

QUEER WEDDING GIFTS.

One Couple of Mature Years Received a Pair of Coffins.

An Englishman extremely fond of hunting received as a wedding gift from an anonymous person a complete set of false limbs a set of artificial teeth and a couple of glass eyes, to procure all of which the sarcastic donor must, of course, have put himself to considerable expense. Accompanying these strange presents was a note wherein the hope was expressed that, by reason of the recipient's many falls while following the hounds, some or all of these substitutes might ultimately prove of use. As the bridegroom had incurred much enmity while holding office under his government, it was supposed that these gifts came from a disappointed office seeker.

A well known American writer received from a rival man of letters a scrap book wherein were carefully pasted and indexed many hundreds of clippings containing adverse criticisms touching the former's work, and a popular artist was presented with a set of elementary works upon self instruction in drawing and painting.

Some years ago in the west an elderly, crusty merchant on espousing a spinster of mature age was presented by an undertaker with two coffins for himself and wife, a letter which accompanied these ghastly gifts stating that they would, unlike most of the other offerings received, be sure to be of service. Naturally enough the bridegroom resented this singular if useful gift, and it took all the efforts of mutual friends to prevent a breach of the peace.

PIRATES OF HONGKONG.

They Are the Real Old Fashioned Bloodthirsty Kind.

There are pirates in Hongkong—not the usual kind that greet the gentle stranger with an expansive smile and fake what he has for worthless rubbish, nor yet the petty thieves that go by that name on our own water fronts, but the real old fashioned, murderous kind, who count not the victims as they reckon the spoils.

Of course they do not swagger in costume, as all real pirates should, or pl their trade in Hongkong's immediate waters, but among the thousands of fishermen, stevedores and coal handlers that crowd the harbor's edge they mingle and gossip water front news, knowing well when a particularly rich cargo is due from the interior.

And in the purple twilight a junk darts out of one of the many estuaries far up the West or Pearl river and swoops with the suddenness of a hawk on the heavily laden prize. The struggle is short. Over the hills on the naked backs of a swarming crew the loot disappears forever from a smoking hulk in the rice swamps, or, as happened in the case of the Sainam, half a hundred take passage in the crowded hold of a river steamer and when the handful of unsuspecting whites gather at dinner raise a heathenish yell on the startled air, and the ship is taken.

Rifles thrust through bolted subterfuge the pitiful fire that last the while from behind the stablecloth, but the ship is already headed for the bank by the quartermaster with a rifle at his ear, and one more tragedy is added to the long list of crimes on the Sikiang.—W. J. Aylward in Harper's Magazine.

Suicide by Swallowing Gold.

Suicide by swallowing gold is sometimes accomplished in China. The following is an authoritative account, written by a very learned Chinese for the Westminster Gazette, of how this much contested form of suicide is accomplished:

"In swallowing gold it is not loose gold leaf or gold dust that is swallowed, but a solid lump of gold, or even a gold ring, weighing about half an ounce. Gold is not at any time of a corrupting nature, but when a lump of it is swallowed and gets into the bowel it falls, on account of its intrinsic weight, to rise and surmount the convolutions of the bowels and can therefore never complete its passage. After two or three days it therefore sinks through the bowel and destroys life without any suffering."

An Unfortunate Response.

The problem of too many churches in a given locality is often a perplexing one. It is said that the churches in a certain village, on opposite sides of the streets, were so close that when the congregation in one church sang "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?" the congregation in the other church promptly responded, "No, Not One; No, Not One." Fortunate is it if the seeming contradiction is confined to the unintentional inharmonious responses in songs.—Lippincott's.

Table All Right.

"Do they have a good table?" asks the prospective guest.
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A Question of Gifts.

"Why did you deliberately make an enemy of your old friend Jinks?"
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In the matter of the Estate of Henry C. Adams, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was on August 22nd, 1910, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Henry C. Adams, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same either to the undersigned executor at his office, 311 and 313 Drumbeller Building, Walla Walla, Washington, or to John R. Adams, at Adams, Oregon, within six months from and after the date of the first publication of this notice to-wit: August 29th, 1910; and in case of a failure so to do such claims will be forever barred by statute of limitations.

Herbert C. Bryson,
Executor of the last will and testament of Henry C. Adams, deceased.

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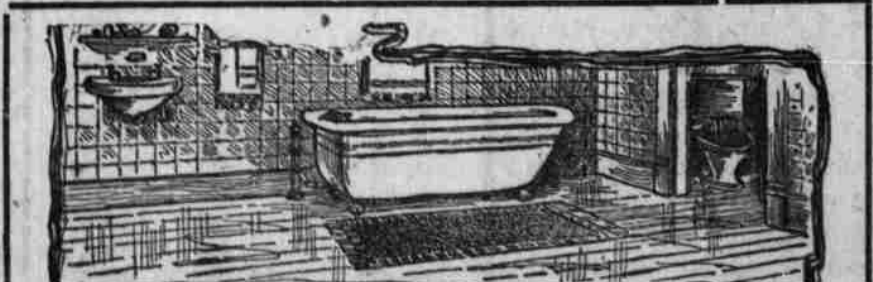
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Emery LaHue, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern: That Sarah LaHue has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Emery LaHue, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law, to me at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson, at Athens, Oregon, or at Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

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