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An Aged Mule.

Capt. Tom Brabson, a well-known farmer living on the French Broad river, near Boyd's creek, Tenn., is the owner of a white mule 45 years of age. The venerable beast was kept in the harness until two years ago, when he was retired on a pension. He has been in the possession of the mule for thirty-five years and can vouch for his age.

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THE PERSONAL DEVIL.

Burdette Discourses on a Theological Subject.

Do I believe in a personal devil, son? Don't I? I don't know of any creature in the universe more given to personality than this same devil to whom you allude.

I believe in demoniacal possessions. I myself have seen men possessed with devils exceedingly fierce. I have seen a child which had a dumb spirit. Why I myself have been grievously vexed with a devil. Not once, my son, but many times; not only twenty-five years ago, but yesterday, possibly to-day; more than likely to-morrow.

Why, my boy, did you never get up in the morning with a demon of ill humor, of perversity of hatefulness, in full possession of you? You feel strong, vigorous, well; your head doesn't ache; your vision is clear, your debts are paid; the day is bright, sunny, beautiful; nobody gives you a cross word; everybody in the dining-room speaks pleasantly to you as you come in, and the bitter, mean, waspish devil of perversity that has possession of you snarls out a hateful answer the minute you open your lips to speak; makes you say something you never intended to say; puts into your mouth words that make your own heart ache, as your eyes see the lips that you love quiver with pain at your harshness.

Have you never maintained a surly, mean, cruel humor while a brave, loving face, looking up into your clouded brow, was cheerily trying to cast out the evil spirit? Have you never done some mean thing at which your better nature revolted? Never been ill tempered all day when you had no cause, no reason for it and were torturing yourself even as you tortured those whom you most dearly loved?

Ah, yes; you have writhed in the clutches of these devils of perversity, obstinacy, ill humor, unreasoning and unreasonable meanness, fiercely crying out against the love that would cast out the evil spirits.

But this, you say, is owing to physical and mental causes. The body is in ill health, and there is in the human organization an integration and co-ordination of vital action, which—there, that will do; I always feel one coming into me when I hear you talk in that way. Physical health has nothing to do with it, because some of the greatest sufferers the world has ever known have been entirely free from this demoniac possession, while some of the meanest men I ever knew have lived in perfect health to their eightieth year. You know yourself that when you feel that way you are possessed of a devil.

Do I believe in him? My boy, it doesn't make a particle of difference whether a man with the jumping toothache believes in the toothache or not; he's got it; the toothache is in possession just the same. And, between you and me and the man named Legion, he acts for all the world as though he did believe in it.

NOTWITHSTANDING her tiff with Uncle Sam, Italy will make an exhibit at the World's Fair. It will not, however, be a very brilliant or expensive one, owing to the embarrassed condition of the Italian finances.

The Rate Question.

Lincoln Call—

The investigation of railroad rates by the board of transportaion at Kearney was a subject of absorbing interest. The entire town seemed to be wrought up over the matter there being two factions among the people, one desiring a reduction of rates and the other declaring that the best business policy for the state to pursue at this time is to let rates alone and "stop what is interpreted as attacks at capital," as one man expressed it. The business men urged the let alone policy, while ex-County Judge Baird, who is now the alliance candidate for district judge led out in the fight for reduction in a very aggressive manner. M. A. J. Gustin opened the argument showing that there is a difference in the system by which eastern and western roads classify their freights and that such articles as fertilizers, flax straw, tobacco dust glassware were fifth class on the other side the Missouri river, while on this side they were fourth class. He claimed that the rate on tinware was quoted at double first class and asked the the railroads to explain why they rated tinware as double first class while it is only first class east of the Missouri river. To this Mr. Monroe traffic manager of the Union Pacific road responded, explaining that the double first class rate on tinware shipped in packages was to discourage the shipment of tinware in that way as it was liable to be damaged in handling and the company would suffer more loss on damaged goods than the freight charges would amount to. He, however, further explained that tinware put up in boxes or barrels was only second class, while if in solid packages it is only third class. As a rule tinware is shipped in solid packages and pays only third class freight. This answer seemed to surprise Mr. Gustin and he retired temporally from the argument.

