

STORIES OF WESTERN LIFE.

How a Cowboy Justice of the Peace Administered the Law.

His experience of Western life is as racy as a volume of Bret Harte. Take the following, for instance: At a prairie town not far from this ranch, as distances go in the West, there is a State court of first instance, presided over by one Roy Bean, justice of the peace, who is also the owner of the principal grocery. Some cowboys had been drinking at the grocery one night, with the result that one of them remained on the floor, but with sense enough left to lie on the side where he kept his dollars. In the morning it appeared that he had been "rolled"—Anglice, turned over and his pocket had been picked—whereupon court was called to try a man on whom suspicion rested. Roy Bean sat on a barrel, swore in a jury, and addressed the prisoner thus: "Now, you give that man his money back." The culprit, who had sent for the lawyer of the place to defend him, hesitated for a moment and then pulled out the money. "You treat this crowd," were Roy's next words; and while "drinks round" were handed to the delighted cowboys at the prisoner's expense Roy pulled out his watch and went on: "You've got just five minutes to clear out of this town, and if ever you come in again we'll hang you." The culprit made off just as his lawyer came up, who remonstrated with Roy, explaining that the proper course would have been to have heard the charge, committed the prisoner, and sent him to the county town for trial. "And go off sixty miles, and hang round with the boys [witnesses] for you to pull the skunk through and touch the dollars!" said Roy, scornfully; whereupon the lawyer disappeared in pursuit of his client and unpaid fee.

It occurs to one to ask how much of the litigation of England might be saved if judges of first instance might open with Roy's formula—"Now, you give that man his money back." I am bound to add that his practice is not without its seamy side. When the railway was making, two men came in from one of the gangs for a warrant. A brutal murder had been committed. Roy told his clerk (the boy in the grocery, he being no penman himself) to make out the paper, asking—"What's the corpse's name?" "Li Hung" was the reply. "Hold on!" shouted Roy to his clerk; and then to the pursuers: "If you ken find anything in them boos," pointing to the two or three supplied by the State, "about killin' a Chinaman, it ken go," and the pursuers had to travel on to the next court of justice.

Please find room for one more and I will promise to cut my next shorter. My "loaf-brother" heard it himself as he was leaving Texas, and laughed at it nearly all the way up. A group of cowboys at the station were discussing the problem of how long the world would last if this drought went on, the prevailing sentiment being that they would rather it worried through somehow. A cowboy, down on his luck, here struck in: "Wall, if the angel stood right thar," pointing across the room, "ready to sound, and looked across at me, I'd just say, 'Gabe! toot your old horn!'"—London Spectator.

Formative Effects of Different Kinds of Athletics.

What the gymnasium is doing for the strength and vigor of the masses in some of our institutions of learning may be inferred from a single illustration taken from the records at Harvard University.

In the year 1880, seven hundred and seventy-six men were physically examined. The strongest man out of this number showed in strength of lungs, back, legs, chest and arms, as indicated on the chart, a grand total of 675.2. At the close of the summer term of the present year, the highest strength test recorded was 1,272.8, and there were over two hundred men in college whose total strength test surpassed the highest test of 1880. This general gymnasium work is therefore reducing the one-sided development once so common with athletic specialists.

It must not be forgotten, however, that there is a development peculiar to the runner, jumper, wrestler, oarsman, gymnast, ball-player, heavy-lifter, etc., and any one familiar with athletics at the present day can easily recognize one of these specialists. The same training that produced those matchless specimens of human development embodied in the statues of the Gladiator, the Athlete, Hercules, Apollo, and Mercury of old, would produce the same results under similar circumstances at the present time.

With every kind of physical exercise, the qualities at first required are the qualities at length developed. Speed and endurance are required of the runner, and these are the qualities that come to him by practice. In a like manner, skill and activity come to the gymnast and ball-player; and strength and stability to the oarsman and weight-thrower. Most of these qualities are accompanied by physical characteristics. If it were not for the recognized tendency of certain exercises to produce certain results, it would be impossible to prescribe special work for individual cases. All men, however, who practice athletics for the same length of time, and under similar conditions, do not attain identical results in their physical proportions or the same degree of success in their athletic achievements.

In order to illustrate some of the distinguishing features that characterize the development of successful athletes, I have selected representative members of the different athletic organizations in the universities of Yale and Harvard, a few of whom distinguished themselves, within the last two years, by

breaking all previous college records for certain events. The photographs of these men, in spite of their dissimilarity, show us certain characteristics common to certain figures, and marked peculiarities of another kind will accompany others. Some of these characteristics are not readily detected by the eye, but appear distinctly in the charts.—D. A. Sargent, M. D., in *Scribner's Magazine*.

