

TRICKS OF POLICE OFFICERS.

Whom they wish to escape from wearing uniforms in public.

While at parades the police captain appears to be proud of their spick and span uniform, set off with brass buttons and gold lace, it is a curious fact that to ordinary circumstances they seem to be unhappy when they are compelled to appear in them in public.

Perhaps in the streets and in public conveniences it attracts attention to the wearer and excites comment, not only in regard to him, but the force in general. A shrewd guess is that if, for instance, a police captain is summoned to police headquarters in a hurry, he may, when his business is transacted there, wish to go elsewhere and not be conspicuous.

At any rate many dodges are resorted to to escape uniform wearing in the streets. One of them is to forward the uniform along to the Central office, and it down stairs on arriving, and slip it off when leaving.

Another scheme is an ingenious one. The police tailors are all near the police headquarters, and the rule was circumvented years ago by having dummy uniform coats handy and of several sizes ready for emergencies, so that a captain summoned in haste could slip into the tailor's and emerge in all the glory of blue, brass and braid.

Sometimes, however, officers have been caught in a trap by the uniform that would fit them having been done by another, and have had no alternative but to wait or put on garments too tight or too baggy. Nobody has ever been disciplined for this, but both Mr. Murray and Mr. Byrnes have now and then "reckoned up" a subordinate in ill fitting uniform in a fashion that made him feel unhappy, while the contrast between even a well fitting coat and Broadway promenade trousers has been startling.

Like accommodations are to be found for patrolmen who do duty in citizen's dress, and are required in certain and sudden circumstances to appear in uniform at the Central office. Some of them have been detected and gaged into unhappiness.—New York Times.

A Parrot That Seemed to Think. I am inclined to fancy that parrots learn and perhaps understand phrases relating to eating and drinking almost sooner than any other. One of my feathered acquaintances was in the habit of inviting visitors to take refreshment. "Won't you have a cup of tea? Do have a cup of tea," she would say, and sometimes it was really awkward, as almost compelling the mistress to extend her hospitality to visitors for whom such an invitation had not previously been intended.

This bird was also fond of saying "Goodby," and never said it at the wrong time. When the visitor was about to depart he or she would be startled by a voice from a personage hitherto unseen, saying, "Well, good-by, good-by!" If that parrot did not know that this was the proper time for saying it, I am no judge of parrots. This bird had been taught to count up to six, but she could rarely say the numbers all in order. She often missed one—not the same figure, however; three, four or five were (but only one at a time) her usual omissions. She was always conscious that she had made a mistake, and on "skipping" a figure would give a shrill comical whistle and begin again. Some kind of thought and calculation must have passed through her mind during these performances.—Chambers' Journal.

The Missing Pawn. One Saturday afternoon, according to their wont, two friends of the noble game of chess sat playing together in a Frankfurt cafe. Suddenly one of them started up from his seat in a passion and exclaimed: "You have taken one of my pawns!"

A glance at the board and my friend fled to show that a pawn was really missing. The excitement over the lost pawn became so intense that a lively altercation ensued, in which all the other gentlemen in the room took part. Quiet was at last restored, and the player who had lost his pawn resumed his seat and began to drink his coffee, when he all at once got something into his throat which nearly choked him.

He succeeded, however, in extricating the intrusive article, which turned out to be the missing pawn. The chess player, intent on the game, had thrown it into his cup in the place of a lump of sugar.—Wiener Extrablatt.

Fishes Live to a Great Age. Crows are commonly said to live for 100 years, and turtles are reported to have even longer life; but if the late Professor Baird be right the greatest amount of longevity is possessed by fishes. Professor Baird once said that as a fish has no maturity there is nothing to prevent it from living indefinitely and growing continually. He cited in proof a pike in Russia whose age is known to date back to the Fifteenth century. In the Royal Aquarium at St. Petersburg there are hundreds of fish that were put in over 150 years ago.—St. Louis Republic.

Keeping Lamp Burners Clean. The other day a lady noted for her attentions in housekeeping showed me some lamp burners that had been used for a long time, and were very sooty and purchased. In response to my inquiries as to the means used for keeping them so bright, she told me that when she baked beans she saved the water in which they were boiled, and put the burners in that, boiling them until clean; then they were washed in boiling water and dried.

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