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A HORRIBLE PUNISHMENT.

A Chilian Criminal Shot and Tied in a Bag with Rats and Snakes.

The terrible punishments inflicted on criminals in Chili are now fortunately done away with. How terrible these punishments were, the following story, told by a correspondent from Concepcion, will show: Less than forty years ago a beautiful girl, whose parents were among the wealthiest citizens of Concepcion, married the son of another equally prominent family, and the pair settled down to housekeeping with flattering prospects of future happiness. For several months their course of true love ran smoothly enough, and then the demon jealousy took possession of the young wife—whether on reasonable grounds or not I do not know. Among these passionate, high-strung, irresponsible people the "green-eyed monster" plays a more desperate part than cold-blooded Northerners can well understand, and the prisoners are filled with victims. The senora in question, mad with jealous rage, crept out of bed one night, heated a kettle of lard to the boiling point and deliberately poured it over the head of her sleeping husband. Of course he died, after a few hours of torture; and so did she, in a less shocking manner. Though her father offered the whole of his wealth to save her life and the mother begged the Governor on her knees to inflict some less horrible punishment, the senora and her husband were dragged to the "hill of death," or place of public executions, and shot; and then her yet warm body was tied up in a sack, together with living rats and snakes, and sunk in the middle of the river.

A Sensible Mexican Law.

We are apt to look upon Mexico as a poorly governed country, or, at any rate, as very far behind us in this respect. But in one of its provinces a law has been established which is certainly worthy the attention of our legislators. The Legislature of Sinaloa has reversed the order of things in the matter of assessments, and, instead of increasing a man's taxes in proportion to his improvements, it gives relief where the improvements are of value to the general public. Any one laying out a plantation with at least 500 rubber trees is to receive \$1,000; and the benefit is not to stop there, for the increased value of the land, owing to the improvements, is to be ignored by the assessors, under heavy penalties. This is a decided innovation, and seems a great improvement on our plan of making the whole burden of taxation fall on those who spend money on improvements in which the neighbors participate. The assessors, the taxes of those who keep property idle and of little use to a minimum.

Cities Are Healthy.

The doctors occasionally make some pretty wild statements. An authority on the health of cities, for instance, says that if all the human race lived in cities like London, Paris or New York, mankind would become extinct in less than two centuries. Such statements are the worst nonsense in the world, for as everybody knows the strongest, most athletic specimens of humanity are to be found in the cities, and during the civil war it was commonly remarked that the men of regiments recruited in large cities could stand more fatigue than those recruited in the country districts. City life may be more exhausting than country life, and the average length of life in the cities may be somewhat shorter, but everybody who has tried both knows perfectly well that city food is better, that the air is more wholesome than that used in the country, while a regard for sanitation is daily making the condition of life in a large city more conducive to longevity.

Feecability of Fish.

It is said that probably about 60,000,000 or 70,000,000 codfish are taken from the sea annually around the shores of Newfoundland. But even that quantity seems small when we consider that the cod yields something like 3,500,000 eggs each season, and that even 100,000,000 have been found in the roe of a single cod. Other fish, though not equalling the cod, are also wonderfully productive. A herring, six or seven ounces in weight, is provided with about 30,000,000. After making reasonable allowances for the destruction of eggs and of the young it has been calculated that in three years a single pair of herrings would produce 154,000,000. Buffon said that if a pair of herrings were left to breed and multiply undisturbed for a period of twenty years they would yield a fish bulk equal to the globe on which we live. The cod far surpasses the herring in fecundity. Were it not that vast numbers of the eggs are destroyed by fish, would so multiply as to fill the waters completely.

Married After Fifty Years.

An old man came to Jefferson, Ga., worn and bent, and began to make inquiries for some of the older families of the place. He said that he had married in 1837, being then eighteen, and had never before returned. The cause of his departure was the preference shown by Jessie Carmichael for a young neighbor named Edward Toomer. He went into the new country of Ohio, married, raised a large family, and became one of the patriarchs of his section. Lately his wife died, and a great desire came over him to see the people whom he had known in "young America."

