He Had His Revenge.

THE PRIZE MEAN MAN MAKES A RE-MARKABLE CONFESSION.

I'm a mean man, perhaps the prize mean man of America, was the sad confession made by Harry Goldsmith, now an honored guest of the Laclede hotel. I have done that which I am sorry for, but tears of penitence will not avail, nor reformation procure forgiveness. I was spending my vacation at-but no matter, I will not add insult to injury. It was a nice hotel and the landlord was a modest host, but he had two daughters who were savagespretty as savages and proud as Lucifer, but just natural born savages, with no conception of what Emerson would call altruism. They went through my trunk, read my love letters, painted mustaches on the portraits of my best girls and otherwise goaded me on to desperation. They also helped themselves liberally to my perfumes, hair oils and toilet articles dear to the heart of the nice young man. I resolved to be revenged. There was to be a grand picnic and general bucolic blowout. The girls were going with their best young men. My opportunity to play even had come. I took the town druggist into my confidence and he loaded my hair-oil bottle with coach varnish, and my perfume bottle with a villainous compound that would make a skunk sit down and lament that he was ever born. I left the hotel early on the morning of picnic day, and the girls improved their opportunity. Did they go to the picnic? Hardly. They went to the barber's and had their heads shaved, then hired a negro to bury their best clothes. Revenge is sweet, but I overdid it. I am a mean man.

A Fish Story.

The Toronto Telegram says :- " Mr. N. G. Bigelow, M. P. P., has returned home after a six weeks' fishing trip, in company with his twin disciple of Isaac Walton, Col. Wright, of Ohio. He says he found good fishing all through the streams in the Nipissing and Muskoka districts. "I suppose you brought home some fish stories," a friend asked him. "Well, I can't say that I have," he honestly replied, "but that was quite un unusual affair in Isabella lake." "What was it?" "Didn't you hear of it? Well, a farmer was rowing across the lake when he noticed a terrible commotion in the water. Rowing to the place he saw two large pickerel engaged in mortal combat, and killed them both. One weighed twelve pounds and the other tipped the balance at twenty-three pounds. The funny part of the story is that the twelve pound fish was trying to swallow the bigger fellow." Everybody voted that the story certainly seemed credible and had not been exaggerated. Encouraged by the evident knowledge that he had gained the confidence of his hearers, Mr. Bigelow spun off another true yarn. "Col. Wright and I were known every place we visited as the Siamese Twins," said he. "We were inseparable, Col. Wright being, like myself, an enthusiastic devotee of the piscatorial art. One day we sat close together on a rock trying to delude the finny tribe into the scaly belief that we actually baited our hooks to furnish them with something to eat. Presently both of us felt a tug at our lines simultaneously, and pulling up scientifically could hardly believe our eyes. One fish had swallowed both hooks. This is an absolute fact. Good day." And with one of those broad, beaming smiles that he uses so artistically and convincingly in addressing a jury. the big Q.C. wandered away to fill an appointment at the club.

Tall Stories of Tall Men.

Turner, the naturalist, declared that he once saw upon the coast of Brazil a race of gigantic savages, one of which was 12 feet in height. M. Thevet, of France, in his description of America, published in 1575, asserted that he saw , and measured the skeleton of a South American which was 11 feet 2 inches in length. The Chinese are said to claim that in the last century there were men in their country who measured 15 feet in height. Josephus menztions the case of a Jew who was 10 feet -2 inches in height. Pliny tells of an Arab giant, Gabara, 9 feet 9 inches, the tallest man in the days of Claudius. John Middleton, born in Hale, in Lancashire, in the days of James I, was 8 afe, t 3 inches in height; his hand was 17 linehes long and 81 broad, says Dr. Patt in his " History of Staffordshire." The Irish giant, Murphy, contemporary with O'Brien, was 8 feet 10 inches. A skeleton in the museum of Trinity Col-Jege, Dublin, is 8 feet 6 inches in height, and that of Charles Byrne, in the mus um of the College of Surgeons, London, is 8 feet 4 inches. The tallest A ving man is Chang-tu-Sing, the Chispese giant. His height is 7 feet 3 Inches .- Doctors' Weekly.

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