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itchcraft Was an Offense Punishable

Blue laws were no joke, though often an object of irony and derision. They were drawn up by Puritan pioneers-a race of stern and inflexible men who in the excess of their religious zeal and enthusiasm adopted such sanctimonious names as Stand-Fast-on-High Stringer, Kill-Sin Smith, More Fruit Fowler, Fight-the-Good-Fight Fowler.

It may be well to say here that each of these names cited was actually given to and borne by a man, and names of the same sort are to be found in the records of New England, says Himmans in his "Blue Laws of Connect-

These men went straight to the old Mosaic law of Holy Writ for their code. In fact, each section of the capital laws has its Bible text appended-a grewsome combination of sermon and death warrant.

written of New Haven, Connecticut colony, at the first more or less untematized and printed by Governor Eaton in 1656. They were enveloped in blue colored paper, whence the popular and subsequently unpopular name. The Plymouth and Massachusetts colonies also had their blue laws, calculated to send a chill through every human vein. Even New York, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina-in fact, all the English colonial settlements in seventeenth century America -had laws, orders and resolutions of

more or less pronounced indigo tint. But the true blue laws or code was that which terrorized early Connecticut. These, known as capital laws and purporting to punish, according to the penalties prescribed in the Old Testament, those offenses forbidden therein, were enacted in April, 1642. The texts of Scripture on which they are based were added to each law, as dicta probantia, showing the divine authority by which they were defending, and are singular specimens of jurisprudence.

Yet the good colonists made slaves of the Pequot Indians as the regulation punishment for breaking these same

The Puritan legislators, having disposed of the ordinary everyday crimes, went on in due course to enact the more minute laws, covering every conceivable misdemeanor, from sneezing in church to crossing a stream other-

It reminds one of De Quincey's ironical observations to the effect that the

The following examples, transcribed literally from the best authorities on American colonial history, relate mostly to the heinous crime of Sabbath

cept reverently to and from meeting. shave on the Sabbath day.

"The Sabbath shall begin at sunset on Saturday. "If any man shall kiss his wife or wife kiss her husband on the Lord's

day the party in fault shall be punished at the discretion of the court of magistrates." (Tradition says a gentleman of New

Haven after an absence of some months reached home on the Sabbath and, meeting his wife at his door, kissed her with an appetite and for his temerity in violating this law the next day was arraigned before the court and fined for so palpable a breach of

"No one shall read common prayer, keep Christmas or saints' days, make minced pies, dance, play cards or play on any instrument of music except the

of Connecticut" that these laws were the laws made by the people of New Haven previous to their incorporation with Saybrook and Hartford colonies and, as he says, "were very properly termed blue laws-1. e., bloody laws, "for." says he, "they were all sanctified with excommunication, confiscation, fines, banishment, whipping, cut ting off the ears, burning the tongue and death."-New York Sun.

In For Life. A certain English peer drove in a taxicab to Westminster and when be got out gave the driver a very small tip. The driver mistook him for s

"Don't worry, my friend," said the

He who has besith has hope, and he

147 fame the rungs would break,

HUMAN ALARM CLOCKS, THE SAILOR CRAB.

because it goes to sea on long voy-

marble. It seems all the prettier seen

amid its rough surroundings on the

big loggerhead's dingy brown shell.

five, six or seven feet in length, may

afford a floating home for various

on its back sticks there and thrives.

the turtle's back and there furnish

food for the sailor. So the sailor crab

sit sea on the turtle's back is likely

to get enough to eat, but it has to be

always on the lookout not to be swept

and so be lost in the ocean or devour-

ed by some predatory monster of the

The planist engaged to play at a

"smoker" which was held recently

played by ear and was famed for

his accompaniments to songs of all

comic song. The would-be comedian.

had a very tuneless voice and, being !

