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Effective Punishments.

One of the first judges—real judges—of Deadwood put in operation many odd ideas of corrective punishment. If a man was brought before him charged with shooting up a peaceful place without provocation this judge used to delight in tolling off half a dozen good shots, whose business it was to fire all around the accused, who was made to stand up against a wall. The closer the shots and the more scared the accused the better the judge liked it. If the accused demurred against this little tit-for-tat punishment he was formally ordered to stand up and the maximum sentence under the code was meted out to him. In the case of a prisoner who might not be impressed with the target practice sentence there were other penalties, such as a five mile gallop on a frisky horse, with the legs of the accused tied under the horse's belly and a saddle made of fair sized stones wrapped in a blanket for his seat. Protest against this meant again the extreme code punishment.

"Madame" Fitted Him.

The friends of a certain senator say that, although it is admitted that someone used senate stationery to promote a mining scheme, it is very unjust to make any charge of dishonesty against the kindly old man. To illustrate his character, they tell this story: He was one of the funeral party that accompanied the body of a distinguished senator to its burial place. On the return trip he went early to bed. The next morning his round, red face, devoid of hair, gentle of expression and wrinkled, was thrust out of his berth as the Pullman conductor passed by. "Are we on time, captain?" called out the senator in his thin piping voice. "Just on time, madame," said the conductor, as he lifted his hat and passed on.

Gov. McLane and the Bible.

Gov. John McLane of New Hampshire, like all Scotch people, is very religious. On a recent Sunday afternoon, while the faith of the governor, Mrs. McLane, a son about 12 years old and Mrs. McLane's mother—were eating dinner, there was a very animated debate in regard to religion.

Gov. McLane is very liberal in his theological views, while his mother-in-law is very orthodox. After a sharp retort from her as to his interpretation of a Bible dogma, the governor said: "Mother, you know one side of the Bible only; but I pride myself on knowing both sides of it."

At this statement the governor's young son brought the discussion to an abrupt close, when he spoke up: "That's so, but it's the 'outside' pa knows best!"

Rare Books Fetch High Prices.

Ben Jonson's works were in favor when the sale of the fourth portion of the Huth library commenced at Sotheby's in London. The only copy known on large paper of "The Fall of Sejanus" realized \$4,500. It was increased in value by being an autograph copy, containing in Ben Jonson's writing the dedication: "To my perfect friend, Mr. Francis Crane, I erect this pillar of friendship, and leave it as the eternal witness of my love.—Ben Jonson." The fourth book printed with a date, Balbu's "Catholicon," fetched \$3,800, and the second of the original unauthentic quarto editions of "John, King of England," a play used by Shakespeare, realized \$850.

Beer Always on Tap.

Bavaria has the world's record for beer drinking. Perhaps that accounts for a certain push button in the city of Nuremberg. On one of the many interesting little streets of that quaint old town there is a large, plain-looking building which serves as the downtown office and warehouse of a certain large brewery. In the wall near the door of this wholesale establishment there is a push button that evidently connects with an electric bell somewhere. Over it is a sign reading "Bierglocke," which translated literally into English means "Beer Bell"—evidently an arrangement for summoning more beer in case of emergency.

Bull-Fight Tragedies.

Bull fights as Madrid have been marked by two tragedies recently, one of them a very unusual character. During an exhibition by amateurs a bull which had been severely wounded by a torador was writhing in agony when a matador approached to attack it with a short sword. In his struggles the wounded animal knocked the sword out of the matador's hand and sent it flying over into the public enclosure, where it struck a spectator in the chest, killing him on the spot. The victim of the second tragedy was Miguel Freg, the Mexican torador, who was overtaken in the ring and gored by a bull. He died in the hospital shortly afterward.

Jam, From "Jamaica."

Jam seems to take its name from Jamaica, and is comparatively a modern luxury. Galt, in his "Annals of the Parish," states that the fashion of jam making was introduced into Scotland about 1760, when berry bushes were planted by "some of our young men that had been sailors coming from Jamaica," and the condiment was valued in the first place chiefly as "an excellent medicine for a sore throat." A writer in Hone's "Every-day Book," in 1826, deplored the fact that jam could not be "purchased at the shops as other articles of consumption are."

Hasty Sightseeing.

Europeans are wont to talk of Americans who rush through Europe with a guide book in one hand and a railroad timetable in the other, but an Englishman overheard on a New York bus the other day was in a class by himself for speed. "I've been up to the Metropolitan museum," he volunteered to a seatmate. "Bally fine place, but big. Took me an hour to see everything in it."

