

FIFTY YEARS IN A CHOIR.

Three Men Who Can Sing Well at Seventy.

After having sung for fifty years in the same church choir continuously, missing very few services, at Reading, Pa., says a correspondent of the New York Sun, Daniel Shaaber, Jacob Shaaber and James Hill sent in their resignations because their voices were possibly not as good as the large congregation had a reasonable right to expect. These singers are now nearly 70 years old, but are still young and active in mind and body, and they still can sing in a manner that is wonderful to those who hear them. The brothers Shaaber say that the vocal organs of the throat hold out as well, possibly better, than the eyes, ears, arms or limbs of the human body if they are properly exercised and taken care of. They experience no difficulty in singing right along with the younger folks in the choir, but they now desire to quit because they imagine the congregation may want to hear new voices.

They have sung to five generations in the church and have kept it up so regularly that thousands of people have been more than surprised. The Shaabers sang tenor and Mr. Hill bass. Besides singing in the choir for half a century of years, they also sang at church festivals and private gatherings of the congregation, always without charge, as the church had no paid choir, and the singers officiated as a labor of love. Being comfortably situated in life, they desire no reward from the church.

The church officers held a meeting, refused to accept their resignations and consented to relieve them of active service in the choir, but reserving their places as long as they live, so that whenever they wish to occupy seats in the choir gallery their chairs will be there and their services will be gladly received. The semi-centennial of their connection with the choir was celebrated recently, and the occasion was a notable one. The brothers Shaaber in reality joined the choir fifty-four years ago. Daniel Shaaber was leader of the choir for thirty years.

BIG LOG OF WALNUT.

Tree Seven Feet in Diameter and Twenty-three Feet in Circumference.

The picture shows a section of one of the black walnut trees recently purchased by a Milwaukee, Ind., lumber company. There were fifty-one trees in the clump, located in Cass County, Michigan, and the price paid was \$10,000 in cash. The section shown in the



MONSTROUS LOG OF WALNUT.

picture is 100 feet long, 2.90 feet in circumference and 7 feet in diameter. Five men with arms extended can encompass the tree, and there are a number of others in olive drab, ETAOE ber of others of the same size in the clump. The trees are being felled, cut up and shipped to England.

Just How It Is Done.

Smith and Jones were talking one day about their business interests. Smith was a hotel man and Jones was a manufacturer's agent.

"I say," said Jones, "how ever do you use such an enormous quantity of pears and peaches?"

"Well," replied Smith, "we eat what we can, and what we can't eat we can."

"Indeed!" said the other, "we do about the same in our business."

"How is that?"

"We sell an order when we can sell it, and when we can't sell it we cancel it."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Distantly Related to Wealth.

At the wedding anniversary of a railway magnate, one of the guests noticing a somewhat lonely looking and rather shabbily attired man in one corner of the parlor, walked over and sat down near him.

"I was introduced to you," he said, "but I did not catch your name."

"My name," replied the other, "is Swaddleford."

"Oh, then you are a relative of our host!"

"Yes," replied the "poor relation," with a grin. "I am his cousin \$500,000 removed."—Youth's Companion.

The dead letter probably died at its post.

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Gave His Consent.

The city clerk at Lewiston, Me., who always demands the written consent of parents before marrying minors, recently received the following unique letter: "Mr. Clerk, that girl of mine she want to be marry and I done care a darn. She got a feller and they earn ten dollars a week 'tween 'em. He good feller. She all right. You will marry them for me, and be much obliged."

Some wonderful stalactite caves have recently been discovered eight miles from Krugersdorf, in the Transvaal.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 20, 1895.

In the Sanctum.

The editor criticized his book—He scored it, page by page; He got him a stick and a loaded brick And called at the shop in rage.

But the editor tumbled him down the stairs, And remarked, as he floundered around: "He isn't much of a writer, But he certainly covers the ground!" —Atlanta Constitution.

Scientifically Correct.