The result was he gave the first

werse in three different keys, and

when he broke down at the chorus

he had the cheek to blame the pianist,

you can't play better than that I'll

"You'll have to," replied the pian-

Sewing Room Sayings.

numerous in the sewing room as the

circulate. Some of them sound as

if they might have originated out

of the need of placating the powers

that be in case of accident. For in

gown will be sold quickly. Still an-

other saw that carries placation on

the face of it is the one that promises

that if you spill a box of pins "it is a

Riddle of the Sphinx.

monster-proposed a riddle to the peo-

Oedipus finally solved it, and in cha-

ed all who could not answer

The sphinx-some sort of fabled

sign" that customers are coming.

floor "it is a sign" that the

the operator's hands and falls

pins and needles about which they

Dressmakers' superstitions are

nervous, forget some of the words.

saying: "You're putting me off.

sing without the piano.

kinds. He maintained his reputa-

Goes to Sea on Long Voyages on the Rattle and Roar That Walten North of England Mill Hands. Backs of Giant Turtles. Among the many curious crabs there

The alarm clock, apparently so indispensable to the early rising popuis perhaps none more interesting than lation of Canada, is seldom used by the sailor crab, a name applied to it the workers in the textile mills, iron ages; which it makes on the backs of foundries and other industries of 'he big green turtles and giant logger- north of England (men and women 6 o'clock each morning). Instead, bewith a body three-quarters of an inch | ing only human and liable to a fine or an inch in leagth. With its claws of an hour's pay if only a few minutes late, they are aroused by men many extended it might measure an inch of whom make their livelihood by and a half. It is a very pretty crab indeed, with color markings that are that means. These men, of whom various; it may be found with a shell | there are several in each city or town, all yellow, or with a shell of dark the number depending on the size of colors with lighter shadings like those | the community, are known as "knockof finished tortoise shell; or it may ers up." And the "knocker up" is have a mottled shell, or shell whose more of an institution in the north of England than is the alarm clock coloring resembles that of veined

among the early risers of America. To arouse his sleeping "client" the "knocker up" uses a long pole, to one The big loggerhead, with a top shell | end of which are attached a number of strong wires. Armed with this, the "knocker up" makes his "raund" in other living things. Barnacles attach | the early morning hours, rattling on to it and marine vegetation that lodges | the windows of his clientele with the wires, which make a tremendous din Some day when the big turtle, with in the sleeper's room, and, what is all this life on its back, swims into | more effective than the alarm clock. shallower waters to feed, or works its | he keeps rattling until the occupant way through some floating mass of climbs out of bed and signifies his seaweed, one or two sailor crabs may | wakefulness by rapping on the win-

come aboard, shipping thus for a long | dow The "knocker up" would have a The sailor crab finds food among the | much harder job in Canada than he meadows or forests of vegetation on has in England, for there he is favits island, or in the scraps that come ored by purely local conditions. In to it from the turtle's table. It might the first place, the houses in the inseem that the big loggerhead couldn't | dustrial sections are closely packed catch fish, but it is a great swimmer, | together in long rows, like the buildand it will smash into a school of ings in the business section of Canafish and snap up what it wants, and | dian cities, and are very soldom more scraps from this float back to lodge on | than two stories high. Thus the "knocker up" is able to quickly rattle and roar of his stick bringing the men and women promptly from their beds: And his work is expedited by the fact that many of the sleepers off the ship's deck in heavy weather. away and are out of bed and rapping on their windows in reply by the time he reaches them.

From Jest to Earnest.

The great Lord Chancellor Westbury occasionally let his tongue stray into sarcasm, and once, in summing up in a clear case of burglary, he delivered tion until a young fellow was called a rather neat, but disastrous, little upon to favor the company with a

"You will have observed, gentlemen," he said sarcastically to the jury, "that in proceeding about this enterprise the prisoner displayed remarkable consideration for the inmates of the house. I think it only fair to point out that rather than disturb the owner, an invalid lady, he removed his boots and went about in his stockings, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Further, instead of rushing with heedless rapacity into the pantry, he carefully re-moved the coalscuttle and any other obstacles which, had he thoughtlessly collided with them, would have created a noise that must have aroused the jaded servants from their well-

earned repose. He went on in this strain for some ittle time, and then dismissed the jury to consider their verdict, and was horror-struck when, on their return into court, they announced that, "taking into consideration his lordship's words of commendation, they had decided on a verdict of 'Not Guilty'."

Unwilling Police.

