

JUDGE CAN TIE KNOTS HE CANNOT UNTIE

Parties Whom Judge Bushey Joined in Marriage Ask to Be Separated.

A young woman by the name of Thielman called upon County Judge Bushey last night and requested that official to grant her a divorce from her husband, whom she had married a few months ago. She advised Judge Bushey that the husband had deserted her, and that she has been deceived shamefully by both the husband's parents and others. Judge Bushey directed the young complainant as to the proper course through which to secure a divorce, the circuit court.

Not long ago a young man called upon Judge Bushey on the same mission. It developed that the county judge had married the man not six months prior to the call, and that the couple were unable to get along. The husband in question informed Judge Bushey that his wife had been consorting with other women, and that he wanted to leave her. Doubting the statement, the judge asked the man whether or not he was convinced that his wife was acting in such a manner, and the husband promptly produced his mate, who admitted that she was guilty of the breach in the matrimonial relations between herself and the complainant.

"I can join 'em together," says Judge Bushey, "but I can't tear 'em apart. They seem to think that, inasmuch as I can marry them, I should be able to part them."

APPORTIONS FUND AMONG THE COUNTIES

Oregon's apportionment of the federal five per centum land sales fund, which was paid to the state treasurer on January 2, has been divided according to the amounts due to each of the counties of the state by Deputy Secretary of State Koser. The fund represents five per cent of the proceeds received from the sale of government lands in Oregon. Apportionments of the same percentage are made in all states having federal lands. The total number of acres in Oregon is 61,188,480. The total amount apportioned is \$15,329.30, and the apportionment per acre is .002505095773 of a cent.

The apportionment by counties follows:

Baker \$490.60, Benton \$110.30, Clackamas \$398.85, Clatsop \$131.63, Columbia \$106.14, Coos \$261.01, Crook \$1247.02, Curry \$240.17, Douglas \$789.13, Gilliam \$192.55, Grant \$724.67, Harney \$1592.52, Hood River \$57.06, Jackson \$454.63,

Josephine \$280.73, Klamath \$961.80, Lake \$1269.78, Lane \$739.42, Lincoln \$161.51, Linn \$359.61, Malheur \$1584.50, Marion \$191.43, Morrow \$324.66, Multnomah \$72.31, Polk \$113.67, Sherman \$134.03, Tillamook \$180.37, Umatilla \$508.71, Union \$334.60, Wallowa \$504.23, Wasco \$375.64, Washington \$117.20, Wheeler \$273.20, Yamhill \$114.47; total \$15,329.30.

THE GERMAN SOFA.

It Is the Seat of Honor For the Visitor With the Biggest Title.

The stranger in Germany is always impressed by the importance of the sofa in marking social distinctions. Indeed, among Germans of the more comfortable class, those who live from generation to generation in the same house, every piece of furniture has its own history and makes its own associations, but it is always the sofa that is given the prominent place in a room. Before it usually stands a round or oval table.

Should there be callers at the average German house there ensues a certain dignified commotion. Should a certain woman of lower social standing than the mistress of the house, arrive she must take a chair, while the hostess sits alone on the sofa. Should the visitor be of higher degree, however, the matter will be otherwise decided.

This method of distinction reaches its highest point when there is a tea party, or kaffeekatsch (coffee gossip), for then the oldest woman with the biggest title must sit on the sofa, and the next in rank occupies the place nearest her.

As the proudest usually arrives latest, a general stir is likely to take place, for if the Frau Doktorin, the wife of a physician or scholar, is sitting on the sofa she must vacate her position should a Frau Professorin appear. The Frau Majorin, or wife of a major, may be thoroughly enjoying the seat of honor, but she must yield it without hesitation when the Frau Generalin comes in. The whole company rises in such an event to do honor to the distinguished guest, and there must necessarily follow a general readjustment of places.

Neither unmarried men nor very young women can expect to enjoy the privilege of sitting on a German sofa. The piece of furniture that stands next in honor to the sofa is the easy chair, which is sometimes called sorgenstuhl, or chair of cares. Should a German sit down to worry he must have a comfortable seat, that so important a mood may be endured with dignity. A common chair would not serve his purpose in the least. But the sorgenstuhl is, so to speak, for domestic and personal use only. The sofa is the part of the entire social framework never to be carelessly regarded.

—New York Tribune.

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EDDYSTONE LIGHTHOUSE.

Tragic History of a Famous Old World Beacon.

The romance of lighthouse construction undoubtedly centers around Eddy-stone. As long ago as 1696 Winstanley commenced building. Two years later the weak beams of light from the tall tower candles first pierced the darkness. The engineer had an unshakable belief in his tower and often expressed a wish to be in it during a severe gale.

This chance came on Nov. 26, 1705, when on a storm appearing imminent he set out from Plymouth. The hurricane was one of the most terrible recorded in history, and among other damage it swept away every vestige of the lighthouse, those in it, of course, being lost. Within three years another was built, known as Rudyard's, and like Winstanley's, of wood.

