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Point of Law.

In a small southern town two roustabouts got into an argument about the ownership of an opossum. During the disturbance Sam assaulted Remus with a paving stone and in due time was brought before the bar of justice Sam, in the meantime, had engaged the services of a rising young lawyer "We have heard the evidence," said the young attorney at the trial, "and I think, according to Blackstone, my client is innocent."

It was then that Remus arose and rubbed his bandaged head dolefully. "He may be innocent, sah, accordin' to Blackstone," he said, seriously "but accordin' to dat cobblestone he am guilty."

And the judge thought the same and Sam was convicted.

On a Pass.

It was during a tedious ride on a western railway, and the passengers, tired, dirty and thirsty, all berated the company, with the exception of one single man. His fellow passengers commented on this, and asked him why he did not denounce the company, too.

"It would be hardly fair," he replied, "as I am traveling on a free pass; but, if they don't do better pretty soon blamed if I don't go out and buy a ticket and join you."—Harper's Magazine

Holds Prominent Positions.

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, who for ten years has been the president of Lake Placid conference, was elected president of the American Home Economics association at its last meeting in Washington. Mrs. Richards also has charge of the home economics department of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. First vice-president elected was Miss Isabel Bevier, professor of household science in the University of Illinois. A council of 25 was elected and this council will elect five of its members who, with the five elective officers of the society, will be the executive committee.

Criminologists Interested.

Countess Boos Farrar, a niece of Archdeacon Farrar, has secured 71 acres at Spring Valley, N. Y., and will build there a home for the children of criminals, to make a trial of the theory of inherited crime, as well as to give homes to the waifs. She gives all her time to the care of these sick and in want.

His Magical Coat.

Jack the Giant Killer boasted of his invisible coat. "My wife can't ever give it to a tramp," he said.

BIRTH OF THE GERMAN NAVY.

A Few Facts Showing the Wonderful Progress Made in Building Up a Marine Power.

Some idea of the wonderful progress of the German navy is gained when one realizes that Vice-Admiral Reinhold von Werner, whose death is announced at the age of 81, saw practically the birth of that navy as we now know it. When the German fleet was sold by auction in 1852 Werner secured a commission in the new Prussian navy, and during the war with Denmark he commanded one of the three steam frigates, then the principal ships of the Prussian navy. At the date of the formation of the federal navy Werner was director of dockyards at Danzig. In 1869, however, the deceased vice-admiral returned to active service, and at the time of his retirement in 1878 he held the command of the Baltic station. He devoted the last 20 years of his life to the patriotic task of popularizing the idea of that sea power which he had seen grow from insignificant proportions to a strength which has done so much to stimulate the shipbuilding of other nations. He was a prolific writer, and his authorship extended over a long period. Even at the time of the Battle of Jasmund he attracted attention by a work on the Prussian navy, its present and its future.

Halfway of Carved Sicilian Carvings.

A young woman in New York with a purse long enough to satisfy her craving for artistic expression in her home has constructed a hallway and stairs out of carvings used by Sicilian peasants. These carvings, as every globe trotter knows, are painted in the most vivid colors, and frequently show fine examples of wood carving. The hallway is paneled with the sides, fronts and tailboards of carts, and the carvings include cherubs' heads, angels and saints. Spokes are used for baluster spindles, and shafts have been spliced for the stair railing. The effect is somewhat barbaric, but has been admired by many artists. The young woman is proud of her conception and execution, and flatters her self on the probability that she owns the only exhibit of the kind in the world.

In the town of Westford, Mass., many children are brought to the public schools in barges from the surrounding country, and warm soup and cocoa is furnished them by one of the townswomen, Mrs. John C. Abbot, who appreciates the fact that, leaving home so early, they need something warm with their luncheon at noon.

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JOKE AS BASIS OF LAWSUIT.

Interesting Case That is Said to Be on Record in Chinese Legal Annals.

One of the most interesting cases of compensation for the death of a relative is recorded in Chinese law books. A certain Wu was set on by robbers, and his head nearly severed from his body. His friends, finding him almost dead, with his head hanging by a strip, put the head carefully back in position and applied bandages. The patient, being strong and healthy, the wound healed, and the only sign remaining after a few months was a seam around the throat. Some nine years later Wu was sitting among friends at a banquet. Some one made a really good joke; all laughed; as for Wu, he flung back his head and simply roared.

Horror! The seam opened and Wu's head fell to the floor. All efforts to repeat the operation of the former occasion failed, and a perceptible gloom was cast over the remainder of the feast.

Wu's father, thus deprived of the future attentions of one of those whose duty it would have been to worship him after death, brought an action for heavy damages against the man who made the joke that precipitated disaster. Unfortunately, the case never went to a decision, as it was settled out of court on terms satisfactory to the plaintiff.

French Are Fond of Bread.

More bread is eaten in France per capita than in any other European country except Belgium.

Usually.

Teacher—"What is a Laplander?" Young Miss—"An awkward man in a crowded street car."

Youthful Elopers.

The youthful elopement in Dickens' pretty story was duplicated in real life the other day, when Jesse Yeakey aged four years, and Annie Theresa Unterfashberger, aged three years left their respective homes in Portland, Ore., and wandered down town hand in hand, intent on getting married. The course of true love never did run smooth, however, and the little romance was spoiled by Patrolman Riley, who met the tots in the heart of the business district. The boy was much abashed by the man in uniform, but the girl lapsed out their plan to get married and visit a moving-picture show. When taken to the police station, where their frantic parents were waiting, there was a scene. "No," screamed the little girl breaking into tears as her mother started to take her away, "Annie wants to stay and marry Jesse."

Giving Work to All.

Miss Eastman, secretary of the New York branch of the American Association for labor legislation, says that will give men the right to work. Surely, she says, it is an unintelligent society which will let men who want to work starve, beg or steal. Surely this country is prosperous enough to afford an eight-hour day six days in the week for everybody.

Vivisection.

"In the agony of death a dog has been known to caress his master, and every one has heard of the dog suffering under vivisection, who licked the hand of the operator; this man unless the operation was fully justified by an increase of our knowledge or unless he had a heart of stone must have felt remorse to the last hour of his life."—Descent of Man, Appleton's, 1906 edition, page 70.

Nerve.

He was only a tramp, but he was there with the nerve. Entering the fashionable lunch parlor he pompously seated himself at a table, devoured a pickle and dropped seven lumps of sugar and two biscuits into his coat pocket. Then he sampled the horse radish, drank a glass of water and glanced at the menu.

"Well?" snapped the tall waiter in the low-cut waistcoat.

"Well, how'dy, pal!" called the stranger affably. "What you got to eat?"

"Everything," responded the waiter in icy tones.

"On my word! Got any welsh rabbit?"

"Yes."

"How do you serve it?"

"Any way you want!"

The tramp moved his chair out a few inches.

"Well, give me the left hind foot, old sport. I want it for luck."

And helping himself to another biscuit the tramp dodged a saucer and vanished into the night.

Didn't Mean Anything.

"One can't help knowing," said a dandy, "when one is good looking why I got off at a small station the other day in the country, and I must confess that I attracted a great deal of attention."

"It doesn't mean anything," said his friend. "Why, when I get out of the Grand Central station I meet a crowd of men who yell 'Hansom! Hansom!' at the top of their lungs."

Mr. Whittier's Haymaker.

Maud Muller was raking the hay. "Of course, I could have the hired man do it," she explained, "but this is what catches the summer boarders."

Herewith she waved her hand at the judge.