He Got What He Asked For.

An Englishman, thinking to have a joke at an Irishman's expense, walked into his (the Irishman's) shop one day when he found Pat busily engaged behind the counter. "Pat," said the Englishman, "I want a yard of meat." Pat looked at him, and without making any remark walked over to a barrel which was concealed under the counter, and picking out three pig's feet, laid them on the counter. "Hello, Pat," said the astonished Englishman, "what does this mean?" "Och," says Pat, "didn't ye ask me for a yard of meat, and ain't these three feet in a yard any day?"

One Fool Less.

A few days ago at Hennessey, O. T., a recent convert to Christianity, who had been told that under scientific faith he could pick up a rattlesnake harmlessly, made the test. The snake fastened its fangs in the man's arm and the demon proved fatal in a couple of hours, despite the prayers of his fellow believers. There is one fool less on earth.

A BURGLAR'S ADVICE.

He Tells Women What to Do in Case of a Midnight Visitation.

"The best way for a woman to do if she woke up and found a man at work in her room, would be to call a burglar to her attention, one day this week," would be to keep very still and pretend she was still sleeping, or, if he knew that she had seen him, to obey his orders and keep still. If he thought she had submitted her room to him, he would be so hard on it would give her time to think what to do. There's one thing, though, that would be bad for a woman. If a burglar left her room by the door she ought to listen to his footsteps and watch the light of his lantern, and she don't want to get out of bed or move until he is well out of hearing. A man who goes out that way will always stop when he has gone a few feet from the door where a woman is, and if he hears her whispering to him, he will stop and wait for her. She must not make it dangerous for her. She wants to be cunning. Then she can catch him. A woman with a gun ain't much count. The best protection a woman in a house alone can have is a little, nasty whiff of a dog—one of them black beasts that yell at everything and won't make friends with a feller till he has seen him 500 times. He barks at everything. Then a baby! I'd rather meet a dozen men than run against a little baby. The kid always cries."

Dentists at the Exposition.

The dentists of the world are going to hold a congress at Chicago during the World's Fair. They had one at the Paris Exposition, and it was so successful that they decided to have another next year at which it is expected 3,000 American practitioners will be present, and 500 to 800 from foreign countries. No congress could be more appropriate for America's great celebration, for dentistry is a thoroughly characteristic product of American genius and skill. Its sessions will be held in the splendid new Memorial Art Palace, on the shore of Lake Michigan, near the center of Chicago. This building will contain two large audience rooms, with a seating capacity of about 3,000 each. The official languages of the congress will be English, French, German and Spanish, and the finished transactions, which will probably make two large volumes, the papers will be printed in the language in which they are read.

Rabbit's Foot Philosophy.

His eyes, weight, color of hair and eyes—even his intellect—No; but his heart, yes. What would a man do without playthings? A rainy day is a shadow across happiness. Blue skies look like out-doors. The rattlesnake is no flatterer. Listen to the wind, the strongest, either fresh or salt, if you can but imagine it. The universality of God's wisdom, like all other rules, has its exceptions. Men degrade bread into poison when they pervert the natural uses of grains into liquor. Tacit is genius, but genius is often devoid of it.—Arkansas Traveler.

What to Try.

Try snuffing powdered borax up the nostrils for catarrh in the head. Try taking your cod liver oil in tomato catsup if you want to make it palatable. Try a cloth, wrung out in cold water, put about the neck at night for a sore throat. Try walking with your hands behind you if you find yourself becoming bent forward. Try a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) in diarrheal troubles; give freely. Try a newspaper over your chest, beneath your coat, as a chest protector, in extremely cold weather.—Health Monthly.

Mining a Sunken Forest.

