

HE WANTED TO SHOW OFF.

Not Found That That He Was Not Quite as Young as He Used to Be.

He had been something of an athlete in his youthful days, but after he was married he stopped burning handkerchiefs and confined his athletic to an occasional stroll with the saw-buck.

Without delay he rigged up a temporary gymnasium in the barn. The apparatus consisted entirely of a ladder suspended horizontally several feet above the floor.

Therein he made a fatal mistake, and soon discovered that the suppleness of youth had gone with the years. He got down all right, but he couldn't get back.

He shunted to the now terrified children to run for hay and pile it up below him, and then he felt that he was going to fall.

The dull, sickening thud was somewhat deadened by the hay, but the athlete was beyond the reach of sound.

He was stiff and sore the next day, and, though not sufficiently recovered to be able to go to the city, he managed to take down the horizontal ladder and place it in its former upright position in the corner of the barn.

KING RICHARD.

The Remarkable Victories of the Lion-Hearted Crusader.

The success of King Richard (Lion Heart), though not complete, was all the more remarkable. When he landed at Acre, in 1191, he already had in his gift a kingdom nearly as large as that which King Guy had lost—the island of Cyprus, conquered by English soldiers sailing in an English fleet, which the Latins had never before attempted to take from its so-called "emperor," Isaac Comnenus.

The reconquest of Palestine, in face of a united Islam under a victorious leader, who was respected for his austere religious conduct, and trusted on account of his skill and genius, was no easy task; but it was necessary for the prosperity of the great Italian trade, and demanded by the public opinion of Europe.

His treaty, made after the French had deserted, when he himself had won a great battle, had taken Acre by assault, and had chased the Moslems out of all Sharon and Philistia to Gaza, brought about a state of affairs which endured for a century after, says the Edinburgh Review.

And that's what they did, probably, for there was no sign of them next morning.

The Groom—Instinct! What you mean, honey?

The Artist Has Grown Wise. "Does your artist friend paint portraits true to life?"

Not a Courtier. Turnpike Walker—I say, Willie, let's go to England and live at court.

Graded Shampoo. Victim—Ooo! Phew! You charge double price for this kind of shampoo, don't you?

Barber—Yes. Victim—I thought so. I notice that you make me suffer twice as much.

AN EXPERIENCE ALOFT.

Jake Has a Yacht With a Polar Bear in the Rigging.

There is an old sailor named Jake, recently returned to San Francisco from an Arctic cruise who has made up his mind not to go on another whaling voyage.

One day while Jake was on the watch in the night—'t was a moon night as it ever gets up there in summer. The sun had been down about an hour, and it was a beautiful night.

Jake suddenly saw something white in the gloom climbing the mast. His first impulse was to jump to the deck, but before he could reach the deck, the white object crawled through the lubber hole, and Jake then saw that it was a polar bear.

Jake realized that he was in a most dangerous position and began to think of means of escape. He called to the watch on deck below, but they couldn't hear.

He grabbed him and pulled him back. It began thumping him and every time Jake attempted to move away it would growl. Suddenly his eyes lighted on a rope hanging to the deck just back of the cradle.

When he reached the deck he looked up and saw the rope swing back to the cradle, when the bear grabbed it. It tried to do as it had seen Jake do, but had no sooner swung clear than it slipped and fell to the deck. The crew had breakfast.

Surprise of His Life. Sir William Don was a handsome lad, when he came into his fortune, spent it in gambling, in the space of four or five years, and then went on the stage.

One day he said to a friend, "My dear John, if you will take a walk with me, I will give you the great surprise of my life. You will see me pay a bill!"

Let Them Steal. She thought she heard burglars and she waked her husband.

"Well, my dear," he said, when she had, in fear and trembling, explained the state of the case to him, "let them go."

"But they won't go," she urged. "Let them steal, then."

"But there is nothing I want them to steal."

"I suppose," he said, "you would not object if they stole away, would you?"

Must Have Been Instinct. The Bride, as they emerge from the tunnel—Law's sakes, James! You men hab a natural borned instinct for kissing.

The Groom—Instinct! What you mean, honey?

The Bride—Why, how in de woi you ebbor found my mouf in all de darkness od dat tunnel is pas' my undahstandin'.

Does your artist friend paint portraits true to life?

He did at first but he has learned better.

Yes; the first two or three commissions he executed were so true to life that the sitters refused to take the pictures.

Turnpike Walker—I say, Willie, let's go to England and live at court. We're gents of leisure.

Willie Werk—Not much. I git all the court livin' I want right here at home. Thirty days of it once a year is an ample sufficiency for me, Mr. Walker.

Canon Law.

The constitutions of popes are not subject, but subordinate to ecclesiastical constitutions.

It is not lawful for an emperor to enact anything opposed to the apostolic rules.

No pope of anyone can thwart the statute of the pope.

The pope imposed by the holy see to be borne, though it appear intolerable and insupportable.

The pontiff can neither be bound nor bound by the secular power.

That the Pontiff was excommunicated by the pious Prince Constantine, and that as god he cannot be judged again.

That all laws contrary to the canons and decrees of the Roman prelates are of no force.

