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WRITING A WILL.

It Appears to Be a Difficult Task, Even For a Lawyer.

John Marshall Gest of Philadelphia, a very brilliant legal writer, says, "Every man who knows how to write thinks he can write a will, and long may this happy hallucination possess the minds of our lay brethren, for surely St. Ives, the patron saint of lawyers, extends to none a heartier welcome in the life beyond than the testator who writes his own will." And he adds, "Few testators know their own minds, and a deathbed will is as sorry a substitute for a carefully prepared instrument as a deathbed repentance is for a well ordered life."

Lord Coke was an eminent writer on wills. He says: "Wills and the construction of them do more to perplex a man than any other learning. I find grave doubts and controversies daily arise in devices made by last wills in respect of obscure and insensible words and repugnant sentences, the will being made in haste, and some pretend that the testator in respect of extreme pain was not compos mentis, and divers other scruples and questions are moved upon wills."

But the truth is that wills are chiefly broken from without and not from within. That is to say, wills are set aside not so much from faulty construction as from mental incapacity and family differences and preferences resulting in partiality in distribution. Not one will in 500 filed is successfully contested. Poorly constructed wills may stand, yet cause inconvenience, doubts and litigation.

Laymen should never attempt wills, and it is a fact that not one lawyer in ten can properly construct a will, except it be of the simplest nature, unless his experience in this line of work has been extensive and he has seen the practical everyday results of errors and faulty composition. Accurate will writing is an art which comes from practice and experience and requires, in most instances, a thorough knowledge of the law.—From "West's Docket."

One Way or Another.

"Madam," began the peddler, who, in the pages of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, appeared at the back door, "I have a silver polish here which is warranted to—"

"I don't want any of the stuff," interrupted the lady. "We haven't any silver."

"That makes no difference, lady. This wonderful preparation will take the grease spots out of wall paper or—"

"We ain't got no wall paper."

"But it will renovate feather beds or make oil paintings look like new."

"No feather beds in this house, and—say, what's a oil painting?"

"Buy some of this stuff and take a tablespoonful every hour. I'll guarantee that it will make you feel as if you owned some of the things that this preparation is good for."

An Elephant's Toothache.

I have in my possession an elephant's tooth partially decayed. The animal belonged to my father, who was in the East Indian civil service at Moradabad, and as the tooth caused the animal so much pain that it interfered with its eating my father, with the assistance of the mahout's son sitting on the elephant's head and telling him to be quiet, extracted the tooth by means of hammer, iron bar and rope. The grateful animal used to like to have his gums dressed with tow and gin for days after the operation. As this happened before 1842, no anaesthetic could have been used.—London Field.

Sewing Room Talk.

"You may be sharp," said the thread to the needle, "but I notice you are always getting it in the eye."

"Don't brag," retorted the needle. "Remember how many times I have to pull you through."

"And what of me?" said the thimble. "If it were not for my push neither of you could get along."

Then the scissors murmured: "Sew it seems."

The Right Place.

An urgent parent was endeavoring to secure work for her rather dull and listless appearing son, says a writer in the Boston Transcript. She was told by the manager that they could not employ the boy.

"We want only wide awake boys in our store, madam," explained the manager. "I'm afraid your son is too slow. He acts sleepy."

"But couldn't you put him in the alarm clock department?"

A Good Reason.

Lula was watching her mother working among the flowers. "Mamma, I know why flowers grow," she said. "They want to get out of the dirt."—Lippincott's.

HOMES OF THE BEAVERS.

Wonderful Work Achieved by These Clever Dam Builders.

Beavers arrange their homes in a neighborly way to form villages and towns. It is pointed out that they are lake dwellers for the same reason that early races of men lived over the water. The chief difference between the two, however, is that men built over natural ponds, whereas the beaver makes a pond where he happens to want it. The labors of no other animal on earth, aside from man, present so many interesting phases as those of the beaver.

According to Macoun, who has made most exhaustive studies of these little animals, whole tribes of beavers unite to build villages. Houses, invariably of two floors, bear witness to the uniform genius of these architects. The pantry occupies the ground floor, but the upper floors of the beaver's domicile are reserved for his hours of sleep and leisure.

The walls and upper part are remarkably thick, sometimes measuring several feet. Then, at the beginning of hard frost, the exterior is coated with a thick layer of mud, which immediately freezes and has the double advantage of perfectly shutting out the cold air and of guarding against the attacks of wolverenes.

The smartness of the beaver is also seen in the care it takes not only to lay in provisions in advance, but also in arranging creep holes to insure its retreat in case of surprise and for its subsistence in a day of need.

The most extraordinary works of the beaver are, of course, the dams that they throw across rivers and along the shores of lakes. In this matter they are qualified to rank with the best of engineers. Two points especially in their work attract attention, the first being the skill and strength displayed in the construction and the second being their unerring choice of the best materials.

In examining the construction of a beaver dam one is at once struck with its extreme simplicity. The wonder is how the mud kneaded and applied by the beaver's paws, unassisted by even the trowel shaped tail, becomes a hydraulic cement that time hardens instead of dissolves.

The extent of the beaver's works is as surprising as their perfection. Some of them are really colossal and several chains in length. Artificial lakes of considerable size owe their origin to these dams. The extent of the dams is the most striking proof of the social habits of the beaver, for several families must have combined to carry out the plans, and if individual instinct produces the results of a general government among these laborers they must be influenced by a sense of common interest as highly developed as that of the bees.—Harper's Weekly.

South Sea Courtesies.

The cannibal delegation halted at a little distance, and the chairman came forward.

"We are getting up a testimonial dinner for one of our distinguished fellow citizens," he said to the stout missionary, "and are here to ask you to furnish one of the principal courses."

Which shows how a persistent effort to inculcate the principles of politeness may soften the most savage nature.

In the earlier day they would have downed the stranger with a knotted club and dragged him to the kettle.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Ancient Egyptians.

The ethnological problem presented in the case of the men who built the pyramids is still a riddle. That the ancient Egyptians were not negroes is the verdict of all the more important authorities, and it is equally certain that they were not members of the great white or Aryan race. There seems to be no living people who resemble the old Egyptians, and from the monuments left in the land of the Nile only the vaguest guesses can be made.—New York American.

The Ultimate of Happiness.

"How has that match between Daisy Green and Tom Haddaway turned out?" asked Blithers.

"Fine," said Dobby.

"Still madly in love with each other?" asked Blithers.

"Better than that," said Dobby.

"They've got to a point where they can tolerate each other."—Harper's Weekly.

Afraid to Stay Away.

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"The ladies are brought through mutual admiration, I presume?"

"No; through mutual distrust."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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