the witness box, he went toward the passage leading to the bench. One of the counsel called out to him: "Come back, sir; where are you going? Do you think you are a judge?" "Indeed, sir," said the old man, looking up to the judge, "I believe I'm fit for little else."

A LONG WAY FROM HOME.

A recent article in a New York paper says: "Fulton fish market is an index to the growth of New York, as well as indicative of the application of scientific principles to business enterprise. The red-fleshed salmon from the Pacific, that lays fresh and rosy on the huckster's stall, its scales still gleaming with iridescent light, illustrates forcibly the immense possibilities of rapid transit and thorough refrigeration. The refrigerator car, pulled by a flying locomotive, solves the problem, and gives to the New Yorker a delicacy, or many of them, he otherwise might be deprived of."

A KICKER.

A kicker from way-back came over on a street car from Uppertown yesterday afternoon who could beat any football eleven on the coast. He kicked when he got on about the car being slow, and when it stopped a little longer

that he had on the switch opposite the U. P. dock he got off, and standing in the middle of the track, with the rain pouring on him, he cursed every officer, from the president down to the cleaners and the cars, from the underground wire to the trolley above, and when he got off for good he stopped and cursed the poles.

SURPRISINGLY UN-LUTHERAN LUTHERANS.

The following item was handed us, with the request that it be republished:

For the last two months a part of the Lutheran population of the Pacific Coast has been stirred up by the peculiar preaching manifestations of one Braekhus, a young, uneducated Norwegian, subject to "preaching fits," and frequently discarding his Norwegian Lutheran congregations in a somnambulist state. A number of Lutheran ministers have been heaping shame upon the Lutheran name by backing this phenomenal Lutheran trance medium, permitting him to preach in their pulpits and hold services under their auspices. We hardly need to state that these un-lutheran Lutheran pastors do not belong to the old Norwegian Lutheran synod affiliating with the synodical conference. They are of old "conference" stock and members of the anti-Missourian United church ("Forenede Kirke") now being torn asunder by internal strife and dissensions. We are extremely sorry that the officers of the United church are so slow in denouncing the course of its representatives on the Pacific slope, who do not shrink from claiming infallible inspiration by the Holy Ghost for the utterings of Mr. Braekhus, whose cause they champion.—Lutheran Witness.

LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT.

The young lady minstrel and hard-times entertainment, to occur May 4, for the benefit of the Public Library Association, is having a "hard time" of it.

It is no easy matter to bring out debutantes, and that, we learn, is what the talent will be composed of. Regardless of age, all of the A. P. L. A. and "Ys" are pledged to do their best, for a first and last appearance only. But we hope that they may be like Patti—

—if the public demand (as it surely will)—why!!—perhaps.

TO COVER DEFICIENCIES.

Olympia, April 25.—The emergency board today heard several petitions to authorize a deficiency loan to the extent of \$5,400 to complete the speeding track and build fences at the state fair grounds at Yakima, and \$5,000 for the Ellensburg normal school. Consideration was postponed until May 7 of the claims by the architect of the agricultural college buildings for \$3,500 for materials furnished and which were referred to the legislature.

GEN. GRANGER DEAD.

Washington, April 25.—Gen. R. S. Granger, U. S. A., retired, died today, aged 83 years.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Astoria Iron Works will be held at their office on Tuesday, May 1st, 1904, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors. JOHN FOX, President. O. B. PRAEL, Secretary. Astoria, Ore., April 20th, 1904.

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THE FIRE'S OUT!

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