There is a sunken forest of white cedar on the coast of New Jersey which has been continuously "mined" for valuable timber for more than eight years. The curious industry of digging for these sunken logs is carried on by the people of Dennisville, a village adjacent to the mine, which is only three or four feet beneath the surface. It is believed that they were sunk by an earthquake.

Asnished of Her Opium Trade.

England is ashamed of her opium trade in India, but don't know how to give it up. The House of Commons last year passed a resolution that "the system by which the Indian opium revenue is raised is morally indefensible," but when this year a delegation representing nearly all the great religious bodies in England asked the Government to suppress the traffic, which is the cause of the Chinese famine, the Government acknowledged that all they had to say against the traffic was true, but that there was no other way to raise the \$19,000,000 which the taxation of opium yields annually in India.

Three Calico Dresses to Boot.

Near Raleigh the other day a most remarkable double wedding occurred. Ham Waters and Watson Blankenship were neighbors and fell in love with each other's wives. One of the couples eloped but came back in a shoe and the men had a bitter quarrel, but the women patched up a peace, and then, being even more desirous of a change than the men, proposed that they swap husbands. This struck the men favorably and the dresses were secured. Then the swap was made, Mrs. Blankenship giving Mrs. Waters three calico dresses to boot. The double wedding was a very enjoyable affair.

Assumes Every Hue.

One of the most striking of the arboreal growths of California is the madroña tree, the bark of which is as changeable as the colors of a kaleidoscope. Not like the red-wood giant does it rest its head high above the other trees of the forest, although when having full growing room it attains a great size, but its bark is constantly changing in color, at times giving out all the hues of the rainbow. The young trees are most beautiful, and even the curried monarchs of time, by shedding their bark, assume all the beauty and splendor of the younger species.

BEOWOLF, DULL CARE.

WHEN some men discharge an obligation you can hear the report for miles around.—Yonkers Gazette.

THIS sharper understands other people pretty well, but he often has to give himself up.—Binghamton Republican.

"I GET your views," said the Sheriff as he proceeded to seize the photographer's stock in trade.—Buffalo Enquirer.

A CARPENTER may be a first-class boarder and yet be very far from finding favor in the eyes of his landlady.—Lowell Mail.

WHOM the gods love die young. The rest become by preachers or organize into young men's political clubs.—Detroit Free Press.

THERE is compensation for "that head" in the thought that swelling the internal revenue is a patriotic act.—Indianapolis Journal.

IF the United States is ever again compelled to let loose the dogs of war, it can be sure of having on hand a fine pack of West Pointers.—Baltimore American.

THERE is a girl in the London workhouse who speaks a language which nobody can understand. What a perfect highway rakesman she would make!—Boston Transcript.

WHY is it that a man will wait for one cent in change from a newsboy and then turn around and give a cafe waiter ten cents for handing him a toothpick?—Philadelphia Times.

IN the school of military instruction: Officer—What is the powder that this summer has been introduced in nearly all the armies? Recruit—Insect powder.—Fliegende Blätter.

ATCHISON PECULIARITIES.

AN Atchison woman grows younger every year by taking a cold water bath twice a day.

AN Atchison woman claims that quinine will cure anything, and proved recently by curing the toothache with it.

THERE is not one member of a South Atchison family who can kill a chicken. The father is more tender-hearted than any of the others.

AN Atchison girl is in great demand for assisting at serving refreshments at this time of the year. She knows of forty-nine ways to serve oranges.

AN Atchison man made a life-long friend to-day. He met the laziest man in town on the streets and warned him in a friendly way that he was working too hard.

THE equal suffragists in Kansas begin to insist that an entry ago upon having their rights. An Atchison 3-year-old girl recently cried out to spasm because her brother had more pockets than she had.

AN Atchison woman has joined four different churches in town, each one on probation, and in each instance she has failed to show up when the time rolled around for entering into full membership. Joining churches is her fad.—Atchison Globe.

APHORISMS.

