

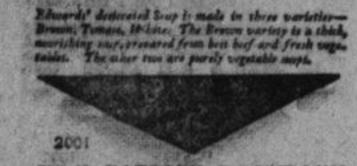
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# THE SIGN OF THE INN

QUAINT NAMES AND DEVICES FOUND IN ENGLAND.

The Swinging Board Bearing the Name of an Animal, or a Hero, or a Well-Known Object Is Frequent Throughout the Old Land and Very Often an Ordinary Name Has a High Sounding Origin.

Swinging signs are a familiar sight with disfavor. In the first place, they the passers-by "when the storms winds do blow"; in the second place, modern nerves are unable to stand the constant creaking referred to by

"But when the swinging signs your ears offend With creaking noise, then rainy

Soon shall the kennels swell with rapid streams, And rush in muddy torrents to the

In former days, not only inns and schoolmaster, the barber and the pawnbroker had their special signs, but every shopkeeper and artisan displayed them - just as the modern sweep hangs out his brush. When few could read or write, this was an excellent method of calling attention to one's wares, so the dairyman displaythe barber hung out a pole with "de-

pending stockings ty'd." The custom Hotels and taverns have always kept up the use of signboards, and a number of London inns owe their names and devices to the badges of the City Companies. "Adam and Eve with the Apple" seems a curious title for a tavern till we learn that it was the badge of the Fruiterers' Company "The Dolphin," popular by the river Watermen's Company; "The Angel and Trumpet" was the sign of the Stationers'; the Curriers had "The Goat" and "Stag and Goat," while "The Horse" was very appropriate for the Saddlers' Company,

We must not forget, however, concerning this particular device, that this was not only its signification, for in many country districts this sign was usually an armorial bearing, as was, indeed, sometimes the case also, where "The White Horse" represented the Hanoverian dynasty and "The Flying Horse" is the Pegasus of the Inner Temple. "The Lamb and Flag," or "Lamb and Banner," of course, represents

the Agnus Dei of the Middle Temple Various explanations are given as to the origin of "The Green Man." In the country it generally meant that the original owner of the inn had times a herbalist's sign, and in London "The Green Man and Still" stood for the Distillers' Company. It is possible that it may had some connection with "The Green Man," covered with ivy, moss, and other kinds of greenery, who appeared in the an-cient City pageants, and from whom Jack-in-the-Green is descended.

In cider counties "The Apple Tree" Toothache dates from the time when vinters set up a bush outside their doors as a token that wipe was sold on the premises-a custom still existing in many parts of the continent; and which gave rise to the proverb, "Good

wine needs no bush. Hampstead, famous for picturesque old inns, possesses "The Bull and Bush" and "The Holly Bush," as well as "The George," "Jack Straw's Cas-tle," and "The Spaniards." The origin of the last named is disputed some imagine that it was founded by Spaniards, or that Spanish wines were sold there; others say that it some famous espalier apple trees

The old London inns had endless literary associations, from the days when Chaucer wrote of "The Babard" and "The Bell" at Southwark, and the Elizabethan period, when Shakespeare inted "The Mermaid," and "rare Selected from the Celebrated Fletcher, and many other men of letters met at "The Dog." "The Sun." or "The Triple Tun," or at "The Three Nuns" in Aldgate, down to modern days when Tennyson immortalized "The Cock Tavern," on the south side of Fleet street, and Dickens and Thackeray loved to resort to

which, alas! are now swept away. The famous "Cheshire Cheese" was eighteenth century, and the Society of Antiquaries was started in "The Young Tavern" Fleet street, "The Old Devil" stood at Temple Bar, on the site of Child's Bank." The name

was given in compliment to St. Dun-stan, whose church stood near. "The Rainbow and the Devil" is a very inexplicable title, but if his Satanic Majesty was associated with many taverns, a far larger number are dedicated to "The Angel," includ-ing the well-known Islington inn of that name, and the celebrated Strand Angel on whose site Danes' Inn has

"The Turk's Head" and "The Saracen's Head" probably date from the time of the Crusades; "The King's Head," of course, represents Charles I. as "The Royal Oak" was named out of compliment to Charles II.

