

ASSAULT CASES AMUSE COURT

The Man Who Went Back After a Black Eye and Various Other Facial Adornments

It was less the fight in a grocer's shop than the quaint way in which the assistant told how his master behaved...

What for? asked the solicitor. Only to show him what he had done.

Curious, by this time, to know the end of the incident, the magistrate asked, "What did he do?"

Complainant: Well, he gave me some more. (Much laughter.) This time he loosened some of my teeth. I couldn't open my eye for three days, and could eat nothing for four.

Alderman Sir David Burnett, the magistrate: I must say that if anybody called me the name complainant, admits using to defendant.

Mr. Peet, complainant's solicitor: Would strike? The Magistrate: Yes, I think I should.

Mr. Peet: Then it's no use going any further. The Magistrate: But I should legally be in the wrong. No words would justify an assault.

Mr. Peet: I will go on with the case, then. The defendant contended that all he did was to turn Capp out of the shop.

Another witness said that complainant, after the first bout, returned to the scene, remarking, "I've had one eye closed up and I want the other done, too. I don't know whether it'll come off this time." (Laughter.)

Sir David Burnett dismissed the summons. THE BABY ESKIMO

Always Healthy—His Mother Looks Him in Lieu of Washing

What do we know of the childhood of the Eskimo in his natural state? He is certainly not born with the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth.

Some one will possibly exclaim: "But how can a baby possibly thrive in so much dirt and filth?" Yet they do thrive, and it is surprising what chubby, fat-faced babies are seen among the heathen Eskimo, in spite of the dirt.

RACE FOR MOTHERS A feature of some sports at Great Bramley, Essex, was a Marathon race over a distance of five miles for mothers of not fewer than six children.

TOOK OATH AND TESTAMENT After taking the oath at Rhyd a witness was placing the Testament in his pocket, when the clerk exclaimed: "We shall want that again."

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KING EDWARD'S MEMORY

His Life and Reign to Be Commemorated in London

The Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith has addressed to the Lord Mayor a letter in which he says that the Government have been considering the question as to the best method of commemorating the life and reign of King Edward VII.

SEAT IN THE TRAIN

Railway Company Not Bound to Provide One

An important case to the travelling public has been decided in Scotland. Some time ago William Penney, Superintendent, Local Government Board, and residing at Boatland, Perth, raised an action against the Caledonian Railway Company for \$10.50, as compensation for damages for breach of contract in respect that on July 23, 1909, the defendants issued to him a first-class ticket for a seat in the 9.10 a.m. train from Perth to Edinburgh via Stirling, and that he was occasioned inconvenience, annoyance, and fatigue by having to stand in the corridor of the train.

The defence was that Perth was an intermediate station between Aberdeen and Edinburgh and that the day in question, being a particular day owing to the Highland Show at Stirling, the carriages were filled up prior to the pursuer's arrival at the station, and that the defendants' servants had done everything in their power to provide a passenger with a seat.

Sheriff-Substitute Sym, after hearing proof and parties' agents, found that the day was one of exceptional crowding of trains owing to its being the cheap day of the Highland and Agricultural Society's show at Stirling; that pursuer, unable to get a seat, had to stand in the corridor between Perth and Stirling; that defendants had made all reasonable and proper arrangements to accommodate the traffic; and that the defendants had tendered to the pursuer the difference between first and third-class fare. His Lordship found in law that in the circumstances the defendants were not liable in damages.

YEARNED FOR A KIND WORD

Strange Farewell Letter of Young Woman Suicide

An extraordinary letter was read at the inquest at Portsmouth on March 1, 1910, of a young woman, who hanged herself. In the letter she said: "By committing myself to a suicide's grave I shall die as I have lived—God-forsaken and friendless. Many a time my soul has yearned for a kind word or action, but my whole life seemed cursed. Of course, the world's opinion will be 'insane.' My verdict will be, 'Too sane, too sensitive.' Rake up all your condemnation against me—deceiver, fool and miser. Bury them all with me, to be forgotten in a silent and lonely grave. Trample the earth over me, as you all have my life."