The obvious occurred after an existence of forty-seven years. It being utterly destroyed by conflagration. The next—Smeaton's—was of stone and lasted until 1881, a period of 120 years, when it was found that it was being undermined and a new structure, the present and fourth, was erected on an adjacent rock. Smeaton's tower was rebuilt on Plymouth Hoe, where can be seen the original candle chandelier and the gongs operated by clockwork to keep awake the drowsy keepers, so that they should snuff the candles at proper intervals.

In medieval times the usual illuminant was a coal or wood fire in an open grate, which gave a fairly good light on a breezy night. For heinous on rocks at sea candles were used. In 1729 oil was first employed, and in 1790 the Argand circular wick lamp with silvered reflectors was introduced. Gas was first experimented with in 1817.

The lights not only warn the mariner of the proximity of the shore, but also give him a clue as to where he is. This is chiefly done by dimming or "shuttering" of the light for a few seconds. Thus should a seaman observe a light which consists of a long, followed by two short flashes, a glance at the chart would give him his position.—London Globe.

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A LEAP FOR LIFE.

It Saved Him From the Bear, but Trapped Him In Midair.

STILL HIS LUCK HELD GOOD.

Swinging From a Broken Cable, With Death Almost Certain on the Floor of the Rocky Canyon Far Below, He Took a Desperate Chance and Won.

Some persons have more than their fair share of adventure. Of this fortunate—or unfortunate—class is Mr. W. G. Gilbert, the hero of an extraordinary experience told by Mr. R. D. Strong in the Wide World Magazine.

Mr. Gilbert had been exploring an unfrequented cave high up in the side of a deep canyon in Yellowstone park when he suddenly came upon a huge silver tip bear that showed unmistakable signs of displeasure at being disturbed. The man dashed out of the den, with the snarling bear close at his heels.

The face of the canyon was almost a sheer precipice. To try to run down it was certain death, for if he did not make a misstep and go tumbling to the bottom before he had gone a hundred feet the bear would almost instantly overtake him. Despairingly he looked about him.

A short distance away was the platform of an old aerial tramway that had been used to carry ore across the canyon to the other side. One of the big iron buckets from the ore had been carried still swung on its two little wheels from the rusted wire cable eight or ten feet out from the platform—just out of reach. It offered the only available means of escape, however, and the hunted man took the chance.

With a shrill cry, for the bear was almost upon him, Gilbert sprang forward and, with every muscle set, leaped out from the platform toward the bucket, the edge of which he just managed to grasp with his fingers.

He struggled hard to raise himself and climb in, but for a long time the swinging bucket thwarted every effort. Finally he got a leg over the edge, laboriously clambered in and sank exhausted to the bottom.

Balked of his prey, the angry bear began to claw and tear at the slender cable. In some way the animal touched the big wheel over which the cable ran. The wheel began to turn, and, as it turned, the bucket, with its human freight, ran rapidly down the cable, swaying and swinging as if about to turn over.

Suddenly there was a tearing, snapping sound, and several strands of the rust eaten, weather beaten cable parted. The bucket sagged downward sickeningly.

Looking out, Gilbert saw that only half a dozen strands now sustained the weight of the bucket. If they should part he would be dashed down upon the rocky bottom of the canyon, fully 200 feet below.

It was a serious predicament. The cable might part under his weight at any minute, or the bear might strike the twisted wires a hard blow, which would almost certainly break them. He could not pull the bucket along, for the guide cable overhead had disappeared years before. Although there was little hope that any one would hear him in that remote and lonely region, he shouted aloud for help.

Fortunately for Gilbert a party of men passing near by heard his call and hurried to his rescue. But when they saw his plight they were at a loss how to save him. At last one of them jumped on his horse, dashed back to the outfit wagon and returned with several long fish lines and all the rope he could find.

In a few minutes he had whittled out a rough bow and arrow. After tying the fish line to the arrow he shot the latter up and over the bucket. Then Gilbert pulled up the rope which had been fastened to the line and tied it to the cable.

It was a desperate chance for life, but it was his only one. Carefully, without a single unnecessary motion, he stood up in the bucket, grasped the rope, clambered over the side and began to lower himself.

Slowly, foot by foot, he came down. The hearts of the men below almost ceased to beat as he covered a quarter of the distance, then a half, then three-quarters, then all. As he reached the ground they gave a hearty cheer that woke the echoes far and wide, but Gilbert did not hear it. He had fallen in a swoon the moment his feet touched the earth.

Curious Loan Clubs. Loan clubs have sometimes very peculiar rules. One that flourished recently in north London had a rule compelling each member to borrow £5 every year or in default pay a fine of 5 shillings. Loans required the security of two fellow members, and the Gilbertian situation occasionally arose of a member being refused a loan for want of security and fined for not borrowing the money.—London Tatler.

Why Hair Turns White. The color of the hair is due to iron, which is picked up by the cells of the hair follicle in the little factory in the skin where hairs are made. As one gets older the little cells which work at manufacturing hairs grow weary, and they will not take up as much iron as they once did.—St. Nicholas.