A perfect menagerie of beasts, birds and fishes may be gathered from old signboards — "Red" and "White Lions," "White" and "Black Horses," "Stags" and "Greyhounds," "Old Dogs" and "Black Gats," "Peacocks," and "Cranes," "Whales" and "Dolsay nothing of the strange heraldic creatures, "Griffins" and "Unicorns," "Dragons" and "Satyrs," and those wonderful birds, the Phoenix and the

its name to Liverpool. Many a woman goes to her grave.

With the one regret that she had a lot of bargain remnants saved up that she never got a chance to use.

Orson McDougall, ol Morrisburg, aged forty-two never enjoys crying unless there is a present whose feelings she obliged to live it.

All men are born free and equal, wants to hurt.

It is easy to appreciate the duties never enjoys crying unless there is a of the simple life—if you are not obliged to live it.

But you can't judge what there is

### A WASHINGTON STORY.

unpublished specdote about George

In a Comic Situation, A correspondent favors us with this

script autobiography: "In the spring of 1814 I fell in com-Annapolis, Md., then clerk of the district court, by whom I was informed

"'In the winter of 1779 and 1780, called the "hard winter," the American army went into winter quarters at Morristown, N. J. General Washington and his staff had their headquarters at the farmhouse of one Gabriel about 2 o'clock, there was an unusual bustle at headquarters. I lodged below on the first floor and soon learned ington ran to the head of the stairs in

cause of the uprogr.

his night dress with a pistol in each

hand and called to me to know the

hour," was the humane reply. night clothes with a pistol in each that I could not easily keep my equathe American army with becoming re- | er. spect."-Army and Navy Journal.

### TONE UP THE BODY.

It Will Help to Fortify Your System Against Serious Illness, There is a saying, much wiser and cheaper than It seems at first glance. to the effect that "you won't get sick If you keep well." It is a half jesting way of setting forth a profound truth. that one man will take exactly the same course and face precisely the same risks that another man finds fatal and go entirely unscathed. Sometimes it is a difference born in the two organisms, but often it is the result tions in respect to strength and health. state of efficiency and if care is taken they appear there is not much danger of a serious illness. The small precautions and the constant toning up of the body by exercise, fresh air, sensible eating and drinking and abstention from all excesses and follies ward off prolonged and often desperate struggles against disease. It is the principle of the old adage,

"A stitch in time saves nine." The same rule applies to the care of health. -Cleveland Leader.

The House of Lords.

The house of lords was composed chiefly of clerics until the time of Edward III. Thus in 1295 the peers were ninety spiritual and forty-nine lay members, including twenty archbishops and bishops, sixty-seven abbots and priors and three masters of orparliament over their own convocations of Canterbury and York. It was partly from this cause that the lords spiritual decreased in number until early in the reign of Edward III. the upper house consisted of eighty-six lay during Elizabeth's parliament there were forty-three and twenty-six respectively.-London Standard.

Smallest Books. The smallest book in the world was made in Italy. It is not much larger than a man's thumb nail. It is fourtenths of an inch in length, a quarter of an inch in width and contains 208 pages, each with nine tines and from 05 to 100 letters. The text consists of a letter written by the inventor of the endulum clock to Mme. Christine of

The next smallest book is an edition of the "Divine Comedy" of Dante. This is something less than an inch wide, with type so small that a microscope is needed to read it.

Bars to Happiness "Now that you've made your pile I appose you're happy?"

"No. Mother won't lemme see any show I wanter, daughter won't lemme wear anything I wanter, and the doctor won't lemme eat anything I wanter."-Washington Herald.

Looking Ahead Village Policeman (who has locked shall have a little peace now! But how about tomorrow, when I let her out?-Fliegende Blatter.

Same Old Story. She-How did they ever come marry? He-Oh, it's the same old story. Started out to be good friend you know, and later on changed their

Be ignorance thy choice where knowledge leads to woa.-Beattle.

### GROTESQUE DANCES.

General Gassaway Saw the Great Man | Yaqui Natives Wear Antiers and Jump Like Deer.