At this point in the discussion Mr. Holmes, a Kearney merchant, arose with considerable feeling and spoke with much force, urging that it was not to the interest of Kearney nor the state at large to attack railroads while the state was yet new and needed the friendship and co-operation of railroad and railroad builders. He claimed that friendship, and not hostility should chacterize public sentiment toward capital that had come west to grow up with the country. If the farmers and business men had suffered last year through crop failure so had the railroads, and their constantly shrinking value should not be still further depressed by the announcemen throughout the country that the state through its officials had dealt a harder blow just at the time they were about to be able to recoup themselves by the hauling of the present crop. Farmers business men and everybody expect this year to regain a part of what they lost last year and why not allow railroads to recover from depression on the same plan that other people do.

Mr. Holmes stated that this anti-railroad agitation was not in accord with the sentiment or wishes of the business men and the progressive forces of this state, and it was time that men who had business interests at stake should stand up and resist this sentiment of hostility which if let alone until it got conrol of the affairs of the state would ultimately do a great deal of mischief. He spoke in behalf of Kearney and the progressive spirit of her people and said. Mr. Gustin did not represent the sentiment of the town in which he lived. Mr. Holmes then presented to the board an address signed by the business men of Kearney remonstrating against the anti-railroad cry which he said was driving back the tide of prosperity instead of crowding it onward. Mr. Holmes argued further there are two forces in society, the one a building and progressive force, the other a destructive and retarding force. The railroads of a state are one of its main building forces. If they progress and prosper they give tone and vigor to the financial vitality of the state. They have faculty of crowding their peculiar force and energy into all the various avenues of commerce. A state whose railroads are managed by active and progressive men is always an active and progressive state. A state whose railroads are underpaid and are officered by second class men, who follow and try to unite, but never originate new schemes and plans for development and progress, is always a second class state, to which the emigration of the world never look expectantly, its land goes begging at a low figure, its towns and cities are lifeless and dull, and its people naturally sink into dull lethargy. Mr. Holmes said he had come to this state because it had the reputation of being a progressive state where all values had the upward tendency, and he had settled in Kearney because it was a progressive town and had the snap and vigor to "get there" in the race.

"Look at these surroundings" said Mr. Holmes, waving his hand in the direction of the cornfields "There's a picture of prosperity that is not surpassed by any state in the civilized word. There's a farming community who have prospered as no other farming community ever prospered in the history of any state.

Mr. Monroe of the Union Pacific explained that it was the policy of the roads to so adjust their freight rates that the outgoing rate toward the eastern markets should be lower than the incoming rate for the season; that this is a state that sells more than it buys. This state is engaged principally in raising grain and stock and it wants to sell grain and stock rather than buy sugar and coffee. It is true that our people buy sugar and coffee and hundreds of other small commodities, but that constitutes but a small proportion of our business transactions, and the average farmar pays but a small pittance of freight charges (admitting for sake of argument that the consumer pays the freight) on his annual purchases of these small commodities, but the farmers principal transportations consist in selling the products of his farm and he is interested in having a low rate on east bound farm products, and that is just what he gets under the present policy of the roads.

A gentleman whose name was not announced arose in the audiance and said that the consumer always paid the freight. "Then" said Mr. Holdrege "if the consumer pays the freight surely the consumer of your farm products pays the freight at the eastern end and it would be no relief to save a still lower rate on the eastern shipment of these products. "No," said the gentleman. "The farmer pays the freight on the eastern shipments of his products" "Then," retorted Mr. Holdredge, "if you insist on having it that, if the farmer at this end of the line pays the freight on shipment of his corn and cattle to the eastern market, it must follow that the eastern man who sends his goods to Nebraska pays the freight at that end of the line." "I say," said the gentleman, raising his hand emphatically, "that whenever freight rates go down the prices go up." "Then," said Mr. Holdredge, "if rates were reduced on hard coal, the price of hard coal would go up wouldn't it?" And so they had it back and forth until half a dozen men on either side were firing shots at each other in quick succession. The board adjourned to meet at Norfolk on the 25th.

