

IT WAS A FINE COD.

A Little Story of William M. Chase, the Portrait Painter.

Several years ago I had a studio at Hammersmith and was hurrying into London one morning to transact some business. Just as I swung around a corner occupied by a fishmonger's market my eye was attracted to a magnificent cod stretched out for exhibition on a clean slab of white marble. Whatever my mood for color was that morning, that fish completely fitted and filled it. I must paint it, I decided.

I called out the proprietor and told him what I wanted. I was a bachelor, I explained, and did not want to buy the big fish. I only wished the use of it as a model. Could I rent it?

"Ow, now, sir," he said, with true British stolidity. "I never rents my fish. You see, it's Saturday, too, sir. I must sell him today, sir."

However, I explained that I needed the fish for only a few hours, and directly we struck a bargain. If after two hours I still wished to keep the fish I should buy it. At the end of the stipulated time the boy came. I was not quite finished. "In a few minutes," I said, and when I looked up he was gone.

Shortly afterward the proprietor came, tiptoeing in and peeping over my shoulder. I could hear him softly sighing, and I said nervously, "In a few minutes now, in a few minutes."

"Don't hurry, sir; don't hurry," he urged. "She's pettin' on! I'll take my chances, sir!"

When the painting was finished he refused at first to accept any remuneration, but at length, with a muttered apology, he charged—a shilling! The painting was hung and shortly afterward purchased by the Corcoran Art gallery for a very substantial sum.

On my next trip to London I determined to call up my fishmonger, tell him of the good fortune that had attended the painting and tender him some fitting reward. To my great surprise he not only refused again any gift of fee, but evinced no surprise whatever at the figure the painting had brought, though the price paid represented several times over the investment of his shop.

"Ah, but it was a fine cod, sir?" he said, and his eyes glowed with pride. "Ow, wasn't it?"—William M. Chase, Delineator.

ORIENTAL RUGS.

ads to Resemble the Antiques by Chemical Washings.

The United States buys annually many thousand dollars' worth of what are known to the profession as wash rugs. Brightly colored oriental rugs sometimes are washed with a solution of chloride of lime, a treatment which partly bleaches the colors and imparts a soft appearance to the rug.

This chemical treatment is a process of washing which produces the effect of age and a peculiar sheen to the surface, which is pointed out by the unscrupulous dealer as a proof of superior quality. The fact is that the process of washing as described invariably weakens and in some instances destroys the materials of the rug.

The progressive effect of the chemicals on the materials in the rug is this: The chlorine gas contained in the chloride of lime attracts oxygen and moisture from the air, by which muriatic acid is formed. This eats away the vitals of the rug. Sooner or later the wool and cotton in the rug become brittle and thus weaken the warp and deteriorate the wool.

When this deterioration is complete the pile of the rug may be swept away by the ordinary process of sweeping, and the warp, which is the foundation of the rug, becomes so weak that holes appear here and there, and soon the rug is worthless.

It not seldom happens that a Persian rug is too staining in some bright hue, perhaps red, and is not salable. The unscrupulous dealer will subject the rug to a series of washings in chemically prepared water. In this way he turns out a rug possessing a soft antique sheen that is truly captivating and finds a ready purchaser at an advanced price.—Chicago Tribune.

Partners in Debts. "My tooth is just killing me," she complained.

"Why don't you go to the dentist about it?" asked he.

"Because," said she, "I owe him money."

"You and I seem to be in hard luck," said he. "Now, look at me. Every time I go out in my automobile it breaks down right in front of some store where I owe a lot of money."—New York Press.

Honeyed Words. "How are you getting along at home?" The last time I called your wife was giving you the dickens."

"Quite true. I had been a bad boy. But she's relaxed. Last night she came very near calling me honey."

"You don't mean it? How was that?" "She called me old beeswax."—New York Press.

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It Cleared the Accused, but Furnished an Odd Sequel.

A highly respectable gentleman arrived at York one evening with luggage and dined well, went to bed early, rose in good time and had a substantial breakfast. After this meal he casually asked the landlord if there was anything of special interest in York. "The assizes are on, but I do not know if there is anything particularly interesting in the list," was the response.

"Thanks," drawled the stranger. "I'll look in if I happen to pass the court and see."

He did look in and heard a follower of Dick Turpin in the dock, charged with highway robbery, pleading his innocence vehemently to a stolid judge and jury, who, with firm faces, did not look as if they placed much credence in the prisoner's profession of innocence. Suddenly the prisoner caught sight of the stranger, who had strolled in from the hotel out of curiosity.

