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# TOHN L. HENDERSON HISTORIC SWORDS

A Pair That Did Duty at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

ENEMIES IN THAT CONFLICT.

Now They Are Clasped in Peace in the Massachusetts Historical Society Building-A Legacy From the Historian Prescott and His Wife.

The most impressive memorials of the battle of Bunker Hill are the huge shaft over in Charlestown and a pair of swords which hang crossed like a pair of clasped hands over the door of the building of the Massachusetts Historical society.

Both these swords were used in the heroic duel of June 17, 1775, the one by the commander of the patriot forces, the other by the captain of one of the British war vessels which bombarded Charlestown and protected the crossing of the English troops. And for many years these swords, which had not been beaten into plowshares after the Scriptural prophecy, but which had become the symbols of peace nevertheless, hung upon the wall of a great American historian whose father was the son of the American commander and whose wife was the granddaughter of the British captain

It was to these weapons that Thackeray referred in the very first paragraph of his novel "The Virginians."

which reads thus:

"On the library wall of one of the most famous writers of America there hang two crossed swords, which his relatives were in the great War of Independence. The one sword was gallantly drawn in the service of the king, and the other was the weapon of the brave and bonored republican soldier. The possessor of the harmless trophy has earned for himself a name alike honored in his ancestors' country and his own, where genius such as his has always a peaceful welcome."

William Hickling Prescott, author of "The Conquest of Mexico." "Ferdinand and Isabella." and other fascinating histories, the grandson in his paternal line of Colonel William Prescott, who held the hill against the British grena diers and gave the world the first taste of the valor of the Continentals and whose wife was the granddaughter of Captain John Linzee of the royal navy. who commanded the sloop of war Faicon during the battle, was the writer to whom Thackeray referred.

The only son of Colonel Prescott of Bunker Hill, named for his father, was born thirteen years before the battle was fought in Charlestown. This son was educated at Harvard, graduating with the class of 1783. Admitted to the bar in 1787, he became eminent in his profession and accumulated a fortune. His wife was Catherine Green Hickling, the daughter of a Boston merchant who was afterward consul in the Azores. The future historian was their

Captain John Linzee on that April day in 1775 was charged with the duty of cannonading the rebels and covering the passage of the British soldiers. The British ships of war were moored at various points in front of the Charlestown peninsula.

Three years after the battle, on Aug. 8, 1778, the Falcon was sunk off Newport, R. I., to prevent its capture by the French fleet under Admiral D'Estaing.

This Captain Linzee's daughter, Hannah Linzee, became the wife of one of the leading merchants of Boston, Thomas C. Amory, and it was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Amory, Susan Amory, whom William H. Prescott married. Thus the two

swords came into the possession of one

The historian had a degree of pride in his ancestry and liked to discourse upon occasion about these swords. In this respect he resembled Sir Walter Scott. The weapons used to hang over the recess of the great window in his library used commonly as a reception room, where they were the more con spicuous because of the thousands of books, the busts and the pictures by which they were surrounded. It was from the room of the scholar that these ancestral memorials were removed to the quarters of the historical society.

That happened in this wise: Upon the death of the historian it was found that the thirteenth item in his will read thus: "The sword of Colonel William Prescott, worn by him to the battle of Bunker Hill, I give to the Massachusetts Historical society as a curiosity suitable to be preserved among their collections, and the sword which belonged to my wife's grandfather, Captain Linzee of the British royal navy, who commanded one of the enemy's ships during the

same battle, I give to my wife." When William H. Gardiner on April 14, 1859, sent a letter to Robert C. Winthrop, president of the Historical society, formally conveying the information that the swords were to become the property of the institution he said as to the Linzee sword, "Mrs. Prescott and the other beirs of Captain Linzee unite in requesting me to present at the same time in their behalf the sword of their ancestor also. that the two, enriched by all the mem-

tery of fear-not absence of tear.

## BRAVERY AS A GIFT.

Bedouins Do Not Look Upon Cowardice as a Disgrace.

