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An Ungallant Parliament.

All women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall from after the passing of this act impose upon and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's male sub-

jects by scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high heeled shoes or bolstered hips shall incur the penalty of the laws now in force against witchcraft, sorcery and such like misdemeanors and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void.—An Act of Parliament in Reign of Charles II.

"Your Humble Servant."

Anthony Trollope was at one time appointed a surveyor or inspector of taxes, and Mr. Worsfold's friend was one of a deputation who waited on him. After a very heated discussion Trollope said to them: "Look here! I want you to understand one thing. When I write to you that I am your humble and obedient servant, I am d— well nothing of the sort."—London Telegraph.

FRENCH SMUGGLERS.

Tricks They Employ to Cheat the Customs Officials.

Smugglers are also to be found in France, according to a Parisian who is visiting Washington.

Speaking of the various means employed to defraud the customs authorities, the Parisian said:

"It must be remembered that spirits and goods of various descriptions are not allowed to enter Paris without paying duty. The tricks of the fraudulent are numberless. One inventive gentleman, apparently of ample proportions, made use of an india rubber pocket. He used it with a dummy stomach in which to carry dutiable goods, and when relieved of it by a suspicious official he turned out to be quite a thin man. A horse collar worn by a horse was found to be full of chartreuse on another occasion. The shafts of the little cart behind the horse contained expensive lace, neatly rolled up. Another case was where a foot warmer was found under the feet of a dear old lady who entered Paris in a carriage. The foot warmer was filled with eau de cologne, out of which in the past the highly respectable old dame had been making a handsome profit.

"One of the cleverest smugglers used the following method to smuggle brandy into town: He organized funerals, passing at long intervals through the various gates of Paris. There was nothing suspicious in the fact, since many Parisians living in the suburbs insist on being buried in one of the beautiful Paris cemeteries. The coffin was smothered under numberless wreaths of flowers. The procession, like everything else, stopped at the gate, but was invariably allowed to proceed at once, the douaniers respectfully greeting the dead, and that was all. One day a procession was stopped by a number of carriages. There had been some accident ahead and the traffic was impeded. Meanwhile one of the customs officers walked near to the hearse in order to admire the violets and roses of the wreaths. He sniffed. Really there was a very strong odor of brandy about them. He promptly seized one of his special and sharp tools, sounded the wreaths and found that they were made of metal and wood and full of the best brandy. The chief mourner was arrested and his "wreaths" confiscated. Funerals are now closely watched and do not escape investigation at the gates of Paris."—Washington Herald.

Punished by Promotion.

The Florentine republic had a unique method of dealing with its too ardent democrats. In 1293 the state passed the famous "Magna Charta of Florence" to curb the cruelty and rapacity of the lawless nobles, who, in defiance of the law courts, were accustomed to flog and torture their dependents at will. The act practically disfranchised these titled harpies by a clause which excluded them from the signory, a body in the state corresponding to the British cabinet, unless they renounced their nobility. This curious provision prepared the way for a still more extraordinary clause, which enacted that any member of the democratic party who made himself obnoxious to the government and was by them declared to be "guilty of treason to the commonwealth" should be given a patent of nobility and thus at the same moment be raised in the social scale and reduced to a political nobody at the will of the state.—London Telegraph.

At School In 1611.

In 1611, when Harrow began its career as a public school, the time table was a little stiff. The boys were to be in school by "6 of the clock throughout the year" and were to stay there till "11 in the forenoon" and in the afternoon "from 1 of the clock till 6." They were only to play "on Thursdays sometimes when the weather is fair and on Saturdays or half holidays after evening prayer." For athletic exercise they were to practice archery, each parent being required to allow his son "a bow, three shafts, bowstrings and a bracer to exercise shooting." And the master was to see that none of the scholars "come uncombed, unwashed, ragged or sloven like."—London Mail.

Ordeal by Battle.

The ordeal by battle introduced into England by William the Conqueror died out of usage in Elizabeth's time. But it still remained the law of the land until 1818, when it got repealed after being resorted to by one Thornton. He had deceived and murdered a beautiful girl named Ashford, and claiming his right to wage of battle, the court of queen's bench was obliged to allow it. The girl's brother when he was challenged refused to fight. The murderer was forthwith discharged.—New York Press.

