INITIATION OF BOWSER

Gay Old Boys' Club Explains What Was Done on That Occasion.

GIVES TRUE FACTS IN CASE.

Organization Resents the Statements Made by New Member Concerning His Treatment—Taken to His Home by Members.

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At the last meeting of the Gay Old Boys' club, founded by Noah Webster at the time he got out his first dictionary and numbering among its members such convivial persons as Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and James Madison, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, An individual calling himself and known to the public as Samuel Bowser made application for membership in this club and was elected and initiated and then came out in the public press and made statements derogatory to its high and mighty dignity; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the secretary of the club be requested and empowered to write and publish a statement containing the true facts in the case over the great seal of the club."

The statement is as follows and sworn to before a notary public:

"Some time since Mr. Samuel Bowser made it known to one of the members of this club that he had long been looking for just such an organization and would feel honored to become a member. In due time the following list of printed questions was sent to him to fill out and return:

DRAPED AS JULIUS CAESAR.

"Are you a baldheaded man?

"Does Mrs. Bowser stand in awe of you?

"Can you find your way home after drinking the third bottle?

"Have you the moral courage to enter your house at 2 o'clock in the morning, knowing that your wife is sitting up for you?

"How long have you been a game old sport?

"How long have you had a desire to join some club that was engaged in saving the country?

"If given the choice of separation from your wife or the club, which would it be?

"Should you reach home in a dizzy condition from any cause, can we trust you to keep the name of this club unsullied?

"Do you babble in your dreams?

"Are there any back windows to your house that you can climb into in case you find the front door bolted against you?

"Do you agree to abide by all the rules and regulations in force in this club at the time of your initiation?

"Mr. Bowser's answers to the questions as above were considered satisfactory, and he was notified that on a certain night he should appear for initiation. What passed between him and Mrs. Bowser when he told her of the coming honor we can only guess at, but it was probably all that could be hoped for. As the first step in his initiation he was required to sing a love song. He selected 'A Brown Eyed Angel' and sang with great feeling. At its finish a fine of $21 was imposed on him to pay for the broken glass and the damage to the ceiling, and he cheerfully paid it.

Passed Ordeal Nobly.

"Mr. Bowser was then seated in a chair, and a poultice consisting of bran and catnip was applied to his head. He passed the ordeal nobly.

"He was then asked to stand on his head to give his brains a new sensation. He hesitated for a moment, but when informed that the Hon. Charles Sumner and all others had willingly complied with the regulations he up ended himself.

"There was a solemn and dignified silence while he stood on his head. This club has never yet forgotten its dignity.

"When Mr. Bowser's brains had thoroughly enjoyed the novel situation he was given a bowl of rice and two chopsticks and requested to eat. He did fairly well. Indeed, the few members that yet doubted that he was a game old sport were by this time fully convinced that he was a good loser.

"The next step was to request a speech from him on the bulwarks of American liberty. This was to show his familiarity with the principles of government. He wabbled somewhat—that is, he mixed Columbus, Napoleon, the pyramids, Washington and the battle of Bunker Hill together, and once or twice he started to say something about Mrs. Bowser—but, all things considered, he got through very well. There were no roars of laughter. All about him was silence and dignity. The Gay Old Boys have never yet forgotten what is due to themselves.

"Mr. Bowser was then posed on a beer keg standing on end and was draped as Julius Caesar, while four members of the club, provided with potatoes, retired to the other side of the hall and threw at him. He objected at first, but finally announced that he would go through with it to spite Mrs. Bowser.

"He was then draped as Napoleon and was given a glass of sour buttermilk to drink. He drank it off with the observation that there were no flies on him.

"He was then seated on the keg, with each bare foot in a pail of ice water, and told to look like Washington crossing the Delaware. In the course of five minutes Mr. Bowser assumed twenty-seven different expressions of countenance, but he finally struck the right one at last and held it like a conqueror. There was no cheering, however. The Gay Old Boys never cheer. They show their appreciation by their dignity and silence.