Natives of the Yaqui region in Mex-Washington, obtained from a manu- their dances. Seated on the ground dislogues between the deer and other pany with General Louis Gassaway at | animals and birds, such as the coyote, the jaguar, the wolf, the bear, the eagle. brains, but so far as his personal life and the hawk. Their music is made that in the Revolutionary war be was | by beating with small sticks, saturated an ald-de-camp to Washington. I will In blood and then dried, on "guegas" or

The dancer ties on his head the skin and horns of the head of a deer-which is often better than his own-and from his belt of deer hide hang many deer hoofs, which rattle continuously as he goes through the steps of the dance. In his hands he carries two large ratpebbles. These he also shakes to keep

The dancer tries to imitate, as far as possible, the movements of the deer. He shakes himself sideways and with his hands makes motions similar to the animal goes running swiftly over ""A soldier on guard, sir, has been the plain, leaping through the unfrozen at his post and brought into derbrush or trying to free himself from the files which infest the valleys ""See that the poor fellow is well of the mountains. He whiris around, cared for and change the guard every jumps and leaps straight up and down into the air. When we are least ex-"To see a man six feet high in his pecting it another pascola appears, wearing the head of a coyote, a bear guard bordered so near on the ludicrous | bite him, leap on his back or otherwise bear him to the ground, but the deer nimity to answer the great general of | always escapes.—Cleveland Plain Deal-

### COLONY OF THE CRAZED.

A Belgian Town Where Insane Folks

Are Whelly Unrestrained. In the year 600, according to legend, a young Irish princess named Dymphne, seeking to escape from hercruel father, traveled to the continent of Europe and in Belgium established berself in a hut, where it was her The risks and exposures of life are misfortune to be discovered and murso many and so insidious that they dered by her parent. A temple was cannot be escaped. The only hope of afterward built to the memory of the passing through them unharmed is to princess, and it later became a refuge keep the body so strong and sound for the "sick in mind." Huts and that it can defend itself against the houses were gradually built to accomdiseases which are constantly lying in | modate those who came until after wait for the unguarded and the weak. | many centuries it became the town of It is a mere commonplace to say Gheel, known far and wide as the col-

The remarkable thing about this Belgian town is that the residents accept they may enjoy the beneficial effects of different living and different condi- Nearly every house contains at least two mental incompetents, and except If the body is maintained at a high in certain cases the patients are permitted to go about town and enjoy themselves. A stranger may not know orders and signs of trouble as soon as whether he is meeting a patient or a sane resident in his walks through the

For more than 100 years this system has prevailed at Gheel. Attempts at suicide are few, the death rate among the unfortunates has averaged about 4 per cent during the past few years, while in England the rate has been 7 per cent for the past ten years. The percentage of recoveries for twentyfive years has been almost double that in England.-New York World.

Insect Curionities.

Insects do not follow the rule ob youth followed by a longer period of adult life. The May fly lives two years as a grub in a pond and then is grant-The dragon fly spends more time even ders. Many clerical dignitaries sum- than the May fly in seclusion and then strangest of American insects, the ci- and ministered to his client, who was cada. Pestilent swarms of these sweep | slightly wounded. When both honor veritable scourge to all whom it visits, his fees and sent in a bill for \$10. The planting, the while, its eggs in the bark of trees. As grubs they crawl out and only forty-five cierical peers, while | and bury themselves in the soil at the roots of the trees, whence, in sixteen thus spent seventeen years in matur-

Tragedy in a Clock times and was advised to buy an you." alarm clock. It worked finely for a time until one of the kids got to monkeying with it and took it apart. When it was put together again it

count of past performances, and did a little dissecting on his own account. When he opened the clock he found the remains of a large insect mixed up with the machinery.

"No wonder it won't run," he said to his wife. "The engineer is dead."-Chicago Post

A Transposition, "There is one thing I cannot understand," said the student of theology. "What is that?" inquired the pro-

"Why Moses, the lawgiver, should be called the meekest of men, while Solomon, with hundreds of wives, was called the wisest"-Washington Star.

der is it? Tommy-Feminine; money "Say, pop, what is money?" "Money, my son, is the root of all evil-that is to say, with it you can buy a wife or keep expensive bachelor apartments. No matter which one you choose, you'll wish you had the other." -Philadelphia Record.

Many owe what health they have to the unquenchable fame that burns undimmed in the faculty of hope.-Walter De Voe.

The man who harbors envy always and each has everything his own There was never yet a head swelled in a woman's head by the size of her way—until he is a year or two old, by good, healthy brains.

REAL VALUE OF PLAY.

Brief Period Snatched From the Regular Routine Aids Health.

