

ANCIENT TRICKSTERS.

Queer Conjuring Feats of the Seventeenth Century.

SOME QUAINTE OLD RECIPES.

Little Experiments In Which Boiling Heads Off Living Animals Was an Incident—How They Killed a Horse and Cured Him Again.

Conjurors in ancient times were not very respectable members of society. When successful they enjoyed the reputation of having sold their souls to the evil one, and when of inferior ability they gained notoriety by being either drowned or burned. The mediaeval magicians as well as the Egyptian magi and the Chaldean sages were only a strange mixture of chemist, conjurer and charlatan, and as these gentlemen were in the habit of using their supposed occult powers to their own advantage they were naturally unpopular. The feats of jugglery performed by these craftsmen were intended for the mystification and not the amusement of the public, and for centuries conjuring had to it only a black side.

The amateur conjurer of today is not always a popular individual, save with children and the unsophisticated yokels. To the general public he is merely a bore of greater or less magnitude, whose performance is so obvious as to deceive no one. It is hard to realize that this person is no mere mushroom growth of modern society, but in point of fact his role is one of a respectable antiquity, for he is to be found tread- ing close upon the heels of the magicians and in the days when witchcraft was still rampant. This is significant of his reputation even in those early times, for had any one taken his tricks seriously he would doubtless have been run to earth and done to death as a wizard.

In the middle of the seventeenth century, in the earliest years of the restoration, a number of tricks were published in one of those facetious books which seem to have occupied the press to a great extent at this time, but which owing to their popularity have for the most part perished. The chief recommendation of the greater number of these tricks is that no apparatus beyond the utensils of everyday life is necessary; also it is suggested to the performer that he can make some small profit out of his entertainment by prevailing on his audience to bet with him on the result of the trick.

"To set a horse's or an ass's head upon a man's head and shoulders" seems impossible out of the land of fancy, but we are informed that by boiling the head off a living animal "the flesh boy'd may runne into oyle," and then by mingling the hair beaten into powder with this oil and anointing the heads of the standers-by "they shall seem to have horses' or asses' heads"—costly experiment and farceone if successful.

But, besides this, one can "make people seem headless," and this without bloodshed and by the following simple recipe: "Break arsenic very fine and boyle it with sulphur in a cover'd pot and kindle it with a new candle, and the standers-by will seem to be headless." Doubtless a strong imagination is necessary for success.

Some of the tricks are such as would nowadays cause the performer to be disliked, to put it mildly. For instance, "have a nut filled with ink and give this unto another and bid him crack it and see what he can find in it," which being done "will cause much laughter."

"To keep a Tapster from frothing his pots" must have been an amusement to the wags of the period, and for this "provide in readiness the skin of a red Herring, and when the Tapster is ab-

CITY ADVERTISEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Office of the Board.

Richmond, Ind., August 17th, 1907.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given you that an assessment of benefits account of the opening of an alley between Main and South "A" streets and South 21st and 22nd streets, as provided for by Declaratory Resolution No. 26-1907, has been made against real estate, situated in the City of Richmond, in Wayne County, State of Indiana, owned by you, known and described as follows, which assessment of benefits is set opposite said description:

Elihu Thompson, lot 12 N. Drury's addition.....\$11.83
Lydia A. Benson, lot 11 N. Drury's addition.....\$11.83

All in pursuance to a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works of said City on July 24th, 1907, authorized by the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 6, 1905, entitled "An Act concerning Municipal Corporations."

The Board of Public Works will meet, in its office, at 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, September 18th, 1907, for the purpose of hearing any remonstrance which you may desire to present in regard to the amount of your assessment of benefits, as aforesaid.

CLIFTON W. MERRILL,
WATSON P. O'NEAL,
B. B. JOHNSON,
Board of Public Works.

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"LITTLE BRIGHT EYES" FIGURES IN A SUIT.



"Little Bright Eyes," who figures in a suit brought by the daughter of Edward Vanderbilt, the wealthy Brooklyn lumber merchant, against her father, to prove that through the influence of spiritualism he is not competent to handle his considerable estate. Mr. Vanderbilt recently married Mrs. Mary Pepper, the famous spiritualistic medium. It developed at the trial that the first Mrs. Vanderbilt, long since dead, in the opinion of the aged merchant, communicated with him over a spiritualistic telephone, advising that he make real-estate presents to his present young wife. The picture also shows Mr. Vanderbilt.