A Preacher's Partisan Prayer.

It is difficult for the fervent partisan to avoid politics, even in the pulpit. There are those, too, who never try. Among them was Father Taylor, the Boston sailor-preacher. He was once conducting a Sunday morning service a few days before the state elections, and he took the opportunity of offering up a fervent prayer that a man might be chosen for governor who would never be afraid of the face of day, who would defeat the ringleaders of corruption, who would defy his own party if it yielded to wire pullers, who— Suddenly Father Taylor paused. Then he brought his prayer to an abrupt conclusion. "O, Lord," he exclaimed, "what's the use of boxing the compass in this way? Give us George N. Briggs for governor. Amen!"

Recovering Rapidly.

When the doctor came down from seeing her husband he told her that her good man would shortly be on the road to convalescence. "What's that?" she asked. "I mean he will be getting better," said the doctor. "You will know because he will get irritable—extremely so." When he called the next day the doctor found the devoted woman as happy as a sandboy, smiling and singing to herself. "And how are we today?" he asked. "Oh, he's getting better all right," she answered. "He came down to the kitchen this morning and threw a coffee-pot at the cook, and shot our old house dog because it wouldn't say 'Please!' So I cooked him a dish of tripe and onions and he has gone back to work. It's wonderful how you doctors know things!"

Commercial Spies.

Spying is as prevalent in the commercial world as in the political world, though the existence of these commercial spies is not nearly so well known. There are certain classes of manufacturers, however, who habitually employ a regiment of spies—competent men, whose business it is to go to other lands and spy out the new enterprises and inventions being made by the various traders. Individual methods vary very greatly, and are often so subtle as to make it difficult to tackle them.

"Israfil" Angel of Music.

Israfil or Israfil, in Mohammedan mythology, was the angel of music, who possesses the most melodious voice of all God's creatures. This is the angel who is to sound the resurrection trumpet and will ravish the ears of the saints in Paradise, Israfil, Gabriel and Michael, were the three angels that warned Abraham of Sodom's destruction. In the Koran we read: "and the angel Israfil, whose heart-strings are a lute, and who has the sweetest voice of all God's creatures."

Appreciative Spectator!

Lawyers are not the only class in which a sense of the pecuniary value of their attentions is well developed. It is recorded of a famous actor that in the course of a tour he rewarded the politeness of a waiter at his hotel with a pass for the theater to which all the town was crowding to see the stage favorite in a great play. The next day the actor asked the man how he had enjoyed the visit to the theater. "Oh, it was very nice, I enjoyed it very well, indeed—but—er—who is to pay me for my time?" was the disconcerting reply.

Thought Gorilla a Myth.

It is a strange fact of natural history that the gorilla was unknown to science until the middle of the last century, when there was a migration of the animals from the interior of Africa towards the coast, probably in quest of food. The first scientific investigation of the great ape was made by an American missionary, Rev. Leighton Wilson. He was met with jeers that "there ain't no such animal," until, towards the close of 1846, he obtained a skull and sent it to the Boston Museum of Natural History.

Encourage Children to Play.

Play gives joy, freedom, contentment and occupation. A child who plays thoroughly, with perseverance and determination, will be thorough and persevering in life. Children are full of imagination, which finds expression in their games and play. A child's world is very real. Blocks, balls, water colors, scrap books, sands, spoons or garden tools have a significance for him.

His Time Had Come.

Again that ringing in his ears! It was the warning he had dreaded. He knew his time had come. Yet, although he had started at the sound, he seemed half-dazed and wholly careless of the consequences. But still the ringing in his ears! "Drat it!" he finally said, and springing from bed the careworn commuter shut off the alarm clock and proceeded to dress for the 7:10 train.—Puck.

Altogether Out of Place.

James Payn once told the story of a visiting parson who was starting the prayer for rain when the clerk pulled his coat tails. "You mustn't read that, sir," he said. "But it's a prayer for a good harvest, my man," expostulated the preacher. "That's just it, sir," explained the clerk; "the visitors are our harvest, and we want none of your rain."

Really Not Her Fault.

Little Jane is impish, lovable and very ingenious in the matter of excuses for her frequent wrongdoing. Reproached, the other evening, for an ill-spent day, she waxed gently defiant. "Yes, I know I've been naughty, but, really, I couldn't help it. I specially asked God to make me good today, but he didn't choose to do it."

