

# QUEER RENTS IN THE OLD COUNTRY

STRANGE COVENANTS ENTERED INTO IN OLD LEASES.

A Recent Irish Incident Recalls Some Quaint Examples of Payment in Kind.

Some of Lord Massereene's tenants in Co. Antrim still hold their farms on leases which reserve to their landlord certain duties, such as so many days' work of a man and a horse, so many ducks, capons, or hens.

They have recently been warned that they must either perform these duties or else agree to an increase in rent proportionate to the value of the work. Few people have the least idea of the amazing number and variety of queer covenants entered into in old leases.

Here is a sample of one such ancient lease in the exact words in which it was originally granted:

"I, William, king, give to thee, Plowden Royden, my hop and my hop lands, with all the house up and down from heaven to earth, from earth to hell, for thee and thine to dwell, from me and mine to thee and thine, for a how and a broad-arrow, when I come to hunt upon Yarrow. In witness that this is sooth, I bite this wax with my tooth in the presence of Magge, Maud, and Margery, and my third son, Henry."

The document is much shorter than any modern lease, and not half so difficult to understand. It amounts to this—that the king gave Royden these lands in perpetual leasehold on condition that he himself received hospitality when he came hunting, and was provided with instruments of the chase.

Any number of tenants held land on similar terms. Some had to provide arrows, some spears, some horses or dogs. William de Grey held his land at Hokenham, in the County of Nottingham, by the service of carrying a gerfalcon from Michaelmas till Lent at the king's court.

"Booting" Corn. Highteasly, also in Nottingham, was held upon condition to find dogs to destroy wolves and foxes.

The tenant of Herchin, in Lancashire, got a good estate free on condition that, whenever the king came to Lancashire the tenant should meet him with a horse and a white wand, conduct him through the county, and remain with him until he left it.

Sometimes the service rendered in lieu of rent was the provision of some delicacy for the royal table. Walter de Burgh held Rakley, in Norfolk, by paying two muids of red wine and two hundreds of pears, called permaines, yearly. From tenants at Westbury, in Wiltshire, honey and ale had to be sent to the king.

We hear of wool lams, hemp, flax, butter, and cheese being paid instead of money as rents for farms during the middle ages.

Fremer's lands, in Gloucestershire, were held by what was called heriot service. Thomas Fremer, of Lyppatt, paid to the owner, Lord Berkeley, twenty horseshooes every year. It may be mentioned that a horsehoe was more valuable in those days than it is now.

Rent in kind paid for land at Haddenham, in Bucks, was called "booting corn," which means that it was paid as boot, boot, or compensation.

At Grifston, in Norfolk, all residents having a cart and horse were obliged to do several days' work yearly in reclaiming the common. But their food was given them free while they did this work. At the same place, all tenants who pastured their cows on the common did one day's work for their landlord at harvest time.

Cheap Rent! The town of Yarmouth is, we believe still nominally bound to send to the sheriffs one hundred herrings, baked in twenty-four pasties, to be delivered to the king. So lately as the year 1778 the sheriffs attended in person with their offering.

Some of the rents asked were purely nominal. Bermeton, in Co. Durham, was held in capite by the service of three grains of pepper. For other lands, the rent asked was one rose, or a gilt arrow, feathered with a peacock's feathers.

One of the oddest of such tenures was that under which Kingston Russell, in Dorset, was held. By the terms of the agreement, the tenant had, whenever required, to count or tell the king's chessmen, and to put them in a bog when finished with.

Relieved His Mind.

A Fofarshire farmer of the old school, who had, against his better judgment, allowed his daughter to be "finished" at an expensive boarding school, bore a long time her supercilious correction of his speech and ideas. But one night he relieved his mind on the subject to a circle of friends. He had a habit of prefacing any utterance which he considered weighty and sage with the formula—"Fat ye may say, and yea thing and another." So his mature judgment on boarding schools was delivered thus—"Fat ye may say, and yea thing and another, in na openyn bardin' skills teaches naething bit ceivilised impudence."

Cabbages and carrots were unknown before 1547.

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A French publication describes the veil—designed by the most famous of Belgian artists and executed by the most expert workmen, perfect in every detail of mesh and motif. Twelve thousand hours were required in workmanship, for the veil contains not less than 12 million points. It displays the almost unknown art of light and shade, a difficult effect and one of rare beauty. It solves for the first time, perhaps, the question of perspective. The entire piece weighs but four and one-half ounces.

