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Awful Moment



"Conf—I've forgotten my dress coat!"—Punch.

A Humorous English Sheriff.

A sheriff with a fineness of humor was he who, having been reproved by the judge of a certain court for presenting a jury not sufficiently respectable, read out at the subsequent session the following list, with a suitable emphasis upon the last names of the jurors: Max King, Henry Prince, George Duke, William Marquis, Edward Earl, Richard Lord, Richard Baron, Edmund Knight, Peter Esquire, George Gentleman, Robert Yeoman, Stephen Pope, Humphrey Cardinal, William Bishop, John Abbot, Richard Friar, Henry Monk, Edward Priest and Richard Deacon. After the laughter had subsided the presiding judge, accepting the joke in good part, complimented the witty sheriff upon his cleverness.—Exchange.

Paris Jails.

According to Pastor Rommel, who is attached by his ministrations to the prisons of Paris, a sojourn in one of them is tantamount to a reduction of 20 years of one's life. The penalty of imprisonment costs the life of many of the prisoners and shortens the lives of all. All conditions of health are neglected. Food and ventilation are bad. The lockup Sainte Pelagie, to which journalists are sent, and the Grande Rouquette are nests of malignant microbes. To shut out the sun and air was the task the architect had to accomplish. Cholera, smallpox, typhus and other contagious maladies often arise as if spontaneously in these jails and spread to the rest of the city.

Newspapers in New York State.

Since the centennial year, 1876, the number of newspapers in New York state has nearly doubled. There were 1,068 published then, and there are 2,131 now.—Printer's Ink.

A Give Away.

The teacher was trying to teach Jonas the alphabet. She pointed to the letter X. "What's that letter?" Jonas (bashfully)—"Guess don't know, marm."

Teacher—Oh, yes. Think a minute.

Jonas (brightening)—"Yes, marm. Dat's daddy's name.—Tit-Bits.

Where the Food Went.

Mistress—How is it one never hears a sound in the kitchen when your sweet-heart is with you on an evening?

Servant Girl—Pleese, ma'ams, de poor fellow is so bashful yet. For de present he does nothing but eat!—Lettice Water.

Snuff Taking in Olden Times.

Although the origin of snuff taking has not been recorded, smoking takes the precedence and has outlived the snuffing habit. Gradually it was discovered that the powder of tobacco possessed an agreeable odor. It was used as a perfume about the year 1702, the early snuff takers carrying with them a small grater, with which they reduced the tobacco to powder. Snuffboxes of course sprang into use with the spread of the habit, which received a fresh impetus from a discovery made by accident.

A Dublin tobacconist named Lundy-foot had his shop accidentally destroyed by fire, and while gazing at the ruins noticed that his poor neighbors were gathering the snuff from the canisters. He tested the snuff and found that the fire had largely improved the pungency and aroma. He secured another store, built a lot of ovens, subjected the snuff to a heating process, bestowed upon it a taking name and made a fortune.

Snuffboxes were popular with the second empire. The preceding possessed a certain Napoleonic flavor and boasted of imperial tradition. Napoleon was seldom without a snuffbox and took prodigious quantities. George IV carried a box, but only pretended to apply the powder to his nose. At the regimental mess tables of the time snuffboxes were sent round with the decanters after dinner.—Washington Star.

The Science of Freezing.

The production of artificial cold, says a scientific writer, has during the last 15 years become quite an important industry. "Freezing machines" are now among the permanent requisites of civilized life. The refrigeration of perishable articles of food for transport by ship stands first on the long list of commercial applications of the science. The problem was first solved by the construction of the Bell-Coleman air machine, an apparatus so well thought out and perfected that in its first trial a cargo of meat of the value of \$8,000 was transported across the Atlantic in a perfectly fresh condition.

In the cold air freezing machines now employed on board ships for the transport of meat from Australia, New Zealand and America the meat is placed in large chambers, the walls of which are double, the interspace being filled with wood charcoal as a nonconducting material. A jet of intensely cold air is delivered into the chamber at each stroke of the piston of the expansion cylinder, and the temperature of the chamber is thus kept at or near the freezing point during the whole voyage.—Leisure Hour.

The Origin of the Moss Rose.

