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### FREAKS OF THE MIND.

Curious Pranks Played by the Imagination.

A Student Who Fell Dead from the Mere Touch of a Cane Under Exciting Circumstances—Some Queer Cases.

Some years ago a number of students in Europe were concerned in the charge which demonstrated the powerful effects of imagination. In a frolic they donned disguises and arrested another student, whom they tried in a theatrically-arranged and 'dimly-lighted chamber, and condemned to death. For several hours they kept their horror-stricken victim in a darkened room, and, having informed him that he was to be beheaded, bandaged his eyes and led him to another apartment.

A crowd was assembled, but restrained their mirth, as the victim of the practical joke was forced to kneel down, and placed his neck across the spindle of a three-legged stool. They prepared for a great outburst of laughter as the neck of the poor young fellow was touched with a slender cane; but, instead, had to shed tears of regret for the action, as immediately upon being touched with the cane the young man fell dead.

A man had been cured of a somewhat serious illness, but had the misfortune to consider himself dead, and refused to converse with his friends or take the food and stimulants they provided. He was fast sinking when they hit upon a plan, and, hiring a coffin, they placed him inside, and with due formality proceeded to inter him—in the dark coal cellar.

Shortly afterward one of his friends was carried into the cellar also in a coffin, which, in addition to his body, contained a liberal supply of wine and food. The man who believed himself dead was surprised when he saw his "companion corpse" sit up and feast upon the good things placed in the coffin. He remonstrated with him, but being informed that it was customary to indulge in food in the world in which they were as well as in the world in which they had left, he joined in the feast. Shortly afterward he held rational conversation with his friend, and was soon recovered.

A lady holding a high position in society suddenly imagined that her husband had sustained a serious financial reverse, and, notwithstanding the protests of her husband, set about adapting herself to the supposed change in her circumstances. She disposed of her jewelry, discharged her servants and rented a small cottage and in its window displayed a card bearing the intimation that she was prepared to undertake plain sewing.

Various devices were adopted by her anxious family to convince her of the actual state of her affairs, and ultimately a friend presented her with a check for many thousand pounds. This broke down her craving, and induced her to undertake a prolonged journey on the continent. Her overstrained brain was restored to its normal condition, though she always believed afterwards that she had been in straitened circumstances.

The career of pernicious literature upon the young lads has often been illustrated by disclosures in police courts, but it would scarcely be believed that the sensational stories published by some "boys' journals" could have serious effect upon the imagination of a man of over 60 years. Yet such actually occurred in the north of England.

He had spent a large portion of his time in reading such "literature," and eventually came to the conclusion that he was fitted for a life of frolic and adventure, like many another "hero." In the first stage of his vagaries he played tricks, such as were described in the stories, upon his neighbors, banging their knockers and ringing their bells, etc., and afterward he became an amateur highwayman, having as the implements of his adopted profession a small crape mask and a large horse pistol.

When he adopted his knickerbockers, cutaway coat, slouched hat, with the mask over his eyes and pistol under his arm, he walked through a crowded thoroughfare in midday searching for some one to hold up." He attracted a crowd, and was taken in charge by a friendly constable. He was cured of his powerful imagination by ridicule alone.

Another man came to the conclusion that he had lost his head, and was only convinced that such was not the case by having a heavy lead hat, which had been expressly made, placed upon it, and the pressure after a time made him understand that he had conceived an erroneous impression.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Feligned Deafness.

In a regiment in India a private wanted to get home and saw no other way than shamming deafness. He reported himself sick and was sent to the hospital. The doctors tried all sorts of ways to find him out, but he was too sharp for them. One day the doctor determined to try him by firing a pistol off just behind him, but he got to hear of the experiment and of course was prepared for it. As he and his chum were sitting on their cots opposite each other smoking the doctor stole into the room unawares as he thought, and fired the pistol close to his ear. He, however, took no notice of the report, but on seeing the smoke he turned to his chum and said: "Put your pipe out, you fool, the doctor will be round directly." His ruse worked.—N. Y. Post.

A toe post is an English boot-maker's ingenious device for correcting distortions in the feet of men and women. It is a thin, vertical steel plate, covered with leather, which rises from the inside of the sole and separates the great toe from the toe next to it, thus correcting the tendency of the great toe to become twisted round. Of course, hosiery having a separate compartment for the great toe is also necessary.

### FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

Parties having final proof notices in these columns will receive a marked copy of the paper which contains first insertion of same. It is the duty of each claimant to examine their notice carefully and should there be any error the fact should be reported to the land office and to this office at once for correction.

U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr., April 15th, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that George Dew, of Wood Lake, Nebraska, has filed notice of his intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebraska, on Monday, the 18th day of May, 1896, on timber culture application No. 777, for the e1/2 sec 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 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U. S. Land Office at Valentine, Nebr., April 15th, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that Sophie D. Jones has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebraska, on the 6th day of June, 1896, on timber culture application No. 749, for the e1/2 sec 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 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U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebr., April 15th, 1896.  
Notice is hereby given that Crowell L. Wemple, of Table Rock, Nebraska, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at their office in Valentine, Nebr., on Wednesday the 27th day of May, 1896, on timber culture application No. 743, for the e1/2 sec 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 1