In the centre of the veil are the Belgian arms, and in the four corners of the central panel the arms of the cities of Ypres, Nieuport, Poperinghe and Furnes. The four side panels represent the industries of weaving, fishing, hop picking and dairying.

### Tommy Was Surprised.

Though the Prince will be glad to have a house of his own, he's not altogether thrilled at the idea of York House. For one thing there's too much publicity about it. Kitchener had it, of course, when he was at the War Office.

I happened, says an English writer, to be passing through the courtyard one evening just as the great man, dressed in civvie, was coming out of his front door. A very "tired" looking Tommy who was walking in front went up to him. "I say, gov'nor," he said, "can you get this way to Victoria?" "K" looked at him hard for a moment, and pointed toward the Mall. But before he could utter a word of explanation the Tommy had fled with a muttered "Gor-blimey!" and an air of such noisy precipitation that the corporal of the guards came out to see what was the matter. It was the only time I saw Kitchener grin.

Anything exceeding half a ton of waste per acre in a potato crop is regarded as abnormal in Great Britain.

Life is made up of compensations. By the time a man is old enough to realize what a lot he does not know, he is too old to worry about it.

"In the hour of danger a man is proven; the boaster hides, the egoist trembles; only he whose care is for honor and for others forgets to be afraid."—Donald Haukey.

A spider's web makes a good barometer. When wind or rain is ahead, the insect tightens up the web elongating the filaments only when fine weather is coming.

The British Government made a profit of \$10,500,000 by insuring property against aircraft and bombardment risks; \$13,610,000 was received in premiums and only \$2,970,000 paid out.



**PRINCE IN MINE.**  
This unusual picture of the Prince of Wales was taken as he emerged from a wolfram mine on his estates in Cornwall shortly before his departure from England for Canada.

### BIRDS OF PARADISE.

Brilliant Plumage Adorn the Natives of New Guinea.

New Guinea is the home of a large percentage of the world's birds of paradise. The supply of these beautiful birds is fast falling. Not only do the women of Europe and America demand feathers for their bonnets, but the natives of New Guinea and surrounding islands make lavish use of the plumage as head dresses.

Some precautions are now taken to prevent visitors to New Guinea from killing the "most beautiful birds in the world," but the natives are left alone, and they continue to deck themselves out in capes and headpieces more gorgeous than any seen on our stage beauties or the wives of our millionaires.

In New Guinea it is the man who affects birds of paradise decorations. The women, like the female bird of paradise, are inconspicuous in dull colors.

To obtain the much prized feathers the New Guinea natives set out for the forest, knowing that the bird of paradise seeks to conceal his rainbow hues in the dense foliage of the trees. If they can find no haunt of the desired birds they start calling in excellent imitation of the shrill, ugly cry of the bird of paradise to its mate. This ruse is usually successful, and a bird shows itself only to be snared or shot down with arrows.

In mating season the male bird dances before the female he desires as a mate to display his beautiful feathers, and at such a time so absorbed are the birds in their own affairs that large numbers are taken easily by the wily natives.

### Muscles or Brains?

A cartoon in a city paper represents a slender, intellectual looking young man as applying for employment at a factory office asking about the rate of pay. The boss replies:

"Twenty dollars a week for brains; 42 for muscle."

In the same paper appear, side by side in the "Help Wanted" columns, two notices, one offering \$18 a week for a "bookkeeper with long experience," and the other offering \$23 for a bookbinder.

These facts might be duplicated almost anywhere. The old standards seem strangely reversed to-day. Is it going to continue so?

### Humane Animal Muzzle Is Regulated by Gravity.

The secret of a recently introduced humane muzzle, which allows the animal wearing it perfect freedom of the jaws when the head is in a lowered position, but which restrains when the head is raised, lies in a gravity-operated catch. This catch holds a rubber-covered metal bar firmly under the lower jaw when the animal's nose is not pointed upward, but is disengaged by the force of gravity when the nose is lowered.

Reliable rubbers save much loss in canning.

### DELICATE YOUNG GIRLS

#### Need New Red Blood to Give Them Health and Strength.

Does your daughter inherit a delicate organization from you? The anaemia of young girls may be inherited, or it may be caused by bad air, unsuitable food, hasty and irregular eating, insufficient out-of-door exercise and not enough rest and sleep.