A verdict was returned of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

A MARK, TWAIN PREFACE

Why Candy Stores Do Not Sell Hardware

There is a characteristic bit of the old-time Mark Twain in the volume, "Mark Twain's Speeches," which the Harpers have just published. The preface, scarcely half a page long, was written by Mark Twain himself, and is a confidential note to the reader.

"If I were to sell the reader a barrel of molasses, and he, instead of sweetening his substantial dinner with the same at judicious intervals, should eat the entire barrel at one sitting, and then abuse me for making him sick, I would say that he deserved to be made sick for not knowing any better how to utilize the blessings this world affords."

"And if I sell to the reader this volume of nonsense, and he, instead of seasoning his graver reading with a chapter of it now and then, when his mind demands such relaxation, unexpectantly overdoes himself with several chapters of it at a single sitting, he will deserve to be nauseated, and he will have nobody to blame but himself."

There is no more sin in publishing an entire volume of nonsense than there is in keeping a candy store with so hardware in it. It lies wholly with the customer whether he will derive from them the benefits which they will afford him if he uses their possibilities judiciously.

A man seldom looks as mad as he sounds when he uses unprintable words. Circumstances alter cases for much less than a lawyer will undertake to do it.

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FIGHT ON A PEAK

A Clergyman's Experience in the Lake District of England

While holidaying in the Lake District, England, the Rev. H. F. Lloyd had a most exciting experience. Mr. Lloyd went on a climbing excursion alone among the mountains that flank the Troutbeck valley, and when nearing the summit of Ill Bell, which is some 2,746 feet above sea level, he was startled to see a large bird hovering about him in a rather threatening manner. He watched it, trying to evade its movements, the while, and thinking it was a hawk of the largest variety, continued his climb. But as he proceeded this strange visitor became more and more aggressive, and began to swoop down upon him, making a direct attack. It struck at his head and passed just above his ears. The situation became more alarming when another bird of the same species, apparently the paired mate, joined in the attack, darting from behind the rocky crags in the immediate neighborhood.

Luckily Mr. Lloyd had a stick which he carried to assist him in his climb and with this he set about to keep the two birds at bay, striking out to protect himself from their combined attack. As the encounter assumed a perilous phase the reverend gentleman best a speedy escape from the battle-ground. Mr. Lloyd afterwards discovered that his assailants were a couple of great buzzards that have recently taken up quarters in the neighborhood. The great buzzard, it may be mentioned, is the largest game bird in Europe, and is not a denizen of the Lake District. Mr. Lloyd, on relating his exciting adventure, was told that several visitors had recently had similar experiences, one gentleman a few days before coming from his climb almost in a similar manner, and requesting that a party should be organized to try to shoot the birds which have naturally become something of a terror to the district. It is recalled that last year two persons were attacked on different occasions while climbing the same mountain, it being then thought that the bird was an eagle that had strayed from its accustomed haunts.

"ROSEBERY SMITH"

The Close of a Romantic Career on the Turf

By the death of Mr. James Smith at Upper Tooting a romantic career in sport and business is recalled. He was familiarly known as "Rosebery Smith." It was in 1876 that he accomplished the feat that has been associated with his name ever since, for in that year he won the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgehire with his horse Rosebery—a feat that no horse had previously achieved. In connection with his nickname "Rosebery" an episode, worthy of a place in the more thoughtful melodrama, may be recounted. During the autumn prior to the horse's great victories, a prominent London sportsman, getting wind of Rosebery's cavalry concealed mercenary, sent his brother down to the stable to spy out the land. The adjutant in the neighborhood of a mysterious stranger quickly became known, and to ride the stable of this unwelcome visitor the trainer hit on an ingenious plan. It was customary to send a boy on a back to the village for groceries every day, so the trainer, knowing that the "tout" would find it out, mounted the lad on Rosebery. Immediately the "tout" found out the nature of Rosebery's employment he returned to London convinced that his brother had got on the wrong scent.