That all of the ordinances of the pope are unconditionally to be obeyed.

That the civil law is derived from man, but the ecclesiastical or canon law is derived from god, by which the pontiff can condemn for the whole christian world.

Advocates or notaries, favoring heretics, or their defenders, or pleading for them in law suits, or writing documents for them, are infamous and suspended from office.

The secular powers, whether permanent or temporary, are bound to swear that they will exterminate, according to these over, all heretics condemned by the church, and a temporal lord not purging his land of heretics, is excommunicated.

Those signified with the cross for the extermination of heretics, rejoice in the privilege granted to the crusaders for the exp of the holy land.

Whoever dies in battle against the unbeliever, merits the kingdom of heaven.

That Catholic Princes are bound, both by civil and common law, not to receive or tolerate heretics, and much more are not to permit their rites, or other exercise of their religion, or rather their false sect, but are most solemnly bound everywhere, to repel and expel them.

The following temporal punishments are to be enforced on heretics: 1st—Infamy, and the consequent disqualifications for all civil acts, 2nd—Intestability, as well active as passive that is, they can neither make nor inherit what is left to them by others, 3rd—Loss of paternal power over children, 4th—Loss of dowry, and other privileges granted to women, 5th—Confiscation of all goods, 6th—That vassals and slaves and others are free from all, even sworn obligations due to their lord or another, 7th—Capital corporal punishment, especially death, and perpetual imprisonment.

The canon law forbids all toleration.

That metropolitans and bishops are to excommunicate him who grants liberty of conscience.

No oath is to be kept toward heretic princes, lords or others.

Heretics are to be deprived of all civil and paternal rights.

The pope can absolve from all oaths.

Every bishop is ordinary judge in a cause of heresy. The reason is because the bishops can ex-communicate, and ought to extirpate heretics, and inflict upon them the due punishments, and to this are bound on pain of deposition. Besides, are the inquisitors especially deputed by the apostolic see.

Every bishop in his diocese is thought to be and in reality is, a natural inquisitor, (differently born inquisitor, so as to have the same power with those already mentioned in a cause of heresy.

In every promissory oath, although absolutely taken, there are certain conditions tacitly understood, amongst which are:—1st—If I can; 2nd—To save the right and authority of a superior; 3rd—When the oath supposes the honor of the apostolic see to be illit.

That the council of Trent, (the last and great authority of Rome, decrees and commands that the sacred canons and all general councils, also the other apostolic enactments issued in favor of ecclesiastical persons of ecclesiastical liberty, and against its violators, all of which by this present decree it renews, and must be exactly observed by all.

Cardinal's Oath. "I, ———, cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient unto St. Peter, the holy apostle of the Roman church, and our most holy lord, the pope of Rome, and his successors, canonically and lawfully elected; that I will give no advice, consent or assistance against the pontifical majesty and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the councils entrusted to me by themselves, or by messengers or letters; also that I will give no assistance in retaining, defending and recovering the Roman papacy and the regalia of Peter, with all my might and endeavor, so far as the rights and privileges of my order will allow it, and will defend them against all their honor and state, and I will direct and defend, with due form and honor, the legates and nuncios of the apostolic see, in the territories, churches, monasteries and other benefices committed to my keeping; and I will cordially co-operate with them and treat them with honor in their coming, abiding and returning, and that I will resist unto blood all persons whatsoever who shall attempt anything against them. That I will, by every way and by every means strive to preserve, augment and advance the rights, honors, privileges, the authority of the Holy Roman bishop, our lord the pope and his before mentioned successors, and that at whatever time anything shall be decided to their prejudice, which is out of my power to hinder, as soon as I shall know that any steps or measures have been taken in the matter, I will make it known to the same, our lord or his successors, or some other person by whose means it may be brought to

their knowledge. That I keep and carry out and cause others to keep and carry out the rules of the holy father, the doctors, prelates, dispensations, reservations, prohibitions, apostolic mandates and constitutions of the Holy Father, Nuncios, of happy memory, who visiting the throne of the apostolic see at certain prescribed times, according to the tenor of that which I have just read through. That I will seek out and oppose, persecute and fight most constant perseverance and impudently against heretics, schismatics who oppose our lord, the pope of Rome, and his before-mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effect."

Signature: This oath to the pope.

Bishop's Oath. "I, ———, bishop of the Diocese of ———, from henceforward will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter the Apostle and to the Holy Roman church, and to our lord, the holy pope of Rome, and to his successors, canonically entering. I will neither advise, consent nor do anything that they may lose life or member, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in anywise laid upon them, or any injuries offered to them, under any pretense whatsoever. The counsel with which they shall instruct me by themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to any, to their prejudice. I will help them to defend and keep the Roman papacy and the regalia of St. Peter against all men. The legate of the apostolic see, going and coming, I will honorably treat and help in his necessities. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman church of our lord, the pope, and his aforesaid successors, I will endeavor to preserve, defend, increase and advance. I will not be in any counsel, action or treaty, in which shall be plotted against our said lord and Roman church, anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and if I shall know any such thing to be treated or agitated by any whatsoever, I will hinder it to my utmost, and as soon as I can, I will signify it to our lord. The ordinance and mandates of the pope, I will observe with all my might and cause to be observed by others.