There is a very pretty German tradition, not generally known, which accounts in the following manner for the existence of the moss rose: The legend is to the effect that once upon a time an angel, having a mission of love to suffering humanity, came down on earth. He was much grieved at all the sin and misery he saw and at all the evil things he heard. Being tired, he sought a place wherein to rest, but as it fared with his master, so it fared with him—there was no room for him, and no one would give him shelter. At last he lay down under the shade of a rose and slept till the rising sun awoke him.

Before winging his flight heavenward he addressed the rose and said that as it had given him that shelter which man denied it should receive an enduring token of his power and love. And so leaf by leaf and twig by twig the soft green moss grew around the stem, and there it is to this day, a cradle in which the newborn rose may lie, a proof, as the angel said, of God's power and love.—Newberry House Magazine.

Life in Austria.

Foreigners are wont to classify Austria among the German countries. As a matter of fact, her German speaking population is but limited and annually losing ground. The increase in population among the German inhabitants of Austria is but 5.17 per 1,000 per year. The increase with the Slavonic races is 1.92 and with the Slavonic races 7.93. Of 100 marriageable women in the German districts of Austria 41 find husbands. Among the Slavonic races the percentage is 53. One of the reasons for this showing is that in the German districts of Austria the economic management of affairs is almost prohibitory to marriage among the younger sons and daughters of the peasants. The home-stand goes to the oldest son, whose brothers and sisters become his servants. Among the Slavs the family property is equally divided among all children after the death of the father, and each one is allowed to begin housekeeping on his own hook.—Vienna Letter.

Revising the Wayside Inn.

The bicycle has produced some queer changes. It is restoring the wayside inn, among other things. Along certain country roads not far from Boston, and are much frequented by wheelmen, and are especially along those in the direction of the beaches, there are little summer restaurants or cafes, which derive the greater part of their income from passing riders of bicycles. Ice cream, clowder, iced coffee and that sort of thing, find a ready sale to parties of heated wheelmen, who sit upon open platforms and are generally of a nice sort of country persons, and presently they face along the road again, quite like cavaliers of old.—Boston Transcript.

Attractiveness of Reptiles.

The least attractive of the animal world for pets are the reptiles, yet boys appear especially to dote upon them. Possibly they are the easiest to secure. Where is the boy who never kept a turtle?—very uncomfortable, too, as a rule. If these unresponsive, cold-blooded fellows are unresponsive, cold-blooded fellows must be kept, they should at least be made as comfortable as possible. To be strictly just, too, though reptiles are so hard to understand than the races more near to us in their nature, they show intelligence and even affection—Olive Thorne Miller in Harper's Bazar.

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A Keen Scheme.

Mr. Hawkins—I don't want a room, and I don't want any meals. Clerk—Then what on earth did you register for? Mr. Hawkins—I want to borrow some money from a man here in town, and if he sees my name among the arrivals at an expensive house like this he'll think I'm all right, and give me the money. See—Harper's Weekly.

Fish Freak in Arizona.

A prominent eastern naturalist in a letter to the editor of The Citizen several years ago, in view of some exceedingly curious habits of bird and mammal life in Arizona, said: "Hereafter nothing from Arizona will surprise me." The unexpected is always to be expected. Apropos of the foregoing it may be commonly known that the native fish in the Santa Cruz river bring forth their young alive. A more remarkable freak in nature cannot be found. The propagation of all true fish is supposed to be by means of the females depositing their eggs in the water, where they hatch and come forth, but the young of the fish in the Santa Cruz are nearly an inch long at the time of their birth. Each female brings forth about 12 to 15 young at a time. The male adult fish reaches from 3 to 5 inches in size, but the adult female is scarcely half as large. In color they are grayish brown on the back, with bright, silvery sides. At the present time the females are big with young and strange appearing. We desire to call the attention of scientists and naturalists to this interesting and curious form of fish life.—Tucson Citizen.

Pawnbroking in China.

A financial contemporary gives, under some reserve, the following description of the appearance of trade unionism among the pawnbrokers of China. One of that body began to charge his customers 16 per cent instead of the usual 24. Naturally he did a roaring trade, to the dismay of his colleagues, who carried him before the mandarin of the province, with bitter complaints of unfair competition. The mandarin, however, commended the pawnbroker for his charity and good feeling in only charging 16 per cent, but pointed out that the charge was quite illegal. He therefore directed that in future he should charge the customary 24 per cent, of which he was only to keep 16 for himself, while the other 8 was to be distributed in charity in consonance with the pawnbroker's benevolent idea.

