

The Law Explained. Not long since in the course of a trial before a certain justice of the peace, counsel for the defendant requested the court to rule on a certain point, whereupon the counsel for plaintiff, whose name was Charley...

Collars in the Commons. An observant parliamentary reporter has been noting the styles of collars affected by the English statesmen in the house of commons. C. R. Spencer wears the highest collar. It is 4 inches deep and looks like a cuff.

Fame. Schumann, the famous musician, is the principal character of an amusing story told by a Vienna critic. "The composer once accompanied his wife, who was even then a celebrated pianist, to the palace when she went to play before the king of Holland and was gratified by the monarch's compliments of her performance.

A Distant Relative. Gideon, speaking of a brother of his, began, "My distant relative." "What distant, you say?" interrupted a friend.

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Ohio and Indiana, although fairly friendly to tramps, are noted for certain "hostile" features. The main one of these is the well known "timber lesson"—clubbing at the hands of the inhabitants of certain towns. I experienced this muscular instruction at one unfortunate time in my life, and I must say that it is one of the best remedies for vagabondage that exists. But it is very crude and often cruel.

In company with two other tramps I was made to run the gantlet extending from one end of the town of Oxford, Ind., to the other. The boys and men who were "timbering" us threw rocks and clubbed us most diligently. I came out of the scrape with a rather sore back, and should probably have suffered more had I not been able to run with rather more than the usual speed. One of my fellow sufferers, I heard, was in a hospital for some time. My other companion had his eyes gouged terribly, and I fancy that he will never visit that town again.

Traits Inherited From a Stepmother. Touching our note on "Telegony," we have received a communication which may interest Professor Romanes. It is to the effect that in a certain parish of Wiltshire (particulars of which we can furnish him if he desires it) there is an old woman whose first husband had "bright red, thick curly hair," and their only child had exactly the same kind of hair.

They are all living now, in or near the parish in question. Perhaps, nay, probably, there were ancestors of the true parents, near or remote, who had red hair, and therefore the case is not quite a satisfactory one, but Professor Romanes may think it worth while to look into it more closely.—London Globe.

The Smile That Never Came. "Stranger," said the young man with the white hair and the dyed mustache to the photographer, "I am here to get my picture taken, and I'll tell you how it is. I've just popped the question to a widdler down our way with 40 acres of as good ground as ever a hog stuck his nose into, and I am now going to read her answer. When you see the pleasant smile steal over my face, I want you to fire off the ole machine and let 'er go."

Accounted For. It takes the "well brought up" child to discover the hidden meanings of things. The other evening, at Mrs. E.—'s in K street, somebody was showing a picture of an artistic loving cup which had just been presented to a famous actor by his professional brethren. One of the party remarked that it had a love cup should have three handles.

Could He Be a Mother? A citizen of North Dakota tells a reporter that he has to a large extent dropped all political problems and is absorbed on this question. "Is the hen that lays the egg or the hen that hatched it the mother of the chicken?" At this distance it is difficult to see how the aforesaid citizen can arrive at more than one solution of this question. Suppose he bought an incubator, furnished the heat and hatched the egg. Would he be the mother of the chicken?—Minneapolis Journal.

AMAZED THE COMANCHES.

The Braves Demanded by the Telephone and Phonograph. Mr. W. H. Quinette, post trader and postmaster at Fort Sill, I. T., was in town recently conferring with the government officials relative to matters connected with that post, and among many interesting things he spoke of about the Comanche Indians who live at that point as the effect produced on them by some modern inventions in the department of electricity. Some months ago the war department established telephone service between Fort Sill and Fort Reno, 75 miles away. For their amusement some of the officers arranged to have Indians who were well acquainted with each other simultaneously brought into the two ends of the telephone line and had conversation between them opened. The effect of course was magical, as the voices were at once mutually recognized, and they were compelled to accept the explanation of the strange fact that they were hearing familiar voices of friends many miles away.

A much more dramatic scene was the Indians' first interview with that wonderful device, the phonograph. An agent was sent out there from the Smithsonian institution at Washington to get a phonographic record of the language and songs of red men for the archives of that institution. A little diplomacy resulted in the agent's getting his cylinders filled before the savage suspicions were aroused. The agent was introduced to the regular night meeting of the Indians for dancing, and it was explained that he had been sent out by the great father at Washington to get acquainted with them and see how they were getting along. The interview was nicely interspersed with conversation, sonorous speeches from the chiefs, tribal songs and dancing.

Of course the phonograph, adapted to receiving sounds out of doors, was meantime making its quiet but infallible record, and after awhile they were informed by Mr. Quinette that the agent had something new to show them. One after another they were permitted to place their ears to the instrument from which came the familiar sounds of their own voices in speech and song. Of course it was too much for them, and after expressing their helpless wonder their characteristic caution caused them to refuse to make any further contribution to the mysterious device. But the shrewd Smithsonian agent had already recorded on that simple cylinder what will reproduce for future generations the language of the wild Comanche long after the dusky speakers and their descendants have passed from the arena of subsunary affairs.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Poor Spellers. That spelling is not the necessary attribute of cleverness or inability to spell the necessary mark of a fool is plain enough. No one who thinks for a minute or two on the matter will fail to remember that he knows one or two men who cannot write the simplest note without misspellings, and that these are by no means the most stupid of his acquaintances, but often the cleverest.

The Duke of Wellington, it is notorious, could not spell and there have been plenty of other men of his mental caliber quite as illiterate. Some one has lately collected a list of distinguished Frenchmen who could not spell, and heads it with Thiers, who, though not a genius, was certainly one of the cleverest men that ever lived. Thiers never could manage to spell his native language, though as a writer he was correct enough.—London Spectator.

Working the Judge. When the judge looked over the collection of pick ups and other vicious bric-a-brac spread before him in the police courtroom and saw a man under the sword of justice who he had seen there before, he was wrathful. "Didn't I tell you," he inquired sternly, "the last time you were here if you came again I'd send you up for 60 days!" "Yes, your honor," confessed the culprit. "Then what did you come here for?" "To get the 60 days, your honor. It's cheaper'n payin' board."

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RECONCILIATION.

When he begins to say it was his fault, and she begins to declare it was hers, walk softly out of the room. That is the kind of a difference of opinion that leads to an agreement.—Acheson Globe.

Tact and Vanity. A lady, being asked why plain girls often get married sooner than handsome ones, replied that it was "owing mainly to the tact of the plain girls and the vanity and want of tact on the part of men." "How do you make that out?" asked a gentleman. "In this way," answered the lady. "The plain girls flatter the men, and so please their vanity, while the handsome ones wait to be flattered by the men, who haven't the tact to do it."—New York Ledger.

THE NEWEST TRIFLES. A new back comb had the gilded top traversed by narrow lines of white enamel, which in other designs are pierced. Many rings for men have been seen, among them sards, slightly convex, brilliantly polished and without ornament. One scarcely sees a spoon the bowl of which has not been treated in some manner. A design seen had one edge raised and broken.

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