

You the World Plays Pranks on All - Fool's Day



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Escaped from Prison on April 1

An English Joke - Sending Unfavored Suit to Call on His Love

April fool's goose past. After the biggest fool at last. When April fool comes again. You'll be the biggest fool then.

This old Hampshire rhyme has been sung in England for several hundred years. There, lovers pinning for the favor of an ungracious maiden are usually made the butt of ridicule.

Before All Fool's day the unfavored lover receives a note purporting to be from the lady asking him to call on April 1st. At the appointed hour he staidly knocks at the door. When he presents himself there is likely to be a scene which is most humiliating to him. At this time, to his discomfort, a number of friends who are in hiding nearby show themselves, and he is glibly unceremoniously.

Perhaps you may be sent on an errand on April Fool's day and find that a joke had been played on you. This custom, doubtless had its origin in the old Scotch practice of "hunting the gowk."

On April 1st, a neighbor is asked as a favor to go to a friend several miles distant to get some important information or to ask the loan of some article. Inspired by a spirit of friendliness, the simple fellow will consent.

When he gets to the friend's house and asks for the desired information, he will be told to see another person living a mile or so ahead. Finally he learns that he is on a fruitless journey, and returns home, the joke of the village for weeks.

One of the greatest jokes ever perpetrated on a great number of persons was played in England in 1896. During the latter part of March of that year hundreds of persons received an official-looking card, bearing a seal and the words:

"Tower of London.—Admit the Bearer and Friend to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions, on Sunday, April 1st, 1896. Admitted July at the White Gate. It is particularly requested that no gratitudes be given to the Wardens or their Assistants."

From all parts of London people came, on foot and in cabs. They hunted for the "White Gate" in vain. A monumental joke had fooled thousands.

Several years ago a joke was played on the people of Baltimore, Md., when some was announced in a newspaper the discovery of gold in an outlying section of the city. The statement caused great excitement, thousands of persons visited the suburbs where the supposed gold field lay, and the strange remarks of the victimized were heard in the vicinity all day.

Among the French people there has always been a keen pleasure in fooling persons. They take April Fool's day seriously, and every one is alert against being made a victim.

A story is related of a woman who took a watch from the house of a friend on April 1st. She was arrested, and on searching her house the officers found the watch. When charged with theft before the magistrate, she said she took the watch only as a joke.

"You took the watch on April 1st as a joke," said the judge, "and I shall imprison you until next April 1st. In the palace of Louis XIII at Nantes, Francis, Duke of Lorraine, and his wife were imprisoned. On April 1st, by disguising themselves as persons, they effected their escape. As they were passing through the woods a servant girl saw and recognized them. She immediately hastened to the guardroom and informed the guards. Laughing at the girl, they teased her for trying to fool them. Finally, the governor, seeing the girl persist, persuaded the men to inspect the part of the castle occupied by the prisoners. To their dismay, they found the imprisoned couple had made good their escape while the guards were bustling the girl.

The real origin of the day seems lost in antiquity. March 28th was formerly the commencement of the new year, when a festival, which lasted eight days, began. One of the most acceptable solutions is that the custom originated in the feast of merry-making. For centuries the Hindus have celebrated the feast of "hull" on March 31st, when it is customary to send their friends on fruitless journeys. The fact that this festival is so ancient among the Hindus indicates a very early origin of April Fool's day. That it is celebrated so widely seems also to show that it originated in one of the primal races.

Also meet Charles Towns on the Thames for the championship of the world and £500 a side.

A stroke for stroke race between Frederick Herreshoff, the New York intercollegiate champion, and Walter K. Wood, the title holder, was the feature of the opening day's play in the seventh annual United North and South championship at Pinelhurst. Herreshoff won by a stroke with a good card of 65.

Ban Johnson, the "Little Father" of the American baseball league, is much exceeded over Boston's wrecked condition and Cleveland's hard luck. He wants to see the race this year the closest in the history of the game.

St. Louis is certainly a gas house ball town when it has anything that looks like a winner. Eighteen thousand were out at last week's game between the Browns and the Cardinals, and the next day, Sunday, all records were broken when the gates had to be stopped several times to prevent 25,000 crazy men from swarming over into the infield.

Both United States and Canadian cup boat builders are losing no time on the construction work of the year for the Canada's Cup races this coming summer. The frames of the Canada Cup challenger designed by William Fife for Vice-Commodore Nicholas, of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto, have arrived, and the work of setting them up in the yard of Capt. Andrews, at Oakville, Ont., has already begun. It is expected that the yacht will be ready for her tuning-up spins early in June.

At the meeting of the Rochester Yacht Club, a communication from Nat Herreshoff was read which stated that the planking on the defender is nearly completed, and that the craft will be delivered at Charlotte, probably by May 20th.

THE OLD SCRATCH.

How the Evil One Came to Be Popularly Known as "The Old Scratch."

One of the many familiar names of his satanic majesty is "The Old Scratch." It is undoubtedly due to the fact that scratching is no disagreeable thing to do, and it is no disagreeable thing to do, and it is no disagreeable thing to do.

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THE SPORT REVIEW
CANADA CUP BOATS BEING CONSTRUCTED.

About the Baseball Clubs.—Towns will row on the Thames—Montreal Witness Idea of An Amateur.

Charles Wood has resigned, and will join the Toronto team on Monday. The annual road race of the St. Bartholomew Athletic Club will be held Sunday.

Update: "Fete" Cassidy has not been signed by Jersey City. "Jack" Dunn, of Baltimore, wants him.

St. Louis is Rochester over baseball that crowds of people were at the ball park when the Browns reported.

It is said that two-thirds of the membership of the American Trotting Association is composed of agricultural societies.

Basing his opinion on Chebro's experience, Griffith says that spittal pitchers never have two successful seasons in a row.