"As the next step Mr. Bowser was asked to name three different schoolma'ams he had fallen in love with before he was twenty years old. He promptly named seven, but followed it by an impassioned appeal that we should not say anything to Mrs. Bowser. Upon being asked if he was afraid of her he denied that he was, but explained that she had a little way of making him uncomfortable at times.

"As the last step in Mr. Bowser's initiation he was required to lie at full length on his back on the floor while forty members marched over him. This was to show a proper humiliation of spirit. Each of the forty halted for a few seconds and stood on the candidate's stomach. Mr. Bowser was about to protest, but when told that James K. Polk had submitted to the same thing he remained silent.

Hailed as a Brother.

"The initiation thus concluded, Mr. Bowser was taken by the arms and run four times around the room and then hailed as a brother and a bottle of champagne placed before him. In a few minutes and without any prompting from a member he arose and sang 'Old Black Joe.' It was a different 'Old Black Joe' from any that we had ever heard, and it was somewhat mixed with 'Annie Laurie' and 'John Brown,' but no criticisms were made. The Gay Old Boys never criticise.

"A few minutes later Mr. Bowser asked permission to deliver an oration in Latin. He was not encouraged and not refused, and he went ahead. In delivering his oration the name of Mrs. Bowser was frequently used, but we could not exactly make out what he was driving at. The Gay Old Boys never interfere in family matters.

"It was noticed in a casual way that Mr. Bowser had got hold of a second quart of champagne, but no remarks were made. The Gay Old Boys never remark.

"We were about to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' and disperse when Mr. Bowser rose up and said that he would like to put the gloves on with some one for a couple of rounds.

"The remark was laid on the table.

"Then the newborn member announced that he was the champion runner of the United States and that he would run any member of the club a distance of thirty miles for any wager named.

"The remark was laid under the table.

"Mr. Bowser then asked the privilege of making a few remarks on the death of Cicero, but the meeting adjourned without listening to him, though not before appointing two members to see him home and unlock the front door. That they did their brotherly duty by him there is no cause for doubt. He was received at the door by Mrs. Bowser, and as far as the members could satisfy themselves he was not dragged upstairs feet first.

"So far as this club is concerned, not a word would have been said to the outside world had not Mr. Bowser, by his explanations to Mrs. Bowser, forced us into the attitude taken.

"G. QUILL,
"Secretary Gay Old Boys' Club."
Per M. Quad.

Exceptional.

"It's strange," said the impatient man, "but I never seem able to get any answer from that telephone operator."

"That's so," answered Mr. Meekton. "She is the one woman in my experience who hasn't seemed to enjoy talking back."—Washington Star.

Revenge, or the Cast Shoe.

Quick Sale.

Clerk—So your little boy wants a drum, eh? Well, here's a bargain in one that's hard to beat.

Nervous Papa—The very thing! That's the kind I'll buy him at any cost.—Kansas City Times.

No Takers.

Geraldine—I hear that you made a bet that I would accept you.

Gerald—I tried to, but I couldn't find any takers.—New York Press.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

To Clean Gloves.

White gloves may be cleaned in the following way: Lay them on a clean table and rub into them a mixture of finely powdered fuller's earth and alum in equal quantities. Work this well in and then brush it off. Afterward sprinkle the gloves with dry bran and whiting, then shake and dust them.

Another practical way to clean gloves is with benzine or benzine soap. The combination of these two is death to dirt. A small sum will purchase a wooden hand, over which the glove is slipped ready for scrubbing. A scouring brush, much like a nailbrush in form and stiffer as to bristles, is dipped into the cleansing mixture, and the glove is thoroughly scrubbed. It is hung to dry, and the glove stretchers bring it into shape when the cleaning is done.

To Fill Cracks In Furniture.