The branch road from the Elk Hill Coal company's new breaker, located between Carbondale and Forest City, Pa., has been connected with the New York, Ontario and Western, and the road is carrying the material for the use of the new breaker.

At last the railroad between Saranac lake and Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, has been completed. Trains are running over part of the road, and the balance of the journey is made in stages to Lake Placid. The line is standard and narrow gauge.

A Modern Employment.

"What ho," cried the viking in sour displeasure, "where are my fishing net?" "Gone," replied the prime minister, "the crown prince has returned from college and is using them for lawn tennis."—Detroit Tribune.

HUMOR

HE KNEW. Sammy Found a Symbol that He Thought Would Answer.

Miss Chapel's Sunday school class was as varied in color as it was in nationality, passing through all the degrees of light and shade, from Whitey, as they called the little Swedish boy, through Mickey, the grandson of old Erin, and Pietro, the Dago, to Sammy, that double-dyed personification of blackness whose brilliantly stupid remarks have so often delighted his teacher's heart.

It was announced one Sunday that the school would be visited the following week by a well known English missionary, who would personally visit the various classes in order to make a practical study of the different methods of teaching. Each teacher was advised to select some interesting chapter of the Bible and prepare her scholars for an examination of it. So Miss Chapel cast about for some story with a sensational coloring, finally deciding that Jonah furnished about the proper material.

It had been the one cross of her career as a teacher that she always had to spend more time in maintaining order and attention than in expounding religious truths. But for once her choice of texts seemed wise, and the steady interest with which the little urchins followed the adventures of poor old Jonah and his traveling companion inspired her with hope and confidence.

"Now, boys," she concluded, "remember all I have told you. Remember that Jonah could not escape from his duty, for the whale carried him to it just as surely as the great ship, when you are once on board and under way, will not stop until it has landed you on the other shore. And above all, remember this, that when Jonah was cast up on the sand it was a symbol of that which we all need—a higher birth."

The class was dismissed, and Miss Chapel waited anxiously yet confidently for the following Sunday. At last the great day came, and all the boys were on hand bright and early. The distinguished visitor was there, and after while he found himself a very interested member of Miss Chapel's class. Everything had passed off flatteringly, and the end was near.

Miss Chapel, her eyes glowing with satisfaction, turned toward Sammy. "Well, my little man, tell me what the whale was like." "He was like a big steamboat wiv de gangplank in, an' Jonah he had to go." The teacher turned pale, but there was still hope. "But when the prophet was thrown up on the sand, Sammy, what was that a symbol of?"

Sammy hesitated for a moment, but soon the idea came, and his eyes glistened. "Dat? Why, de upper berth, miss."—Boston Budget.

A Fish Story, Truly.

Jones (facetiously)—Just back from your fishing trip, James? Well, proceed with the fish stories. Jamesy—All right. The fish were very plentiful where I was—Jones (more facetiously)—As usual. Jamesy—I fished every day for three weeks eight hours a day and didn't catch a fish, didn't get a bite, didn't get a nibble, didn't see so much as a minnow all the time I was there and—Jones faints.—Chicago Record.

A Truly Noble Soul.

"See here, young man, isn't this lemonade part artificial?" queried the old lady with the steel rimmed glasses, smacking her lips suspiciously. "I cannot deceive a woman," replied the vendor, almost choking with emotion. "My blessed mother was a woman. The lemonade is part artificial. It was made with artificial ice."—Exchange.

Not Always Applicable.

"Lend a helph in to a fren', dat's my motto," said Uncle Eben. "Yass, indeed," remarked his spruce nephew from town, "but dat's one time when it doan' wuhk." "What?" "In er pokah game."—Washington Star.

Exactly.

Bertie—You say he called you a donkey? What did you do? Fred—Nothing. Bertie—Well, if a man called me a donkey, I'd kick him with both feet. Fred—Just so. Any donkey would do that!—Tit-Bits.

But the Boy Didn't See.

Boy—Mister, how do you sell them pears? Dealer—Five for a dime. Boy—You ought to give six. Dealer—Then you'd get only three pears. Don't you see!—Boston Courier.

The Griddle.

The griddle is an article of dress with a history that is not unimportant or uninteresting. It has in times past been much more highly esteemed than it is now and was in fact among not a few peoples worn by both males and females. This was so among the ancient Hebrews, as well as among the Greeks and Romans, who found it well nigh indispensable because of the flowing raiment they wore.—Chambers' Journal.

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