Heretics, schismatics and rebels to our said lord or his successors, I will to my utmost persecute and oppose.

Heretics, schismatics and rebels predict pro posse persecutor et opugnabo."

I will come to a council when I am called, every three years and give an account of our lord of all my pastoral office and of the things belonging to my diocese, to the discipline of my clergy and people. I will in like manner humbly receive and diligently execute the apostolic commands. If I am detained by a lawful impediment, I will perform the aforesaid by a member of my chapter or a priest of my diocese, fully instructed in all things above mentioned. The possessions belonging to my table, I will neither sell nor otherwise alienate without consulting the Roman pontiff. So help me God and these holy gospels of God."

Signature. Sent to the Romish Manager.

Priest's Oath. "I, ———, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred Hosts of Heaven, and to you, my lord, I do de here from my self, without mental reservation that the pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ he has power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurper and heretical, opposing the sacred mother of the church of Rome.

I do denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any Protestant king, prince or state or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable and those to be damned who will not forsake the same.

I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the Protestant doctrine and to destroy all their pretended power, regal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I may be permitted by dispensation to assume any heretical religion (Protestant denomination) for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her secret counsels as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me by you, my most reverend lord and bishop.

All of which I, ———, do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed sacrament which I am about to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep inviolably; and do call on all the Heavenly and Glorious Host of Heaven to witness my real intentions to keep this my oath.

In testimony whereof I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my consecrated hand, in the presence of my holy bishop and all the priests who assist him in my ordination to the priesthood."

Extreme Oath of the Jesuit. "I, ———, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred host of heaven, and to you my ghostly father, the superior general of the society of Jesus, founded by saint Ignatius Loyola in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do, by the wondrous of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vice-gent, and is the true and only head of the Catholic or universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by our Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America, and elsewhere, and all adherents

in regard that they be usurper and heretical, opposing the sacred church of Rome.

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with in assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep secret and private all her secret counsels from time to time, as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatever, given in charge or discovered unto me by you my ghostly father, or any of this sacred convent.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whatsoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the pingles of India, to theaters of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever, communicated to me.

I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flog, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father, of the society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all corporal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and my feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever.

All of which I, ———, do swear by the blessed Trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep inviolably; and do call on all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness these my real intentions to keep this my oath.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of this holy convent.

[He receives the wafer from the superior and writes his name with the point of his dagger, dipped in his own blood, taken from over the heart.]

Oath of the Clan-na-Gael. The following is the oath taken by the members of that famous Romish Catholic society:

"I name in full, do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will labor while life is left in me to establish and defend a republican form of government in Ireland; that I will keep secret the names and everything connected with the Irish brotherhood from all not entitled to know such secrets; that I will obey and comply with the constitution and laws of the same, whatever they may be; that I will preserve the funds of this order for the cause of Irish revolution alone as specified in the constitution; that I will deem it my special duty and mission to promote and foster sentiments of union, brotherly love, nationality, among all Irish Catholics; that I will not permit the nomination in any political caucus or convention of a person not pledged to the principles of this society; I will always give a member of this brotherhood preference in all matters of business, and will vote and work only for Irishmen for political office. I take this obligation without any mental reservation, holding the same forever binding upon me, and that any violation thereof or desertion of my duty to the brotherhood is infamous, and merits the severest punishment, so help me God."

This oath the candidate is obliged to keep at the hazard of his life. It was printed in the Chicago Inter-Ocean and was sworn to be correct at the Cronin trial. It was reported by said paper December 16, 1893. Priests and bishops, act as chaplains for this holy (?) order.

The Fenian's Oath. "I swear by almighty God, by all in heaven and earth; by the holy prayer-book of my holy church, by the blessed Virgin Mary mother of God, by her sorrow and grief at the cross, by her tears and wallings, by the holy apostles St. Peter and Paul, by the glorious apostle St. Patrick—by the blessed and holy church of all ages, by the holy national martyrs, to fight upon the Irish soil, to fight for the independence of Ireland—to fight until I die, wading in the red gore of the Sassenach (Protestant) for the glorious cause of nationality; to fight until not a single vestige, track or footprint is left to tell that the holy soil of Ireland was ever trodden by the Sassenach tyrants and murderers; and, moreover, when the Protestant robbers and cruises in Ireland shall be murdered and driven into the sea like the swine our Lord Jesus Christ caused to be drowned, then we shall embark for, and take England, and root out every vestige of the accursed blood of the heretic adulterer, Henry VIII., and possess ourselves of the beasts who have so long kept our island of saints—Old Ireland—in the

chains of bondage—drive us from her shores, unless they forsake her. I will wade in the blood of Sassenachs and heretics (Protestants) who do not join us and become our allies.

Scotland too, having given aid and succor to the beast, we shall live in her gore. We shall not give up until we have retained our holy faith till over the British Isles.

To all of this I sincerely and conscientiously swear with my eyes blinded, not knowing who to be administrators this oath.

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