A GOOD conscience is a good sleeper. It is only great men who love work better than play.

THE first man to denounce gossip is the man who is the subject of it.

A MAN never outlives those who have seen him make a fool of himself.

THE world is full of ghosts. Did you ever stop to think that you are a ghost to some one?

THERE can be nothing said greater to the credit of a man than that he never caused any woman trouble.

A MAN spends his life in preparing his proboscis, and forgets his preparations when trouble comes.

HOW EASY it is to plan out a path to pursue, and how hard it is to follow it when you start out on your journey.

IF you have a single friend on earth, no matter how humble or insignificant he may be, strive to keep his confidence.

DON'T be too profuse in your thanks to the man who lets you have your own way. He may be doing it to cure you of a folly.

A MAN was never so rich or powerful that he had friends who would care for his children, if he should become suddenly poor.

ABOUT LIBRARIES.

THE Pomona (Cal.) public library has lost but one book in two years.

Over seven hundred boys and girls who drew books from the library of the College Settlement in Livingston street, New York, last year only two had American parents.

MRS. ISABEL POLAND RANKIN, daughter of the late Luke P. Poland, has given to the town of Morrisville, Vt., one thousand dollars toward a library which is being established there.

The records of the New Haven Public Library show that there were four thousand less books drawn last year than the year previous, the decrease being almost wholly in the field of fiction.

A SENSIBLE memorial will be that dedicated to Wilkie Collins. It will consist of a small library of choice fiction, to be presented to the "People's Palace" in London. Fifteen hundred dollars has already been raised for this purpose.

SOME one has been interviewing a country book-seller in England with an extended business and learned from him that while the ladies are reading a more serious line of books, Arnold, Froude and Lang, the men are taking to novel-reading with a vengeance.

French Funnels.

There are nine classes or grades of funerals, the most expensive of which costs, nominally, 8,000 francs, and the ninth a few francs only. The seventh, which is usually chosen by the working people, can be had for about \$16. The hearse is decorated with cotton fringe, and there is no mourning carriage, though one can be had for 22 francs. The religious service costs in addition \$4. Few persons avail themselves of the eighth and ninth grades, which cost almost nothing, preferring either the semi-gratuitous funeral or that entirely gratuitous, which present nearly the same external signs of luxury, and to the public eye are quite as creditable.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Down in Florida last week two alligators engaged in a conflict on a river bank that lasted for nearly an hour.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

TEARS are sometimes equal in weight to words.—Ovid.

THINGS ill acquired are as badly expended.—Plautus.

I PREFER silent prudence to loquacious folly.—Cicero.

HYPOCRISY is the homage which vice renders to virtue.—Rochefoucauld.

LABOR ride of three great evils—tiredness, vice and poverty.—Voltaire.

THE man who is most slow in promising is the most sure to keep his word.—Idem.

REVENGE is always the pleasure of little, weak, and narrow minds.—Juvenal.

HE avoids many inconveniences who does not appear to notice them.—Seneca.

WHERE pleasure is eagerly pursued, the greatest virtues will lose their power.—Cicero.

LIBERTY consists in the power of doing that which is permitted by the law.—Cicero.

PATIENCE makes that more tolerable which is impossible to prevent or remove.—Horace.

CONSOLATION, when improperly administered, does but irritate the affliction.—Rousseau.

AN evil at its birth is easily crushed, but it grows and strengthens by endurance.—Cicero.

A WISE man thinks before he speaks, but a fool speaks and then thinks of what he has been saying.—French proverb.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

IN Denmark the lighthouses are supplied with oil to light the waves in a storm.

THE Czar of Russia is reported to have presented the Stanford University, in California, a complete collection of Russian and Siberian minerals.

A WELL down 165 feet deep at Spencer, Iowa, has a current of cold water rushing from it with great force. It will raise a man sitting on a board placed over the mouth of the pipe.