Civilian policemen were the only ones possessed by Glasgow at one time. In the eighteenth century, according to H. G. Graham, "the whole safety and order of Glasgow were intrusted to the unpaid and reluctant ple of Thebes, it is said, and murderburghers. Every citizen who was between the years of eighteen and sixty and paid a yearly rent amounting to grin the sphinx put herself to death. \$15 had to take his turn at guarding The riddle was as follows: "What the city. On touch of drum the gengoes on four feet in the morning, two | theman was at his post by 10 at night or walk in his garden or elsewhere ex- feet in the afternoon and three at and strolled with weary tread and night?" The answer given by Oedipus | yawning gait along the Trongate and was this: "Man, because he crawls as High street and up the pitch dark lanes of winter nights till 4 in the morning. After that hour the city was without a police."-London

What They Mean:

Mr. Singer told the following story recently at Mansion House, London. He was one day giving a lesson to his "Has your husband," he inquired, school children at Goole. He had been talking to them about colors and had "That he have, sir," replied Mrs. explained that white denoted goodness and black sin. Wishing to drive I his lesson further home, Mr. Sinker, according to The Church Family dreadful, sir. Such lang- Newspaper, said, "Now children, have widge I never heerd-never!" And f you ever noticed the colors of my hood I wear in church on Sundays?" "Yes, sir, black and white." "Quite right, and what do those colors signify?" After a short pause one small child answered, "Please, sir, you wear black because you are a sinner and white because you are trying to be

Tablet to George Borrow. Admirers of the writings of that inspired colporteur, George Borrow, author of "The Bible in Spain," will be interested to know that a memorial tablet has been affixed to the house in which he lived in London-22 Here-"It's a hard struggle to conduct | ford square, Brompton. Another tabone's business without plenty of capi- | let of literary interest recently placed tal," observed the man with the in- in London is at 17 Red Lion square, W.C., the home at one time of D. G. "You're right, 'agreed the man with | Rosseti. William Morris and Edward

Must Wear Ornament. New naval regulations in England require officers to wear epaulets and medals on all ceremonial occasions. n the evolution of man said that the The change is attributed to the durbar, at which the relatively greater magnificence of the army officers was noted by the King.

An Aged Lothario. A gay old deceiver named James, aged 33, whom the judge of the Old Bailey, London, Eng., described as an "infamous scoundrel," was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for defraud-

friend in the penurious individual. by doing too much small talking. Discourage slander by making it She knows just the kind that will igidly observe the "keep off" sign. I queer you with other women.

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NCE when King Edward VII. paid a visit to Sheffield, all the fires in factories and plants were allowed to die out. Not a wheel in Sheffield turned for twentyfour hours. C. The primary object of this was to lift the pall of smoke that hovers over that wonderful steel-producing city, and to ensure, as far as man was able, a bright day and a blue sky for an auspicious occasion. all t was Sheffield's expression of respect.

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Codes That Terrorized New Eng-

ENACTED BY THE PURITANS.

With Death, and It Was a Crime For Husband and Wife or Mother and Child to Kiss on the Sabbath Day.

The original blue laws were those

For instance, witchcraft is one of the first offenses taken up. It is enacted that "if a man or woman be a witch or hath consulted with a familiar spirit ist sarcastically. "I can't accompany they shall be put to death." And "if a stump speech." any man steal a man or mankind or

he shall be put to death."

wise than by the licensed ferry. habit of murder if persisted in may lead insensibly to procrastination and

Sabbath breaking.

"No one shall run on the Sabbath day "No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or

"No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath or fasting day.

the law on the Lord's day.)

drum, trumpet and jewsharp." It is said by Peters in his "History

member of the house of commons and keys found in the Fayum, in upper

"I hope you get turned out next election and don't never get in again!" peer as he set off for the bouse of lords. "Don't worry-I'm in for life,"

aten, preventing the accumulation of who has hope has everything. Are ndigested food and gas. With a little bian Provers.

a child, walks upright in his full strength and walks with a staff when

Cursory. A huntsman called on Hodge to settle for damage done by a run to hounds and found only Mrs. Hodge

an old man."

'made an examination yet?" Hodge, with a curtsey: "Rather a cursory examination,

the good woman held up her hands at the bare recollection.

Fighting Seasickness. There is one place in a ship where the voyager may be at rest. This writer discovered it during a mid-Altantic storm when he went down to the bath- | good!" room, tumbled into a warm sea bathand floated. The vessel was performing the most amazing antics, but the water in the bath kept its usual gravity, and the bather floated with a

smile upon its bosom.—London Tatler. Such Is Life.

the mange nose. "If a fellow hasn't Burne-Jones. got plenty of backing he has to do a

All One Race.

Prof. Keith in a London lecture

Egypt, to South American monkeys indicated the common origin of the an-

resemblance of the prehistoric mon-

thropoids of the old and new world. A Half Partner. A-That woman who just went out is the partner of your joys and sor-

right, but when it comes to my sor-

rows she slips over to see her mother.

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