Self improvement societies that have tried to find the best way to live have never discovered anything more valuaround a fire, four good singers chant | able than play, says Collier's Weekly. A man may shake up a continent by his energy or build kingdoms by his he has not learned to play.

Play, of course, is not confined to let General Gassaway relate the anec- tightly stretched mats of plaited tule games. It may be a walk in the woods, a row upon the river, a sail upon the lake. To some making a garden is play, as to others is chopping wood. To play is to follow the irresponsible inclination which gives the most pleasure with the least mental strain and bodily

Ideal play is a brief period of care free living snatched from the regular routine. It is enjoying the pleasure of being alive; it is absorbing from the earth and air and sun without conscious effort. More and more we are trying to teach the children how to play, but we do not know how ourselves. Before us always is the bogy of wasting time, and the devil of disease, old age, misery and failure never invented a falser bogy. We send our children to the public playground and

Lord Dufferin used to tell the follow-

My mother was among the first of Disraeli's acquaintances to recognize his great ability, and she saw a great deal of him when at Mrs. Norton's, when he was a young man about town. She did not see very much of him after he had once entered upon his political career. Here, however, is a little anecdote which is very characteristic and amusing. My mother had a great admiration for the "Curiosities of Literature" and was anxious to make the acquaintance of Disraeli's father, but there was a difficulty about this, as at the moment be was not on good terms with his father.

However, he appeared one day with his father in tow. As soon as they were both seated Disraeli turned around and, looking at his father as if he were a piece of ornamental china, said to my mother: "Madam, I have brought you my father. I have become reconciled to my father on two conditions The first was that he should come to see you and the second that he should

Why Elizabeth Ordered Fish. The connection between fish eating during Lent and a strong navy may appear remote, but to Elizabethan statesmen it seemed very real and vital. So much so that every one should eat fish on every day of Lent, as well as on certain appointed days throughout the year, under penalty of a heavy fine. And the reasons set forth for this enactment made no mention of religious observance. It was simply stated that the queen needed ships for the defense of the realm, and as not only was the fishing industry "the chiefest nurse for the bringing up of youth for shipping," but "great numbers of ships be used therein, furnished with stuff and men at all times in readiness for her majesty's service," the consumption of fish must be enforced.-London

A Bill That Wasn't Paid. istence. But the palm goes to that | eled some miles, "flamed" the swords over the country for a few weeks-a and wound were healed he looked for patient replied through his wife, who wrote; "I am told that between men there is a question of delicacy which forbids even the slightest appearance years, they issue as insects, having of trade in such a matter. Neither the doctors nor the seconds are brought on the ground for money. If you persist in your claim I shall, to my great regret, be obliged to leave to others the Hogan was late at work several duty of settling this fine point with

Domestio Repartee. "You will remember," said she haughtily, "that you proposed to me four times before I consented to marry Hogan couldn't understand it, on ac- you. You wouldn't take no for an

"I remember," he replied sadly. "I seems to me that every time you have changed your mind I've got the worst of it."-Exchange.

A Mean Retort,

Wife-According to this paper, hot water will prevent wrinkles. Huband -So? Then how do you account for the numerous wrinkles I have? Wife-How do I account for them? Husband

-Yes; you keep me in bot water near ly all the time, you know. French Teacher-Now, Tommy, what is money in French? Tommy-Argent. French Teacher-Good, and what gen-

talks.-Satire. His Occupation Farmer Hornbeak - What's your nephew that graduated from college a spell ago doin' now? Farmer Bentover -Still colorin' a meerschaum pipe.-

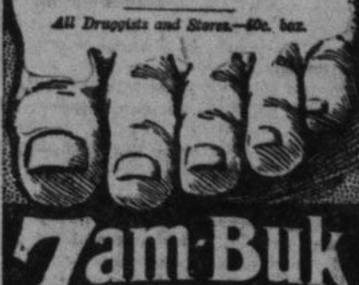
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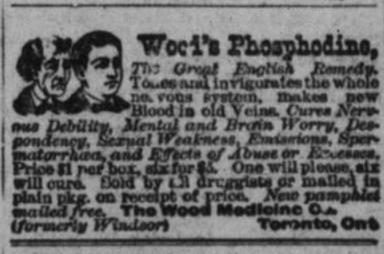
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