The idea that nothing is so disgrace ful as cowardice is one that is not held by all races. Among the Bedouins a sheik may be the leader of his tribe only in peace. When there is war the chances are that be will relinquish his leadership to the fighting shelk.

"I have not the gift of courage." once said an Arab chief to an Englishman. apologizing for not putting himself at the head of a band that he had sent to attack another wibe.

The Englishman learned that thes nomads esteem personal bravery as a gift, for the want of which a man is no more to be censured than he is to be blamed for not being handsome.

A Bengali says, without the least sense of shame, "I am timid." Yet be will meet death, even when it ap proaches in the form of the hangman with the composure of a martyr. The following instances illustrate

strikingly this double nature of the

Bengali. A native had been sentenced to death for killing his wife. On the morning of the execution the officer who was superintending the hanging entered the condemned man's cell. Instead of finding him crouching in terror he was surprised to be greeted with a low bow

and a request. The man wished for some sweetmeats with which to refresh himself on his way to the gallows. They were ordered, and on their arrival the procession set out.

The doomed man ate the sweetmeats with a relish as he calmly walked along the way of death. When the gallows was reached the crowd which had followed seated themselves on the ground. The man waited a few seconds to finish the last morsel, then mounted the gallows with composure and was swung off.

Strange as it may seem, that man would have been panic stricken at the rush of some wild rumor. His timidity was natural, but his religion and discipline had trained him to accept with calmness the inevitable.-Detroit Free Press.

## CRUEL PUNISHMENTS.

The Use of Torture in Legal Processes

In Former Times. The constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the various states in prohibiting cruel and unusual punishments were not fighting an absurdity. The use of torture in legal processes was not, when these instrunents were framed, so remote as it is

When Sir Thomas Dole came as high marshal to Virginia he crushed a conspiracy by killing the ringleaders by One had a bodkin thrust torture. through his tongue and was chained to a tree until he died. Others were broken on the wheel. It is quaintly stated that Sir Thomas was "a man of good conscience and knowledge in divinity." Dole's date was 1611.

The next notable instance of the use of torture was in 1692, in the Salem witchcraft excitement, when Glies Cory was pressed to death-the "peine dure et forte," the most horrible of

deaths.

Executions were in public throughout the east until comparatively recent times. When Quelch, the pirate, and six others were hanged in Boston, Sewall wrote in his diary, "When the scaffold was let to sink there was such a screech of the women that my wife heard it, sitting in our entry next to the orchard." though the gallows was a mile away and the wind unfavor-

The use of torture to wring the truth from witnesses is said to have been recognized as legal in Austria until well within the last century.

Needless Use of Opintos. It is perhaps a conservative estimate that only 10 per cent of the entire drug consumption in this country is applied to the purpose of blunting incurable pain. Thus 90 per cent of the opiates used are, strictly speaking, unneces sary. In the innumerable cases that have come under my observation 75 per cent of the habitual users became such without reasonable excuse. Beginning with small occasional doses, they realized within a few weeks that they had lost self control and could not discontinue the use of the drug,-Charles B. Towns in Century.

Two Enough For Her. He was a small boy with a dark, enger face, and be was waiting at the end of the line of eight or ten persons for a chance to make his wants known to the librarian. When his turn came be

ty Thousand Legs Under the Bea?" "No." responded the librarian a Mills snappishly, for she was tired; "I'm thankful to say I've only got two, and they're not under the sea!"-New York

inquired briefly, "Have you got Twen-

All He Was Fit For. A tramp was passing a marine ste and, seeing the man at the door, I asked in a joking way, "Do you bay rags and bones?"

"You've guessed it first time, chap," answered the man. the scales!"-London Telegraph.

Down the Rhine. "Look at this beautiful castle." "Don't bother me. How can I read the guidebook if you keep pesteri me to look at rocks and castle? Washington Herald.

She-You must see paps, dear, dout our marriage. But don't be and so about the outcome. He-What Pm anxlous about is the income. - Bestee Tran-

script.