"Here, thank God, is some one who can prove my innocence!" cried the prisoner, pointing to the stranger, who was agitated at becoming the center of interest so unexpectedly.

He seemed astonished and shook his head.

"Oh, yes," cried the accused; "just think! You were at Dover—a long way from here. You came out of the Ship hotel, and I took your luggage in a wheelbarrow to the Calais packet at the pier. That was the day I am supposed to have committed the crime up here."

The stranger seemed bewildered. The judge, struck with the tragic earnestness of the prisoner, questioned the stranger, but the latter could not assist him much.

"Have you any notebooks," asked the judge—"any memorandum of your movements on that day?"

"I am a merchant," replied the stranger, "connected with an old established firm of bankers in London. I travel a lot and of course enter everything in my books. Here are my keys if the court cares to send to my hotel and bring here the books out of my case. I can easily settle the point."

The books were fetched. The gentleman had been in Dover that day and had left by the Calais packet. This was sufficient for the judge and jury. The prisoner was acquitted.

Come sequel: Both the "banker from London" and the highwayman were placed in the same dock shortly afterward charged with daring burglaries in the neighborhood.—Harry Furniss in London Standard.

The Usher Woke Up.

At a certain county court the judge is in his private capacity a kind hearted man. The usher of the court is aged—very aged—but as he had been a faithful servant for many years he was retained in that capacity. One morning he fell asleep in court and began to snore. The noise he made naturally disturbed court proceedings, but the judge displayed great tact in dealing with the matter.

"Usher Jones," he called out loudly, "some one is snoring."

The usher woke up. He jumped to his feet and glared ferociously round. "Silence!" he roared. "There must be no snoring in court!"—Exchange.

Without Imagination.

There is a certain New York business man of a rather waggish disposition who contends that his wife has no imagination.

At dinner one night he chanced to mention a tragic circumstance he had read in the evening paper on his way home. A passenger on a transatlantic steamer had fallen overboard in mid-ocean and had never been seen again.

"Was he drowned?" asked the wife.

"Of course not," answered the irrepressible hubby, "but he sprained his ankle. I believe."—Lippincott's.

Heartless Gamblers.

The rage for gambling at White's and Almack's clubs in London in other days led to most outrageous betting, as to which Walpole tells what he calls a good tale: A man dropped down in a fit before the door and was carried inside. The club instantly made bets as to whether he would die or not, and when a doctor was called in to attend him his ministrations were interfered with by the members because, they said, these would affect the fairness of the bets.

Pitiful Sales.

Kits of sailors lost at sea are sold regularly at auction at the Albert docks in London. The sale provides many a pitiful sight. Most of the lots are contained in the regular sailor's sea chest, all marked with the name of the ship from which they come. It is not unusual for those who have lost friends or relatives at sea to attend these auctions, and there are times when the first news of such a loss comes through the recognition of familiar objects.

A Fair Offer.

Small boy (who has been watching amateur gunner's failures for an hour or more)—Say, mister, Sportsman—Well, what is it, boy? "Gimme a nickel an' a start as far as the fence an' you kin have one at me."—Life.

Reformed.

"I hear your son is something of an aviator, Mr. Comeup."

"Well, to tell the truth, he was a bit that way, but he's taken the pledge."

Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forget to put a soul into.—Beecher.

"The Blood is The Life."

Science has never gone beyond the above simple statement of scripture. But it has illuminated that statement and given it a meaning ever broadening with the increasing breadth of knowledge. When the blood is "bad" or impure it is not alone the body which suffers through disease. The brain is also affected, the mind and judgement are affected, and many an evil deed or impure thought may be directly traced to the impurity of the blood. Foul, impure blood can be made pure by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It purifies and purifies the blood thereby curing, pimples, blotches, eruptions and other cutaneous affections, as eczema, tetter, or salt-rheum, hives and other manifestations of impure blood.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon.