"And when I proposed to her she turned all the colors of the rainbow at once." "How can you make such a ridiculous assertion?" "All the colors at once, if you have not forgotten your high-school lessons, you ought to know make white."—Indianapolis Journal.

The Last Resort.

"After all, a mother-in-law is a pretty good thing to have sometimes." "What wonderful experience have you been having lately?" "My wife was afraid to discharge our cook, and she wouldn't go for me, so we sent for Birdie's mother and turned her loose in the kitchen. They smashed some of the furniture, but the cook's gone."—Chicago News.

Teacher of the Future—Who can tell me who was Hobson?

One of the Countless Generation as Yet Unborn—Please, he was the hero of the merry smack.—Indianapolis Journal.

An English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of all Mexican breweries.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A bill-board before a church in Paisley, Scotland, contains this announcement: "Only short sermons delivered here. Excellent music. This is the place to save your soul and be happy. Walk in."

London is very much stirred up as to what it terms the "telephone monopoly," and a recent resolution of the highways committee asks of the postmaster-general categorically whether he does or does not intend to start "a really efficient telephone service in opposition to the monopoly."

English railway people have finally outgrown their prejudice and are adopting the American "cowcatcher" in the front of their engines. A recent accident, caused by a truck falling in front of an engine, and which a cowcatcher would have swept away, accelerated the adoption of the American idea.

Not long ago a Frenchman and a clause in his will set forth his desire to be conveyed to his last resting place in a motor car arranged as a hearse. Also near Marseilles there was held an "electric christening," wherein the party consisted of nine persons, who were conveyed to the church in an electric carriage.

A device designed for the greater comfort of wheelmen is a spring hat-pin, shaped similar to a hairpin and permanently attached to the rim of the hat, the points projecting inward. They are self-acting and adjust themselves to the contour of the head. They are hailed with delight by the male escorts, who have heretofore gallantly played the role of "hat chasers."

Wild Rush of Diamond Miners.

A wild rush of excited miners is reported at Nullagine, Western Australia, where diamonds have been discovered in large quantities, and it is feared that many will lose their lives in the mad struggle for riches. In this country the rush for gain is causing many other men to break down in health and strength. Nervousness, sleeplessness, loss of flesh and appetite and general debility are the common symptoms. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will cure them all.

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Story Told on Liszt.

There is a story told of Liszt to the effect that he was one day very hard on a pupil whose playing he condemned rather severely. The pupil said she had studied the piece under Mme. Schumann. To which Liszt replied: "Mme Schumann, Mme. Schumann! Yes, you have learned from her how one plays the piano when one has six children—poor woman, six children! In such bourgeois life any great interpretation is impossible. You must play this piece differently when I am your master. Thank God, I have not six children."

Wild Justice.

First and last the words "Revenge is a kind of wild justice" have been quoted hundreds of times probably in extenuation of the lynching habit. The context is never quoted. What Lord Bacon wrote was "Revenge is a kind of wild justice which the more a man's nature runs to the more ought law to weed it out."

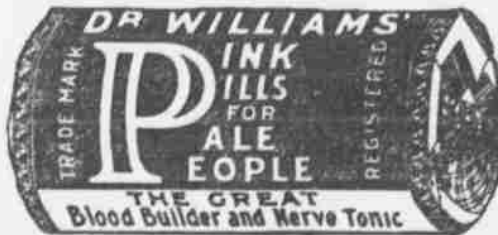
So stout has Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, grown (he must weigh considerably over 800 pounds) that his step has become slow and awkward. Apparently his tailor has given up all idea of fitting the ponderous Kentuckian, who looks as though he had been harnessed country fashion, not dressed.

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Chinese Commercial Methods.

It is often said no European can understand Chinese commercial methods. Here is a curious instance of the celestial's inversion. A Chinese hotel-keeper had contracted to board and lodge a visitor for a dollar a day. As time went on he found it impossible to get his weekly account settled. So he offered to maintain the guest for half a dollar a week. He said he would lose less.—London Chronicle.

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