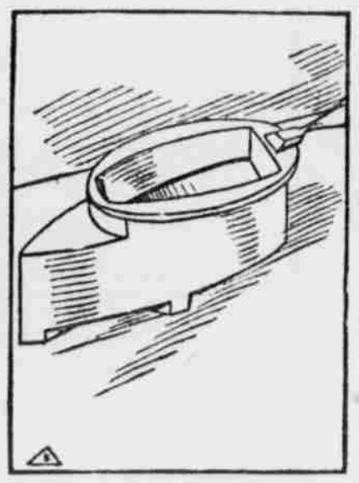
Ugly marks caused by slits or cracked places on furniture are easily filled in with beeswax, and the mark is never detected. In fact, this is how furniture dealers cover such blemishes. First slightly soften the beeswax until it is like putty, then press firmly into the cracks and smooth evenly with a thin knife. Sandpaper over the surrounding wood and work the dust into the beeswax. This gives a wood finish or color, and when the furniture is varnished you will look in vain for blemishes. It is better than putty, since putty soon dries, crumbles and falls out, while beeswax remains forever just where it is placed.

Washing Flannels.

Make a good warm suds with a white soap and put the flannels in. Never rub [illegible] or rub any soap on them, but sq[illegible] them with the hands and let them soak a little while. Rinse well in two or three waters to get the soap all out, and always have the water the same temperature. Do not put them in cold water. Hang up where they will not freeze and iron on the wrong side while they are still damp. They will be soft and will not shrink.

Heats the Flatiron.

The operation of heating an iron is a wasteful process for the reason that the heat from the bed of fire is largely lost because of the indirect application to the iron. In order to increase the efficiency of the process by conserving the heat a new invention in the shape of a new attachment for the stove has been brought out. The device consists of a chamber made of cast iron, which has a general con-



FLATIRON HEATER.

formation or outline corresponding to that of an ordinary flatiron. This chamber has cast integrally with it a cover of such diameter as to fit the hole or opening in the stove top, and the opening in the top of the chamber is continued through this cover and of such shape and dimensions as to allow a flatiron to be easily introduced to or removed from the chamber.

Cleaning Frying Pans.

Frying pans, bake pans and bread pans, after having been used for some time, become rough and heavy, and it is impossible to wash them smooth again. An easy and extremely effective way to clean them is to set them in a stove on hot coals. They may be left there for an hour or more and turned once or twice. When taken out they will be as smooth and clean as when new.

Kitchen Hints.

To prevent sore mouth from eating sliced pineapple do not slice the fruit with the knife it is pealed with.

If you have salted food too much in cooking, add a little sugar, and vice versa.

Rub your hands with lemon juice as soon as you have finished washing dishes. It keeps them from chapping and also keeps them white.

Teething Rings.

A child may be given a teething ring or pacifier as soon as the teeth begin to trouble, which is usually at five or six months. The best kind of a teething ring is a rubber one. An ivory ring is apt to make the gums hard, and this makes it harder for the teeth to come through.

Molding Tallow Candles.

Try out the tallow, add a little salt and a little powdered alum dissolved in the hot tallow. Then pour into wet candle molds. This is the way in which our great-grandmothers molded candles when they discarded the primitive mode of "dipping."

Tomato Removes Ink.

If you happen to spill ink on white wash goods, before you launder it take red tomatoes (the canned ones will do), rub well on the ink spots, let it dry overnight, then put it in the boiler with the other clothes to boil. It will come out beautiful and white.

Notice.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given that all irrigation, or millrace ditches on all trout streams throught Lake County, Oregon, must be screened with a small mesh wire screening at their head or junction with the main channel of stream. Also all dams or obstructions on said streams must be provided with a fish-ladder, or other easy means of passage, at or near the middle of the main channel, so as to allow the passage of trout at all times of year, as provided by law. Said work to be done at low water time, or to be completed by Feb. 7, 1907.

By order of J. A. Barham,
Special Deputy fish Warden for LakeCounty, Oregon.