THE ZOO BY NIGHT.

Gleaming Eyes In the Blackness Give a Flavor of the Wilds.

The average grownup who visits the zoo thinks it rather a dull sort of show, for the fact that the animals are captive robes them of all the romance that would attach to them in their native forests.

But let the blase sightseer obtain permission to visit the zoo at midnight, and his impressions will be very different. Darkness hides the bars and the boards, and the eyes of some wakeful creature gleam maliciously at you. For the moment you imagine that you are in the wilds, on equal terms with the creatures around.

Poised on the swings and platforms at the top of their cages sleep the monkeys, instinct surviving their loss of freedom, for in the forests they had to sleep thus to avoid the beasts of prey.

Here rests a lioness, prone upon her back, her legs rigid in the air and her paws hanging limply down. There reclines her lord, asleep upon his side, his paws turned in and his general pose not unlike that of a dog.

The more cunning and more cowardly of the animals do not seem to sleep at all, for as soon as they hear our approaching footsteps they give us their greeting with snarls and malevolent glowering and watch us suspiciously till we depart.—Pearson's.

TEPEE ETIQUETTE.

Never Pass Between an Indian and the Fire—The Seat of Honor.

"If you should ever go into an Indian tepee," said John H. Seger, "remember they have rules of etiquette that are more rigidly adhered to than in our parlors."

"Do not think they are not sensitive, for they are more so than the Japs. If you make fun of his layout the whole family will remember the insult for a lifetime."

"The seat of honor is just opposite the door, across the fire pit. Wait until you are invited before you take that seat."

"If you go bolting into an Indian's tepee and rush over and take this vacant seat he may not take you by the nape of the neck and throw you out, but he would like to if he thought it could be done without cutting off his relations."

"In leaving the tepee never pass between any one and the fire. An old Indian warrior will crawl around the side of the tent and kick a hole in the wall on the north side in a blizzard before he would violate this rule of etiquette and pass between his guests and the smoking embers."

SOLDIERS AND SCHILLER.

The Germans are notoriously a well educated people, but the popular English belief that every German knows everything would appear to be exaggerated, if we may judge from a German officer's account, published in one of the German reviews, of an examination in general knowledge to which he submitted his company. "Who was Schiller?" was one of the principal questions. Ten soldiers replied that, though they fancied they had heard the name, it suggested nothing to them. Of those who went into details, one said that the author of "William Tell" was the "inventor of printing," a second described him as "a man who knew everything," a third put him down as "a man of science," a fourth as a "poet who wrote Scripture history," a fifth as "a musician of great celebrity," and a sixth as "a manufacturer of balls." One wonders what Thomas Atkins would answer if invited to state what he knew of Shakespeare.—Westminster Gazette.

"Well, do you think this is the proper place to bring a bride?"

"I do, sir. Didn't I hear you call her 'Duckie' two or three times?"—Chicago News.

The Main Point.
"Young man, you don't want my daughter."

"Why, sir, I can support her in the style to which she has been accustomed."

"But can you support her in the style of which she has been accustomed to read in trashy novels?"—Washington Herald.

"It's better to do something for somebody than to do somebody for something. Try this today."—Wall Street Journal.

Aristotle believed that the proper age for marriage was thirty-seven years for a man and eighteen for a woman.

Mr. Brown had just had a telephone put in connecting his office and house and was very much pleased with it. "I tell you, Smith," he was saying, "this telephone business is a wonderful thing. I want you to dine with me this evening, and I will notify Mrs. Brown to expect you." Speaking through the telephone—"My friend Smith will dine with us this evening." Then to his friend—"Now, listen and hear how plain her reply comes back." Mrs. Brown's reply came back with startling distinctness: "Ask your friend Smith if he thinks we keep a hotel."

"Dad," inquired Freddy, "what is a 'legion of speech'?"

"Where's your mother?" asked "dad" cautiously.

"She's downstairs," answered the boy. "Wait a minute," began "dad," "a woman of speech, my son, is a woman!"—London Telegraph.

Amusements

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

New Phillips.

Week of Sept. 2—Vaudeville.

Gennett.

Sept. 5—Donnelly & Hatfield minstrels.

Week of September 2—Orpheum Stock Company.

Donnelly and Hatfield Minstrels.