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INTERESTING FIGURES

Summary of Assessment Rolls of Yamhill County, 1910. Furnished by Assessor Martin Miller.

	Number	Value
Acres of all land	413,165.05	
Acres of Tillable land	123,381.25	\$6,163,265
Acres of Non-Tillable land	289,783.80	\$3,245,931.93
Imp. on Deeded or Patented lands		886,495
Town and City Lots		902,463
Improvements on Town and City Lots	1,128,265	
Imp. on lands not Deeded or Patented		42,650
Steamboats, Sailboats, Stationary Engines and Manufacturing Machinery	185,005	
Merchandise and Stock in Trade	594,998	
Farming Implements, Wagons and Carriages, etc.		143,445
Money		172,332
Notes and Accounts		660,040
Shares of Stock	2,430	399,559
Household Furniture, Watches, Jewelry, etc.		281,020
Horses and Mules	5,940	448,405
Cattle	10,126	173,696
Sheep and Goats	27,239	50,855
Swine	3,867	19,500
Dogs	1,438	9,405
Chickens	78,802	18,011
		\$15,564,424.93

Rail Road, Telephones, Telegraph Co. Not included in the above. Value on this Class of Property 1909 was \$1,075,182.

Curious Facts.

Four hundred and eighty-six new national banks were organized last year.

There has been established at Notre Dame University a chair of Japanese history.

One of the causes of epilepsy is declared by Australian and German physicians to be coffee.

A London justice a short time ago made an order for the distribution of an estate that had been in the Court of Chancery for one hundred years, during which time it had increased in value threefold.

The estimated number of cantaloupes shipped from the famous Rocky Ford district in Colorado last season is 12,600,000. Seven hundred cars were sent out, being an increase of 108 cars over the previous season.

If sunk two hundred feet below the ocean's surface cork, although the most buoyant substance, will not rise to the surface again, owing to the great pressure of water. It will work its way back at any less depth.

At a laborers' exhibition which it is proposed to hold in Paris in 1919 the object will be to offer a comparison between the life of the workmen throughout the world to-day and that of laborers in centuries gone by.

In the matter of women's clubs London is undoubtedly leading the world. There was not a single institution of the kind there twenty-one years ago, but now there is a total membership in women's clubs of over twenty thousand.

In Greece tobacco sells as low as two cents per pound and as high as twenty-four cents per pound, the quality of the product raised there varying greatly.

The lightest of European crowns, the state crown of Great Britain, which was made for Queen Victoria, weighs only two pounds and seven ounces, but is valued at \$1,500,000.

The practice of owners of factories in Austria in furnishing dwellings and fuel free to their workmen is said to have had the effect of minimizing the number of strikes over there.

The Australian mound bird builds the biggest nest in the world. It sometimes makes mounds 150 feet in circumference, in which it buries its eggs five feet deep.

About two years ago Japanese jinrikishas were established in Shanghai as public vehicles, and their introduction in various other ports of China is being pushed with characteristic Japanese energy.

Thomas Garfield, the only brother of the martyred President, is 83 years old and a typical farmer. He lives on a little farm about five miles from Hudsonville, Mich.

The weight of telegraph wires is sometimes increased nine hundred per cent by ice forming on them.

Motor cars are now carried to sea by some of the officers of the British navy, for use in foreign ports.

Germany produces about \$250,000,000 worth of minerals annually, of which coal and iron are the most important.

It is estimated that only about seventy-five per cent as many children are born in England now as were born thirty years ago.

The smallest of all European birds is the golden-crested wren of England. It takes about seventy-two of them to weigh a pound.

A Paris joiner named Dereboul made a bet that he could consume ten yards of sausages. He won it, but died afterwards from congestion.

About \$25,000,000 worth of linen goods are exported annually by Great Britain and Ireland, of which one-half is shipped to this country.

It is estimated that there are 770,500,000 postal cards used annually in the United States, while Germany uses 1,161,000,000 and Great Britain 613,000,000.

The raft spider gets its name from its habit of building a raft of dry leaves and other light materials, fastened together by threads of silk, in order to pursue its prey in water.

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