Unsold Books in Paris

Parisians—if we are to judge from some statistics published—do not take so kindly at present to fiction in book form. Formerly the yellow covered novel, which costs usually about half a crown or a little more when just issued was to be seen on every table and in the hands of numerous travelers by boat, rail or car. There is now, however, a crisis threatened in the book trade, and novels are at considerable discount.

It is estimated that there are from fifteen to twenty popular authors whose books fill the requirements of the publishers. To attain this end at least thirty thousand copies of a work must be sold. Zola and a few others reach this point easily, but it has happened lately that one of the most celebrated of the latter-day fictionists had misfortune to find that 45,000 copies of his last production were returned to the publishers by the Mason Hachette, which has the monopoly of railway bookstalls.

Of a splendidly bound book by a famous author, ornamented with designs by eminent artists and advertised in the most extesive and elaborate manner only one copy was got off. Of another work of the same description, but less expensive, only six copies were sold, the remainder being handed over at a ridiculous price to the secondhand booksellers that one publisher in Paris has now on hand 3,000,000 volumes which he cannot sell.—London Telegraph.

The Mystery of Inheritance.

The body of an individual animal or plant is to be regarded from the point of view of heredity, consisting of two distinct elements. These are germ cells and body cells, the former devoted to the important work of reproducing the race, the latter constituting the actual bodily material, and discharging all the ordinary functions through which the individual life is maintained. Inheritance is a matter of the continuity of the germ psalm or germ cells which are handed down from one generation to another in cumultative ratio carrying with them in each case not the features and qualities of the one predecessor and parent, but of all preceding generations.

Assuming that the germ psalm is liable to exhibit varations, we can see how and why such variations can be transmitted to new generations; but we have also to take into account the influence on the germ cells of the body to which they belong. While, then, inheritance preserves through the continuity of the germ cells the stability of the race, it gives the rein to variation, and by the combined influences of environment acting on the individual peoples the world with new and ever varying forms of life.—Dr. Alexander Wilson in Harper's.

Chalk, manganese and graphite have been found in Coffee county, Tenn. The chalk is equal to white crayon for writing on a blackboard, and the black graphite writes on a paper equal to soft black lead pencil. The other mineral is a hard black substance, much resembling in weight, color and pores black manganese.

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Terrors of a Nightmare.

A London artist of eminence has the nightmare occassionally, but with him it invariably takes one form. He seems to to be awakened by a sensation of coldness, such as might be caused by the sudden admission of outdoor air, and, at the same time sees a man's hand busy with the window-fastening. He slips quietly from his bed, takes up the poker, conceals himself behind the window-curtain, hears the fastening of the window thrust back, and with a sensation of spiteful glee raises his weapon to bring it down with all his force upon the head which he knows will in a minute or two be thrust into his room. The window is softly and slowly raised, and he is in a quiver of eagerness to deal the vengeful blow, a grim smile on his face, a fierce flash in his eye, when lo! the head appears.

But horror of horrors! That artist's upraised arm is still and rigid; he can not strike the blow. And the face then turned toward him is one of hideous mockery and scorn, with a protruding tongue, the fangs of a wild beast and the expression of a fiend And so he remains face to face with his frightful enemy, utterly helpless and in a state of indescribable torture. The effect of nightmare in this form is, he tells me, an almost maddening one, and he can only account for its frequent repetition as resulting from an unusually powerful impression made upon his memory in conjunction with its curious ally, the imagination, which is in this case, one of more than usual power.

Popularity of the Rose.

The sale of roses in this country amounts to fully 1,000,000 plants a year at the present time. There are no statistics by which the exact number can be learned, but a knowledge of the extent of cultivation by the principal propagators enables us to estimate roughly as above stated. The probability is that the annual sale exceeds considerably rather than falls short of this amount. These plants are almost wholly raised on their own roots, as budded plants, which at one time were quite common, have fallen into disrepute and will now scarcely command a purchaser. The popular judgment in this respect is no doubt right, and will be sustained. Budded plants, except with some weak growing varieties, will never again be in vogue, and the number of excellent varieties of vigorous growth is so great that delicate growers will be discarded for this fault alone, no matter what other good qualities they may possess.

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