The comedians with the Donnelly and Hatfield minstrels this season include Tommy Donnelly, Gov. Bowen, Nick Hufford, the Brockway Brothers, Pat Ryan, Huston Wayne and Bill Watson. The Brockway brothers are celebrated for their tanglefoot and buck and wing dancing. Both Wayne and Watson and Pat Ryan are renowned for their dancing prowess. Pat Ryan is an end man also. Donnelly and Hatfield will appear at the Gennett Thursday night.

Orpheum Stock Company.

The entire week at the Gennett will be given over to the Orpheum Stock company with the exception of Thursday night, when the Donnelly-Hatfield minstrels will appear. The opening bill is "The Little Church Across the Way." Ladies will be admitted free, under the usual conditions.

Vaudeville at the Phillips.

Vaudeville has been resumed at the New Phillips, which has been much improved during the two weeks that the stage was dark, and is now ready for the long fall and winter run. The bill for this week has every indication of being a splendid one and big business is expected.

Donnelly Want Much.

Here is an advertisement from an old copy of an English provincial journal:

"Wanted, for a sober family, a man of light weight, who fears the Lord and can drive a pair of horses. He must occasionally wait at table, join the household prayer, look after the horses and read a chapter of the Bible. He must, God willing, arise at 7 o'clock in the morning and obey his master and mistress in all lawful commands; if he can dress hair, sing psalms and play at cribbage, the more agreeable. Wages, 13 guineas a year."

WANTED—Young men to learn telegraphy; rates reasonable; positions guaranteed; particulars free. Eastern Indiana School of Telegraphy, Rooms 34-36 Kelly-Hutchinson block.

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WANTED—Two or three furnished rooms centrally located. References exchanged. Address "C" care this office.

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WANTED—A white or colored woman or girl who understands cooking. Apply at once at Caldwell Hotel, Cambridge City, Ind.

31-32

WANTED—Gentlemen roomers at 325 South 8th street.

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WANTED—To do your upholstering. Herfurth & Son, 18 S. 6th st., phone 1717.

29-1mo

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1-2t

WANTED—Public Sale Household Goods, next Thursday (Sept. 5) morning, at 9 o'clock and afternoon at one o'clock at 212 N. 16th street.

1-4t

WANTED—Second-hand bicycles, cheap, at Brown & Darnell's, 1022 Main street.

28-7t

WANTED—All kinds antique and second hand furniture, corner room 4th and Main streets.

28-7t

WANTED—New and second hand wheelchairs at bargains. Elmer Smith, 426 Main St.

28-7t

FOR SALE—English go-cart, new; call 418 N. 21st st.

28-7t

FOR SALE—Good 8 room house, large barn, No. 108 North 20th street, See E. F. Hiatt at Dickinson Trust Co.

25-7t

FOR SALE—Cheap, buggies, phaetons, surreys, spring wagons; call at 317 North A street. William Shender.

25-7t

FOR SALE—Antique, new and second hand furniture, Antique Furniture Co., corner room 4th and Main.

24-7t

FOR SALE—Good residence property in good condition; well improved; nice location, near street car line; for sale to close up estate. W. C. Converse, rooms 20-21 Colonial Bldg., phones 81 and 1554.

20-7t

WANTED—Your carpets, rugs and upholstery to clean; Richmond House Cleaning Co. Phones, 816; Bell 395.

24-1mo

WANTED—Vaults to clean. Expert work. Prompt attention. Moorehead, 938 Butler street. Phone 887.

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WANTED—To repair your bicycles, work guaranteed. Elmer Smith, 426 Main street.

28-7t

WANTED—A girl for housework in family of two; 100 N. 13th street.

27-7t

WANTED—To buy all kinds of furniture and carpets. Antique Furniture Co., corner room 4th and Main Sts. Phone 472.

28-7t

WANTED—To repair your bicycles, work guaranteed. Elmer Smith, 426 Main street.

28-7t

WANTED—To do family sewing; prices reasonable; inquire at 116 Richmond Avenue.

27-7t

WANTED—To loan on first mortgage.

We have the money. Ball & Peltz.

Insurance and Real Estate, 8 and 10 N. 7th street.

27-7t

WANTED—Your carpets, rugs and upholstery to clean; Richmond House Cleaning Co. Phones, 816; Bell 395.