Java Surpasses Egypt.

Java possesses ruins of temples of a vanished religion that in vast wealth of sculpture surpass anything Egypt can show.

Atavism in Dogs.

Dogs, probably the earliest of domesticated animals, when transferred to a tropical country, such as central Africa, lose in a few generations most of the characteristics they have acquired in Europe, and revert more and more to the type of the jackal and the wolf. Then their ears, whatever their breed, tend to become pointed, their coats turn sandy or rufous and their bark becomes a howl. Some attempt has been made to show that this is the result of disease and resembles the effect of malaria on the human constitution. Yet the Egyptian dog of Pharaonic times possessed, as is seen by the monuments, these very characteristics; and as he was certainly domesticated before the European animal, it is probable that these are original features of the race.

English Prejudice Against Corn.

Maize has long been grown in England as a forage crop for cattle and horses—but this is not sugar corn—and the average Britisher has not yet overcome his prejudice against eating horse feed. Yet English cattle and English horses have an enviable reputation in parts of the world outside of England, and it may be that the Englishman will take a leaf out of his horse book.

Ideal Land for Coffee.

The coffee plant flourishes best in well-watered region, in a tropical climate at an elevation of 1,500 to 5,000 feet, and in a rich soil. All these elements are found to perfection in Brazil, especially in the four states of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo and Minas Geraes, whose combined areas cover about one-eighth of the vast domain of the republic. This section produces about four-fifths of the world's supply of coffee.

Seemed to Him Wasteful.

A young Frenchman was being shown about Calderstones park by an English friend. "What a fine place this would make for shooting. Look at the birds flying about," said the Frenchman. The Englishman replied to the effect that, with certain exceptions, it was the spirit of the country to encourage bird life. The son of Gaul shook his head and observed half-sorrowfully. "It does seem a pity that all this food should be flying around and no use made of it."

Putting the Matter Plainly.

He was an old-fashioned father, which explains why he said to the young man: "Are you sure you're able to give my daughter the comforts and luxuries to which she is accustomed at home?" To which the young man promptly replied: "As your daughter's salary has paid the rent and bought most of the clothes and food for your family, I think we 'an worry along."

Near-Laurels.

A certain major in the Philippines, who seemed to be favored with the good-will of the powers, managed in some way always to get leave just before trouble with the natives was due. His colonel suspected him of having no stomach for fighting. "Some day," remarked the colonel, "they'll want to give that fellow a decoration, and I'll suggest one. It will be a wreath of leaves of absence."

Some Famous Italians.

Volta and Galvani made great contributions to the science of electricity, but Garibaldi was not a scientist. His energies all ran in the direction of battle for the social and political emancipation of humanity, especially of his own countrymen. If you have not already done so you should read the life of Garibaldi—the most popular name in the history of modern Italy.—Chicago Examiner.

Marjorie's Good Wishes.

Marjorie's father was away on a journey, and Marjorie deemed it her duty to send him a bulletin as to home affairs. After the expenditure of much labor and ink she produced the following paragraph: "My Dear Daddy—Mother is well. I am very well. The baby is very well, and has a lot more sense now. Hoping you are the same."

What Astonished Legal Expert.

"The Declaration of Independence is a wonderful document," said the patriotic citizen. "Yes," replied the legal expert. "It's one of the ablest documents I ever saw. And the most remarkable thing is that with all the ability it represents, nobody appears to have received a cent for drawing it up."

Fortunate People.

It has been rightly said that "the fortunate people—the truly fortunate—are not so much those who succeed in life as those who succeed in living." Right living is a beautiful art, made up of courage and kindness and hard work and true religion; and it is open to everybody.—Selected.

Trees Many Centuries Old.

Probably the oldest trees in England are yews. There is, for instance, one in the churchyard at Burrington, Coombe, where the famous hymn, "Rock of Ages," is said to have been written, which is estimated to be at least sixteen hundred years old, and there is also a very ancient one in the churchyard at Stoke Poges, where Gray wrote his "Elegy."

Beautiful Names.

"We must have a beautiful name for the baby," said the fond mother. "Something that sounds like poetry, and is not at all commonplace." "Well," replied the fond father, "I'm doing my best to help you make a selection. Here's a list of the names of all the apartment houses in town."—Washington Star.

Not Much on Him.

"Oh, I know a few things," said the haughty senior. "Well, you've got nothing on me," retorted the freshman. "Guess I knew as few things as anybody."

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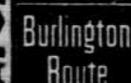
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