Concerning Lightning Rods.

Lightning rods, as they are placed upon houses at present, are a useless expense and a more useless appendage to the buildings upon which they are placed. I have traveled miles to inspect buildings struck by lightning. Of course that produces a temporary disturbance of the system."

"But why should that affect my rheumatism?"

"Any disturbance of the system af-

fects the most sensitive parts of a man.

If he has rheumatism it brings on

sharp pains; if he has corns or a bun-

ion, those give him trouble, and if a

nerve is exposed in one of his teeth he

is at once informed of that fact."

"Then there is really a reason for

those pains in damp weather."

"Indeed there is. To a sufferer from such disorders there is no surer barometer in the world than his aching mem-

bers."—New York Sun.

Damp Weather and Rheumatism.

"Rheumatism?"

"Yes, Doctor. My shoulders ache, and I can hardly raise my arms to my head."

"It is bad weather for rheumatism."

"Why should it be?" queried the sufferer. "I haven't caught any cold. I wore an overcoat, and the dampness hasn't chilled me."

"I'll tell you why," answered the physician, who is a well-known lecturer in one of the leading medical colleges of this city. "The dampness of the atmosphere makes the air lighter. This affects its pressure on the body. Of course that produces a temporary disturbance of the system."

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The First Smoke.

Anxious Mother—How pale you are, my darling. Surely you are not well. What have you been eating?

Young Hopeful—Nothing, mother. I am all right.

Practical Papa—Eating! Nonsense! Ask him what he has been smoking. You can't fool me on the look of a boy after he has been smoking.

Anxious Mother—Have you been smoking, dear?

Young Hopeful—No, mom.

Practical father thrusts his hand into jacket pocket of young hopeful, and brings forth a bundle of cigarettes, from which several have been abstracted. Young hopeful hangs his head, but looks up when asked where the money came from to purchase the cigarettes, and answers the question thus: "I rented out my bicycle for half an hour for ten cents."

Tableau—Threatening look from papa, and young hopeful ordered to bed supperless.—Philadelphia Bulletin

Nick Biddle's Wit.

Nick Biddle was a wit as well as a financier. During a session of the Pennsylvania Legislature away back in the 40's a bill was up appropriating a large sum for continuing the State improvement. An honest but unlearned member from Berks County was hostile to the bill, and, in fact, opposed to all State improvements. He knew the wishes of his constituents, and little else. While the bill was under consideration Mr. Biddle moved an ironical amendment appropriating \$10,000 for the improvement of the Alimentary Canal. The member from Berks was instantly on his feet declaring his purpose to oppose any appropriation for the Alimentary or any other canal. The amendment was instantly withdrawn, amidst the general mirth of the members at the expense of the honest member from Berks.

J. F. MERRY, Gen. West. Pass. Agt.

He Has Them on His List.

"There is no more disagreeable person on earth," says a quiet gentleman, "than the strong man who, every time he shakes hands with you, squeezes your fingers to a pulp, or every time he meets you on the street catches the tenderest spot on your arm and pinches it until you wince. The man who slaps you on the leg when he comes to sit down with you ought to be treated to the same dose, and I think there ought to be framed a general statute to provide for the punishment of the big men who seize every opportunity to make themselves intolerable to men with less muscle than they have got."—New York Tribune.

COME, read, read, sirrah, and refuse your appetite; feast your mind, and mortify your flesh; read, and take your nourishment in at your eyes; shut up your mouth, and chew the cud of understanding.

A MAN, so to speak, who is not able to bow to his own conscience every morning, is hardly in a condition respectfully to salute the world at any other time of the day.—Douglas Jerrold.

A Pleasure Shared by Women Only.

Malherbe, the gifted French author, declared that of all things that man possesses, women alone take pleasure in being possessed. This seems generally true of the sweater sex. Like the ivy plant, she longs for an object to cling to and love—to look to for protection. This being her prerogative, ought she not to be told that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the physical salvation of her sex? It banishes those distressing maladies that make her life a burden, curing all painful irregularities, uterine disorders, inflammation and ulceration, prolapsus and kindred weaknesses. As a nerve, it cures nervous exhaustion, prostration, debility, relieves mental anxiety and hypochondria, and promotes refreshing sleep.

WE confess to the weakness of liking to hear nice things said of us.—Richmond (Ky.) Clinician.

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MANY a man has got into a peck of trouble by hiding his light under a bushel.—Boston Gazette.

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