NO WEDDING BELLS

Bride Alters Her Mind One Hour Before the Ceremony

An hour before John Tobin, a coal porter, Paddington, should have had Alice Anderson to the altar to make her his wife, he received a message from her that she had changed her mind, and did not intend to get married. That night Tobin married Alice Anderson in the street and struck her several times on the head and body. The sequel was Tobin was charged with the assault. Mr. Luke, the magistrate said that the girl had a perfect right to withdraw even at the eleventh hour. She was not compelled to marry the prisoner if she did not wish to do so; but a bridegroom so disappointed was subject to a revulsion of feeling. Allowance would be made for that, and he accordingly bound over the defendant.

REAL ECONOMY

On Lord Dufferin's estate, near Belfast, there once stood a historic ruin, a castle which had been a stronghold of the O'Neils. One day Lord Dufferin visited it with his steward, Dan Mulligan, and drew a line with his stick round it, telling Mulligan that he was to build a protecting wall on that line. And then he went to India, feeling secure as to the preservation of the great historic building.

When he returned to Ireland he hastened to visit the castle. It was gone. He rubbed his eyes and looked again. Yes, gone it certainly was, leaving not a trace behind it. He sent for Dan and inquired: "Where's the castle?" "The castle, my lord? That old thing? Sure, I pulled it down to build the wall wid."

BRIDEGROOM AT 31

The bridegroom at a Leeds wedding, Mr. Henry Foster, was 31 and his bride a few years younger. Mr. Foster had been three times married previously. He wore gray trousers and a sort of shouch hat, and was apparently beaming with happiness. The bride wore a white silk dress and a black hat. There were many showers of confetti.

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BIRD THAT NEVER FLIES

Some Interesting Facts About the Swift-footed Ostrich

The ostrich, because of its resemblance to the camel, has been said to be the connecting link between the beasts and the birds. There is a horny excrescence on the breast of both the dromedary and the ostrich, on which they lean while resting; they have similarly formed feet; the same muscular neck; their food is much the same, and both can go an incredibly long time without water. Moreover, an ostrich never flies, nor is it possible for it to lift itself from the ground in the slightest degree by the use of its wings; but, like the camel, it is very swift-footed. In its native country the shells of the eggs afford almost the only household utensils used. An egg will weigh from three to four pounds, and is equal to two dozen hen's eggs. It requires thirty-five minutes to boil one, and longer if required hard. A fresh egg is worth twenty-five dollars.

The keeper of an ostrich farm says the birds are the only thing he ever tried that he has not succeeded in taming. They are known to live to twenty years old, and some think they will reach a hundred. In its native country the ostrich is about eight feet in height. Their hearing and sight are very acute, and these seem to be about all the sense they are blessed with. Their legs are very powerful, and are the only weapons of defence, when they attack an enemy they do so by kicking, but always strike forward and never backward.

The choice "ostrich feathers" are found only in the wings; the undressed feathers vary in price, having been as low as twenty-five dollars per pound and as high as three hundred dollars, and there are from seventy to ninety feathers in a pound. A single bird rarely furnishes more than a dozen fine feathers, and the birds themselves, if fine ones, are valued at one thousand dollars per pair—Our Dumb Animals.

THE ANGORA INDUSTRY

F. P. Fletcher Will Raise Goats in Alberta Province

Fergus P. Fletcher, Alberta, is bringing the nucleus of a herd of Angora goats to the province. There are many people in Alberta who regard the Angora as a beast with great possibilities in this country," he said, "and I am one of them. They are not only invaluable for clearing scrubby country, but they can be run with great profit on a piece of poor land. I have seen a herd of goats in regard that was absolutely useless, and they have improved it that much that it is now well prepared for other stock or grass growing; there has been an ever increasing demand for this in the past few years, and the prices realized in London, England, during the years from 1905 to 1910 have been very gratifying. And there is no fear of an over production. The Angora industry is only in its infancy, but it is full of great possibilities, and when the present boom becomes educated to eat goats' flesh the industry will grow fast. In all the big restaurants of Europe, England and the United States, the flesh of the Angora is deemed a great delicacy, and the demand for it is increasing all the time."