## SMOKE FOR A LIVING.

French Tobacco Testers and Their Peculing Line of Work.

In the French ministry of finance there is a class of officials whose activity is little known to the outer world. These men are the official tobacco testers, and they pass judgment on every kind of tobacco manufactured

They consist of a chairman and five assistants, and from morning to evening they have nothing to do but smoke cigars, cigarettes and pipes, in order to arrive at an estimate of the different kinds of tobacco submitted to

It is not only the products of home industry that come before them for judgment, but the cigars and cigarettes that are sold in France have also to make their appeal to the decision of their palate, and the pleasantest part of the day's work comes when it falls to their lot to test the high price Havana cigars sold by the state.

The officials who undertake this dif scult and responsible duty are ex-in spectors of tobacco manufactories who have passed a certain number of years in the state's service and have given proof of their capability for this pecui lar kind of work. Their by no means light duty consists in smoking from o in the morning to 5 in the evening. and very often it is by no means the best kinds of tobacco with which they have to deal. The injurious influence of this tobacco debauch, which produces great dryness of the mouth and throat and might easily lead to nicotine poisoning, they endeavor to combat by drinking great quantities of black coffee, which acts as an antidote to the effects of the nicotine imbibed And it is only black coffee that ren ders it possible for them to distinguish between and estimate the value of the various kinds of strong tobacco

The danger run by these valiant offi cials can best be gauged by remember ing the highly poisonous character of nicotine as brought out especially by the experience of a Croatian in the Crimean war, who, on finding a snake in a wall, knocked the bowl off his chibook and plunged the end into its mouth, with the result that it fell dead at his feet as stiff as a piece of fron .-Hamburger Nachrichten.

Everything Out. A "cub" reporter was sent out by his city editor to cover a fire in the Back Bay district. Before he could reach the house the fire had been extinguished and the fire department gone. Nothing daunted, the reporter rang the bell of the house and soon was confronted by a servant girl.

"I wish to see Mr. Robinson," said the reporter, politely tipping his hat. "He's out." tersely answered the serv-

"Is his wife at home?" asked the re-

porter. "No; she's out too."

"Well," came back the reporter, "I anderstand you have had a fire here." "Oh, that's out, too," and the reporter went sadly away as the door slammed

to his face.-Boston Traveler.

A Suggestion. The retailer stopped one of his oldest customers on the street.

"I want to speak to you." he began "Go ahead, and see if I care." "You've got to care. This bill of yours has been running a long time

"Poor thing! How can you be so eruel as to let it run a long time? "Well, what are you going to do with It?"

"I'm going to make you a suggestion. If that bill has been running for as long as you say it has give it a rest. Let it stand for a month or two." -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Wideawake Prisoner.

"The jury has unanimously found you guilty, prisoner at the bar," said the judge dryly, "but for some reason anknown to me they have recommended you to the mercy of the court. In view of your crime you must be hanged, but in view of that recommendation to mercy you may choose the method of hanging."

"All right, you're honor," replied the prisoner. "If that's the case I guess I'll be hanged in effigy."-Harper's.

Allayed His Fever.

OM Bachelor-Whatcher looking so blue about, old man? De Chapple-Reason enough. Last night I dramatscally told Doc De Rocks that I was consumed with love for his daughter. and the old chump prescribed quinine for a fever and said he'd send the bill later.-Boston Record.

"A sentence with the word ex store," the teacher demanded, and a sturdy boy put up his hand. "If you fellows don't quit your graft Pil exposure." he quoted granding

quently from the noted reform lecturer

be had heard .- New York Times. The Poet's Roost.

William Watson says of the poet. "Me sits above the clang and dust of This might indicate that he takes to to rest when his wife begins her

pring housecleaning.-Cleveland Plain

Curiosity. Where necessity ends curiosity beand no sooner are we supplied everything the nature can desend than we sit down to contrive artificial appetites.-Johnson.

The man who tolls for a principle ens himself by the act.-Theodore