February 25th, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by GEORGE VANDERSEE, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1416, made June 3rd, 1907, for Sw 1/4 Ne 1/4, N 1/2 Se 1/4, and Sw 1/4 Se 1/4 section 19 township 9 south, range 9 west, by THOMAS C. KING, contestee, in which it is alleged that he is well acquainted with the tract of land embraced in the homestead entry and knows the present condition of the same; also that the said Thomas C. King died near Salem, Oregon, on or about March, 1907, the said Thomas C. King, according to the best knowledge and belief of affiant, was, at the time of his death, a single man, and that he has no knowledge of such heirs, except that he has been informed that at the time of the death of said King two or three brothers survived him and that said brothers reside in some of the southern states; but affiant has not been able to learn any of either of the names of said brothers, nor of their residence or post office address, that between the time of making entry upon said lands and the death of said King, the said King did not cultivate or improve said lands according to the law and that since his said death up to the present time he has not cultivated or improved the said lands, or any part thereof to any extent whatever; and that the best belief of affiant is that the said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his or their employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States as a private, soldier, officer, seaman or marine during any war in which the United States has been engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a.m., on April 13th, 1909, before W. H. Cooper, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Tillamook City, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. on April 20th, 1909, before the register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Portland, Oregon.

The contestant, having, in a proper affidavit, filed February 12th, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Ore., November 25th, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that GRACE L. BEALS, of Tillamook, Oregon, who, on November 9th, 1908, made application for timber entry, No. 6686, for Sw 1/4 of Sw 1/4, Nw 1/4 of Sw 1/4 of section 21, and Ne 1/4 of Se 1/4 of sec. 20, Tp. 2 north, range 9 west, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final timber proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Cooper, U. S. Commissioner, at Tillamook City, Tillamook County, Oregon, on the 16th day of April, 1909, claimant names as witnesses: J. C. Bewley, of Tillamook, Oregon; Frank Crane, of Hobsonville, Oregon; W. A. Petteys, of Bay City, Oregon.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County.

Albers Brothers Milling Company, a corporation, Plaintiffs, vs. Lialah Snuffer, B. O. Snuffer, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order and decree issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 1st day of March, 1909, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said Court on the 20th day of November, 1908, in favor of Albers Brothers Milling Company, a corporation, plaintiff, and against Lialah Snuffer and B. O. Snuffer, defendants, for the sum of \$2,321.66, with interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from the 20th day of November, 1908, and the further sum of \$250 attorney's fees, with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 20th day of November, 1908, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit: The South half of the Northeast quarter and the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirty (30), in Township Two South, Range Eight West of the Willamette Meridian, in Tillamook County, State of Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Now therefore by virtue of said execution, judgment, order and decree and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Saturday, the 3rd day of April, 1909, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the front door of the County Court House, in Tillamook, Tillamook County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption), to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the service and interest which shall be due and named defendants (or either of them) had on 11th day of October, 1908, the date of the mortgage foreclosed in the above entitled suit, or since that date had in and to the above described said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

H. CRENSHAW, Sheriff of Tillamook County, Oregon. Dated this 1st day of March, 1909. First issue March 4th, 1909. Last issue April 1st, 1909.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale.

In the matter of the estate of T. S. Jewell, deceased.

Under authority of an order of sale granted by the County Court of Tillamook County, State of Oregon, dated the 16th day of January, 1909, I will sell at private sale all the following described real estate, to-wit: The North 1/2 of North East 1/4 of sec 24 and South 1/2 of South East 1/4 of section 13, Township 2 South, Range 10 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Tillamook County, Oregon.

The sale will be made on or after the 27th day of February, 1909, and bids will be received at the office of W. H. Cooper, in Tillamook City, Oregon. The terms of said sale shall be cash, or such security as will be approved by the County Court.

J. C. BEWLEY, Administrator of the Estate of T. S. Jewell, deceased. Dated at Tillamook City, Oregon, this 18th day of January, 1909.

Notice of Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That the undersigned has been by the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon, appointed administrator of the estate of NELLIE F. DWYER, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me at my office in Tillamook City, Oregon, accompanied by proper vouchers as required by law, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated February 4th, 1909.

H. T. BOLTS, Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of Nellie F. Dwyer, deceased.

Notice of Final Account.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That the undersigned has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of MICHAEL PELZ, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County, and that Monday, April 5th, 1909, at ten o'clock a.m., at the Court House, in Tillamook City, Tillamook County, Oregon, has been set as the time and place by the said Court for the hearing of said account and the settlement thereof, at which time and place any and all persons interested in said estate shall file their exceptions in writing and show cause why said final account should not be accepted and approved and the administratrix discharged from her trust.

By order of the Hon. H. F. Goodspeed, Judge of the above named Court, dated February 2nd, 1909. CAROLINE PELZ, Administratrix of the estate of Michael Pelz, deceased.

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