Montreal Witness: So long as an athlete, be he runner, carman, hockey player or what not accepts no money for his services he is an amateur.

Hobson, the new Bison twiler, looks good to Manager McAllister. He has a peculiar delivery, but their is plenty of speed and curve in his pitching. He will probably make good.

"Addie" Joss, the long twiler of the Cleveland Club, says he has discovered how the spit ball may be hit successfully. Joss says any pitcher should watch the ball closely, and hit the dry side.

The owner of the Boston National Baseball League team will start a crusade to abolish hitting. He has had more than long, and seemingly impossible that people actually bet on the Boston team.

Manager Lajoie is badly up against it this season on account of injuries to fully half of his regulars. Manager Lajoie is playing in tough luck with his regulars. Joss is really the only one of the lot who is now in really good condition.

Betting and selling pools on races in Massachusetts is illegal, according to a decision rendered by the full bench of the supreme court in the case of the Commonwealth against Albert Rosenthal, who was found guilty of the offence last autumn.

It is probable that the Cleveland team may not go so far south next spring. Manager Lajoie remarked the other day that he thought there was a lot of foolishness and wasted time about southern trips, and that all ball players used in the spring is road work did not hurt.

A Sidney cable says that George Towns is willing to row Barry or any other on the Thames for the championship of England, and £200 a side, provided Barry or anyone else will

GANANOQUE TIDINGS
CASE AGAINST GAMBLING HOUSE FREQUENTERS

Was Dismissed by the Police Magistrate—Miss Florence Stolkler Won the Election Contest Medal.

Gananoque, April 12.—In the police court, yesterday, the adjourned case against Samuel Lyons, Michael McDonald, and John Miranda, charged with frequenting gambling resorts, came up for hearing before Police Magistrate Headrip, who after hearing the evidence dismissed the case.

At the Colonial theatre, last evening, the first and last of the first series of declamatory contests for a silver medal took place under the auspices of Gananoque Council, No. 284.

Among the contestants were Miss L. E. Hurd, Messrs. H. Church, G. Wilson and G. Gibson. The musical part of the programme was under the management of Mr. Esio De Long. Rev. Joseph Cornell occupied the chair. The declamatory judge was Rev. William Timberlake, Miss Jessie Wilson, B.A., and Miss May Rogers. The medal being awarded to Miss Florence Stolkler. The medal was presented by Rev. Henry Geney.

The Yvonne Creve company is giving a two nights' engagement at the Colonial theatre.

On Wednesday evening the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace church and the Dany Bee Mission Band held their annual Lecture and offering service in the lecture room of the church. The attendance was good. Rev. William Timberlake occupied the chair, to the satisfaction of all. An interesting and profitable programme of music, songs, recitations and dialogues was rendered, including an excellent recitation entitled "Crystal Ball," by the mission band. A list of names was also read from Miss Alice Timberlake, of Tokio, Japan.

Navigation opened here this week with a swing on Monday. The government supply boat Scout arrived. On Tuesday the Theodore Voges left for Oswego for coal. On Wednesday the British fleet of coal arrived at the steamship. The coal arrived just in time, as coal has been very scarce for the past couple of weeks.

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BURIAL OF A CHILD.
There Were Many Tender Thoughts of Her.

The funeral of the late Annie Pearl De Ford, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vulliamy, took place from her mother's residence, 417 Colborne street, on Tuesday afternoon, after an illness of nine days. The deceased was a member of St. George's Sunday school, also a member of the band of Hope. She was loved by many.

She was buried in the beautiful flowers with friends of Easter Hill from the altar of St. George's church, given by the Sunday school. Miss L. E. Hurd, of the Sunday school, also a member of the band of Hope, was a beautiful funeral. Among the floral tributes were those from the altar of St. George's church, given by the Sunday school. Miss L. E. Hurd, of the Sunday school, also a member of the band of Hope, was a beautiful funeral.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Canon Starr. The burial service was held at 11 o'clock. Her father, Mr. W. A. Vulliamy, was a member of the band of Hope. She was buried in the beautiful flowers with friends of Easter Hill from the altar of St. George's church, given by the Sunday school. Miss L. E. Hurd, of the Sunday school, also a member of the band of Hope, was a beautiful funeral.

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McGill Y.M.C.A. Appointments.

Montreal, April 13.—The Young Men's Christian Association of McGill University, has just appointed Frederick W. Bates as general secretary for that institute for the coming college year. Mr. Bates is an Ontario man, born near Smith's Falls. W. Gordon Brown, B.A., has been appointed associate secretary. Mr. Brown hails from Montreal.

One of the natural curiosities of South Africa, is the "Gomose-wood" tree, which is so called because one cannot cut it with a saw without asperity, as the fine dust has exactly the effect of sand. No insect or worm will touch it; it is very bitter to the taste, and when placed in water it

Revival at Verona.

Verona, April 12.—Revival services under Rev. E. A. Scott, Ph.D., evangelist of North Bako, have just closed in the Methodist church, Verona. Mr. Scott's headquarters were spent in the town of Napreque, where he is well and favorably known. His work here has met with unbounded success, notwithstanding the inauspicious weather and almost impassable state of the roads during his two weeks' work here, over sixty persons having sought the Lord's pardoning grace.

Mr. Scott is an earnest and devoted worker, and especially adapted for this particular sphere of labor, and his ministry here has been a blessing. Mr. Scott came here from Twpel, where he had labored with the same degree of success.

Mrs. Frances Fearn will return to this country after a visit to Carmen Sylva, Queen of Rumania, and will introduce here the queen's plan in regard to the blind. Mrs. Fearn's husband laid the foundation for the American school at Athol. The plan is to make the life of blind poor folk pleasanter than it is.

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