OATS FIVE FEET HIGH

Mr. Alf. Cooper brought in some oats from his farm in Neeshing township, near Port William. The oats, which are now standing five feet high and are well headed out with full kernels of grain. Six weeks ago he thought of ploughing it down as useless, but since then it has grown to its present size. He has thirty acres of such oats and his wheat is equally good.

SCIENTIFIC MATING

Millionaire Wants Yale to Teach Doctrine of Race Culture

New York, Aug. 20.—The time has come in the opinion of W. E. D. Stokes when the science of eugenics should be taught at Yale. In a letter to President Hadley, the millionaire suggests that study of race culture and the application of its principles to marriage will lead to the physical and moral betterment of the human race. Mr. Stokes submits that by scientific methods the value of horses, cattle and sheep has been increased. Then why not, he argues, try to improve three or four cents per dozen more for their eggs than the prevailing market prices. Live poultry is also handled through the organization. This movement is active in other parts of the Province, and undoubtedly promises to very greatly improve the present deplorable condition of the poultry industry.

IMPROVING POULTRY

Beaverton Farmers Are Putting Brain into the Industry

Mr. J. Hare, Whitby, has been for the past six weeks devoting his time to the organization of "Co-operative Poultry Circles" in the vicinity of Beaverton. He reports marked success in this new line of effort. One organization, he states, is composed of poultry farmers, who have been receiving since organization three or four cents per dozen more for their eggs than the prevailing market prices. Live poultry is also handled through the organization. This movement is active in other parts of the Province, and undoubtedly promises to very greatly improve the present deplorable condition of the poultry industry.

"KICKING A CAN"

Several Glasgow small boys charged the other day with playing football on the streets pleaded that they weren't playing football; they were only kicking a can.

Anyway, father can look forward to the bills that will be presented to him the first of the year. Do not get your fingers in cold storage. Let the world have the benefit of it.

ESCAPES BEAR HUG

Harold Lozo, of Star City, Sask., Avoids Fatal Hug by Jumping Into a Creek

Harold Lozo, a lad of thirteen, living with his uncle, the Fleming brothers, near Star City, Saskatchewan, was attacked by a bear. He had been sent on an errand to a neighbor's, was returning, and had just reached a bridge over a creek which crosses the farm. Hearing something behind him the lad turned in time to see a huge black bear at his very heels. Harold drew his knife and had it half open when the bear rose on its hind legs and grabbed for him, knocking the knife out of his hand. The boy immediately dropped into the creek, and being a swimmer, dived under the bridge, briefly fooling the bear and thus saving his life.

Apparently the bear had been lying in a bluff near the trail, and seeing the boy pass had followed him, catching him at the bridge. Bruin gave two or three growls of disappointment and finally walked away. Chase was immediately given but no bear could be found. The berries being scarce this year, bears are getting bold and hungry. Harold's overalls and shirt were torn by the claws of the animal, otherwise he is none the worse for his adventure.

OYSTER SHELL SCALES

While looking over several young orchards in the southern districts of Hastings, Mr. O. D. McIntosh, Stirling, says he finds a great many dead and dying trees. Many of them are badly affected with oyster shell scales and the eggs masses of the apple tree are very abundant, and unless something is done before next summer the trees will no doubt suffer severely. The green apple aphid is a serious pest this summer. The growth of young wood this year, in most cases, is excessive, and it will be well for the trees if they are headed back some for next year. Early spring is probably the best time to do the pruning of young trees. It is while trees are young that they get their shape to the grower's liking, and those who are buying trees will do well to get two-year-old trees, and then see that they get a good start. The Codling Worm is getting in its work this year in the old orchards, with the result that very many wormy apples may be seen in most of the old orchards. If the only losses were the wormy apples, it would not be so bad, but the extra expense of picking and sorting to get a few good ones very materially affects the price the buyers can afford to pay for apples.

A Silent Partner.

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