It comes on gradually, beginning with languor, indisposition to mental or bodily exertion, irritability and a feeling of fatigue. Later comes palpitation of the heart, headache, dizziness following a stooping position, frequent headaches and breathlessness. In a majority of cases constipation is present. There may be no great loss of flesh, but usually the complexion taken on a greenish-yellow pallor.

Cases of this kind, if neglected, become serious, but if taken in time there is no need to worry. The treatment is quite easy and simple. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which are free from any harmful or habit-forming drug, are just the tonic needed to remedy this wretched state of health. Though it is not noticeable, improvement actually begins with the first dose. As the blood is made rich and red, the pallor leaves the face, strength and activity gradually return and if the treatment is continued until the last symptom disappears, the danger of a relapse is very slight.

If any symptom of anaemia appears, prudence suggests that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be given at once, and the sooner they are taken the more speedily will the trouble be overcome. You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### An Essay on Geese.

The following composition on geese was written in a western city by a schoolboy:

Geese is a heavy-set bird with a head on one side and a tail on the other. His feet is set so far back on his running gear that they nearly miss his body. Some geese is ganders and has a curl in his tail. Ganders don't lay or set. They just eat, loaf and go swimming. If I had to be a geese I would rather be a gander. Geese do not give milk, but give eggs, but for me give me liberty or give me death.

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### SAVING KAISER'S STATUES.

Germans in Thorn Fear Poles Will Destroy Them.

The Germans are carefully removing all bronze statues of former Kaisers from Bromberg and Thorn lest the Poles destroy them on their arrival. The statue of Frederick the Great at Bromberg already has been taken to Schneidemuehl and re-erected there. That of William the Great will be removed in a few days and the former Kaiser's statue at Thorn will be taken from the market with a festival parade. The German Government will be asked to erect it elsewhere. Memorials of Bismarck and other German chiefs also will be removed from the bridge across the Vistula River.

Except for a few hours' stay at Ottawa, where certain State formalities must be complied with, the first and only stop of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in Ontario until October will be at Toronto to open the Canadian National Exhibition.

### BICYCLES

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### HISTORIC FURNITURE IN PALATIAL HOTEL

Champlain, Jacques Cartier and Montcalm, three of the heroic figures in the early settlement of North America along the St. Lawrence River have been happily united in a suite of rooms which have been named after them at the famous Chateau Frontenac, in Quebec. This suite is in the barnonial tower which forms one of the most noticeable landmarks in the ancient city, and commands a wonderful panorama of the great river and of the blue Laurentian Mountains.

The central room, named after Montcalm and used as the sitting room, has among other curious furniture of two hundred years ago, a table and chair of rough design made by soldiers who served under General Montcalm in the Siege of Quebec in 1759, and actually used by the General up to the date of his last fatal battle with the troops of General Wolfe.

The writing desk in the same room was formerly an altar in the old Ursuline Chapel, while the antique Grandfather's Clock used to figure out the hours and minutes in the Old Jesuit School. The habitants, or peasant proprietors of French Canada, are famous for their skill in handicraft, particularly weaving. The floor-covering used in these rooms is a specimen of this habitant handicraft, known as "catalogne," a washable material of fast dyes.

The two adjoining rooms, one on each side, are used as bedrooms, and except for the private bathrooms which have been built in to meet with the requirements of modern habit, are faithful replicas of rooms in the seigniorial Chateau of Old French Canada. The four poster beds, chairs, fire irons, crockery and charcoal burners are actual antiques. Here can be seen the old fashioned open hearth with its bellows standing by and the family kettle give their welcome and tell their tale of hospitable bygone days. On the walls hang old prints and priceless tapestries.

### RINGS AROUND THE SUN.

In Many Cases Followed by Rain Within 36 Hours.

Rings around the sun or moon are properly called halos. They may be defined as somewhat complicated arrangements of sun and moon light surrounding the sun or the moon accompanied by others tangent to or intersecting them, with spots of special brightness called parhelia appearing at the points of tangency and intersection. Parhelia are most often observed about sunrise or sunset, frequently when the intersecting arcs are themselves invisible, except at the points of intersection. In order of frequency halos average about 22 degrees, 46 degrees, or 90 degrees in radius, but on rare occasions other sizes have been observed.