A WOMAN in Oxford County, Me., took her husband's overcoat containing a \$300 roll of bills, and used it to cover up her plans. Missing his garment he instituted a search and found it in the garden.

A FEMALE temperance lecturer visited Tallapoosa, Ga., the other day. She published a pamphlet setting forth the horrible effects of intemperance, and exemplified them in person by getting on a rousing drunk.

IN Darmstadt and other large German cities pot plants are given to school children who live in tenements. Usually three of the worst plants are given, with printed directions how to care for them. At the end of a year exhibitions are held and prizes awarded.

A TRAMP detected at Port Jervis, N. Y., in the act of attaching to the trucks of a railroad car a novel contrivance for stealing ride, volunteered the information that, seated on the contrivance, he had journeyed over 1,500 miles. It was constructed something on the order of a swing.

UP IN SPRY YANKEEDOM.

A VEIN of quartz gold was recently uncovered at Craftsburg, Vt.

TWO NEW mica mines have been lately opened at North Groton, N. H.

DEER are reported to be rapidly increasing in numbers in Central and Northern Vermont.

A BOY of ten and a girl of twelve in one of the public schools at Portland, Me., are subjects of a good deal of curiosity, as both are as bald as billiard balls.

ONE of the curiosities of Nashua, N. H., is a twin tree made up of a maple and an elm, which have grown together at a point about ten feet from the ground.

A VERMONT man suggests that the birthplace of Gen. Stannard, near St. Albans, be turned into a memorial park in honor of Gen. Stannard, the hero of Gettysburg.

AT North Adams, Mass., the other day, a couple who were united in marriage in church before the regular service, went at once into the choir and assisted in the singing.

CUT IT SHORT.

IF it is unnecessary to say a thing, why say it?

WHAT is the necessity, the cruel necessity, for the unnecessary thing?

"I WILL not stop to enlarge," observes the preacher, and then he stops, and enlarges in no time.

"It goes without saying," remarks the editor, and then for fear it will not go, says it over and over again for a column of two.

"TELL me not in mournful numbers," sings the poet, and straightway informs himself in many unflattering stanzas of the very things he did not want to know.

"I DEME it entirely unnecessary to combat the gentleman's views," says the orator, and, so saying, goes on to combat them till some rude person cries "rats!"

"IT is altogether needless to enter on any argument to sustain this proposition," says the learned judge, and forthwith enters on one of great length and intense dullness.

THE MERRY GO ROUND.

THE farmer has caws for alarm when he sees the crows hovering over his cornfield.—Lowell Courier.

THERE are plenty of people who go to base-ball games too late to get a seat and are hence obliged to watch the game watching.—Yonkers Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA is proud just because there are now five baby lions, two baby bears and one baby buffalo in the "Zoo," all born in captivity, which is Philadelphia.—Boston Transcript.

THE speed with which planting is done at the West indicates that they have got sowing machines there that are a long way ahead of Singer and the rest.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

In his annual report Auditor of State Henderson speaks highly of the new tax law, as the results of its first year's operations proclaim it "at once the most equitable and soundest tax measure Indiana has ever known."

The burden of taxation, he says, was fairly and equitably borne, tax dodging was not only a disreputable but losing business, and the powerful search-light of the new law, properly sequestration was both a dangerous and difficult thing.

In this connection the following occurs in the report:

Never before in the annals of the state has corporate wealth been compelled to bear its just share of the public burden. To-day the dollar of the rich man, of the bank, of aggregated capital, is compelled to contribute to the public treasury equally with the dollar of the humblest citizen.

The new tax law is founded on the sound doctrine of honest full value-appraisal. One dollar is taxed at one hundred cents, whether it be invested in lands, profit, stock, bank capital, factories or luxuries. Under the benign ministrations of this measure millions upon millions of property heretofore sequestered have been placed on the tax duplicate. To more fully emphasize the difference between the old law and the new I submit the following appraisements, which show a total increase of values of \$397,581,651 in favor of the new law:

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