Halos are observed only when there is present in the higher atmosphere a cloud sheet which meteorologists term cirro-stratus. The floating particles forming this cloud sheet are ice crystals, as the cloud is always above the plane of permanent freezing temperatures. These are the highest clouds known, the average height being five to six miles. When the sun or the moon is observed through such a cloud sheet, refraction and reflection of some of the sun's rays by the ice crystals produce rings in which the colors when visible are invariably arranged with the red on the inside of the arcs.

Halos are good weather signs. Many weather proverbs based upon the observation of halos are founded upon sound scientific principles. Studies of the relation of halos to rainfall show that during the summer months 56 to 60 per cent. of all halos are followed by rain within 36 hours. During the winter months 70 to 75 per cent. are so followed.

Lost and Found and Lost Again. If professors are not all absent-minded, all absent-minded men in the humorous papers are professors.

The Professor—I went to the railway office to-day and got that umbrella I left on the train last week.

His Wife—That's good. Where is it now?

The Professor—Eh? By Jove, I—really, my dear, I'm afraid I left it on the train.

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### BITS OF HUMOR

FROM HERE & THERE

Reciprocity.  
"Did the doctor pay a visit?"  
"Yes, and the visit paid the doctor."

Their Idea of Luxury.  
An old farmer, says the Edinburgh Weekly Scotsman, who, by hard work and parsimonious habits, had got together a little fortune, decided that the time had at last arrived when he was justified in ordering a family carriage. He went to a carriage builder's and described in detail the kind of vehicle he wished to buy.

"Now, I suppose you want rubber tires," said the carriage builder.

"No, sir," replied the old farmer in tones of resentment. "My folk ain't that kind. When they're riding they want to know it."

The "Zoo" Mouse.  
Jock, fresh from the Highlands, was visiting the London "Zoo." Seeing so many strange animals, he called out to an attendant:

"Here, mon! Ye might tell the names of these bit beasts."

"Certainly," said the attendant. "That large black one is a bear."

"Ay!"  
"And that one with the small horns is a wapt!"  
"Ay!"  
"And that one with the large horns is a moose."

"A moose! Awa, mon! If that's a moose, then what are yer rats like?"

### SUMMER HEAT HARD ON BABY

No season of the year is so dangerous to the life of little ones as the summer. The excessive heat throws the little stomach out of order so quickly that unless prompt aid is at hand the baby may be beyond all human help before the mother realizes he is ill. Summer is the season when diarrhoea, cholera infantum, dysentery and colic are most prevalent. Any one of these troubles may prove deadly if not promptly treated. During the summer the mother's best friend is Baby's Own Tablets. They regulate the bowels, sweeten the stomach and keep baby healthy. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Best Time to Weed.

Do not let any weeds go to seed, as that will mean extra work next year, weeding out the seedling weeds, started by the gardener's neglect this season.

Early morning, before the sun is up, is the best time to weed. If the weeds are left out on the top of the ground, exposed to the sun, until the next day, the sun will kill them.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc.

One-third to one-sixth of an ounce of potassium iodide to each 100 lbs. of feed will prevent hairless pigs. Do not use more.

Dishes that have become brown and burnt through baking in the oven may be easily cleaned if allowed to stand awhile in borax water.

### With the Fingers! Says Corns Lift Out Without Any Pain

Soft corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn can shortly be lifted right out with the fingers if you will apply directly upon the corn a few drops of freezone, says a Cincinnati authority.

It is claimed that at small cost one can get a quarter of an ounce of freezone at any drug store, which is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain or soreness or the danger of infection.

This new drug is an ether compound, and while sticky, dries the moment it is applied and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue.

This announcement will interest many women here, for it is said that the present high-heeled footwear is putting corns on practically every woman's feet.

### LEMONS WHITEN AND BEAUTIFY THE SKIN.

Make this beauty lotion cheaply for your face, neck, arms and hands.

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart pint of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion, and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It is marvelous to smoothen rough, red hands.

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### When Thirteen Was a Dozen.

There was a time in early English history when a heavy penalty was inflicted by the authorities for short weight, and the fear of punishment was so great that rather than run the risk of violating the law, bakers generally threw in an extra loaf, when customers asked for a dozen loaves. Thus a "baker's dozen" came to be not twelve pieces of a given article, but thirteen.

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### Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

To preserve whole lemons for months, place a layer of dry, fine sand an inch deep in an earthenware jar, then a row of lemons with stalk end downward and so lemons do not touch one another; cover with sand three inches in depth, then another layer of lemons. Repeat this until jar is full. Store in a dry, cool place.

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