

Antiquity of the Saw.

The saw is an instrument of high antiquity, its invention being attributed either to Dedalus or to his nephew Pheidias, also called Talos, who, having found the jaw of a serpent and divided a piece of wood with it, was led to imitate the teeth in iron. In a book-relief published by Winckelmann, Dedalus is represented holding a saw approaching very closely in form to the Egyptian saw. St. Jerome seems clearly to allude to the circular saw, which was probably used, as at present, in cutting veneers. There are also imitations of the use of the center bit, and even in the time of Cicero it was employed by thieves. Pliny mentions the use of the saw in ancient Belgium for cutting white building stone, some of the ancient and cretaceous rocks are still treated in the same manner, both in that part of the Continent and in the south of England. In this case Pliny must be understood to speak of a proper or toothed saw. The saw without teeth was then used just as it is now by the workers in marble, and the place of teeth was supplied, according to the stone, either by emery or by various kinds of sand of inferior hardness. In this manner the ancient artificers were able to cut slabs of the hardest rocks, which consequently were adapted to receive the highest polish, such as granite, porphyry, lapis lazuli, and amethyst.

Gum Arabic.

About a year ago it was noticed that the extensive falsification to which gum arabic was being subjected, owing to the disturbances in inner Africa, has made good gum rare and expensive. In consequence of this scarcity other substances are introduced from Australia, South America, etc., as substitutes for gum arabic, but none of them is equal to the genuine Soudan gum.

A. Jacksch, in a paper on this subject states that inferior materials mixed with gum Gheziri are coming into Germany in large quantities, and being sold as 'gum in granule,' and that many of the best firms have been deceived.

It is impossible to recognize this imposture by simply dissolving the substance, for the gelatinous particulars being very fine are suspended in solution and remain invisible; but the adulteration can easily be detected as follows:

Some of the suspected sample is mixed with ten times its weight of hot water, and then allowed to stand for three or four hours, stirring the mixture occasionally. The insoluble matter will settle down, and then about half of the liquid should be poured off, and the same quantity of cold water added to make up the original bulk, which is then stirred and again set to stand, and repeat twice.

Experience is a torch lighted in the ashes of our delusions.

It is often a nobler work to conquer a doubt than a rebuff.

In evil, the best condition is not to will; the next, not to do.

Death opens the gate to good fame and extinguisheth envy.

Puck: "Doctor," said the medical student, "is a blind man apt to be an idiot?"

"Why, no. What makes you ask that?"

"The adage says: 'Out of sight out of mind.'"

Philadelphia Times: Whatever may be said of a sweetheart she can't be too good to be true.

He may be: envy, who is either outrageous or happy.

Religious that isn't used every day won't keep very long.

BUTLER'S LEGAL TALENT.

He Had No Superiors and Few Peers in the Country.

I do not know of any lawyer in the United States who was so well versed in the laws of evidence as the late General Benjamin Franklin Butler, writes Isaac Angel, a well-known New York lawyer, in the Sunday Journal. He could introduce more evidence and exclude more matter in any case legally than any other man at the bar. He was a power on the law of evidence. His specialty lay in torts. Here he was a master. Indeed, in this line he had no equal in English-speaking countries, with the exception, perhaps, of Mr. Hawkins, Q. C., now Justice Hawkins, of London, who was the senior counsel for the prosecution in the Tichborne case.

Gen. Butler was a safe counsel. Whoever sought his advice and followed it invariably came out a victor in all litigations. Among lawyers he was not an arrogant man. He was kind hearted. He always had a good word for the younger men at the bar, and he had a way of doing them a favor without advertising himself.

Here is an illustration: Early in the seventies he had occasion to give an opinion in Boston on the laws of Massachusetts concerning the constitutionality of a measure passed by the Legislature in reference to law-breaking. I worked on the case two or three days, and received as my fee \$100, which sum I considered magnificent compensation, for I was very young at the bar.

I delivered my opinion in writing. One of the committeemen appointed to receive it felt a little uneasy about it, and delicately intimated to his brother committeemen that he would feel more tranquil in mind if Gen. Butler's opinion could be obtained on the same subject.

The General was seen, and stipulated that he would furnish his opinion for \$500. The money was paid in advance. Two days afterward he sent for me. "Is this your opinion?" he asked, showing me my written statement, underneath which he had added the words, "I concur in the above." I told him that it was. "How much did they pay you for it?" was his next question.

"I said they had paid me \$100. 'Well, it was worth more,'" said the General, as he drew two one hundred dollar bills from his pocketbook and gave them to me.

General Butler was never known to take a dollar for legal services rendered a soldier's widow or orphan. He was a man who undoubtedly had a great many enemies at the bar. But they feared him because he could always maintain his points.

Nevada Justice.

Over at Silver Peak, Nev., when that camp was lively, was a man on the pay roll under the name of John Pollard, and one day he went to the postoffice and asked if there were any letters addressed to John McTeague. The postmaster said "Yes."

"Well, I want them," he replied.

"How's that? Isn't your name Pollard?" asked the postmaster.

"Yes, but I want those letters."

"Have you got any order from McTeague?"

"No, I don't need any. Hand them out, you—"

"I don't know about that," continued the postmaster. "I don't want any trouble, but I have no right to give you another man's letters without a written order."

Just then some other men came in for mail and Pollard went away.

Later, while the postmaster was preparing to go to bed, he heard a knock at the door. Pollard had returned. He explained that his real name was McTeague and Pollard an assumed one, and added that he was sorry for his uncalculated language, but he hated to acknowledge that he was living under an assumed name.

The man spoke in such sincere tones that the postmaster opened the door and gave him the letters addressed to McTeague. Then the fellow shot the postmaster dead.

Nevada justice was stern to the degree that McTeague was sent to the penitentiary for seven years.—New York Sun.

Renan's Delayed Remark.

Renan had a great contempt for mere words, however eloquent. One evening he met at a sort of literary dinner M. Caro, the philosopher, beloved of the ladies, who set himself to prove the existence of God. His eloquent assertions did not seem to interest the sage. In the middle of one of his most sonorous periods M. Renan attempted to make himself heard.

But all the ladies were intensely interested; they would not have their pleasure spoiled.

"In a moment, M. Renan; we will listen to you in your turn."

He bowed submissively.

Towards the end of dinner M. Caro, out of breath, stopped with a rhetorical emphasis. At once every one turned towards the illustrious scholar, hoping that he would enter the lists, and the hostess, with an encouraging smile, said:

"Now, M. Renan—"

"I am afraid, dear lady, that I am now a little behindhand."

"No, no!"

"I wanted to ask for a little more potato."

How to Keep a Gun from Rusting.

Have a ring of zinc soldered round the barrel, or, if it is not convenient to do this, have a long strip of zinc soldered out of sight underneath the barrel. The galvanic action which is excited between the zinc and the iron effectually prevents the oxidation of either metal, and as long as the zinc remains in contact with the iron not a particle of rust will appear on either the inside or outside of the barrel.



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At Death's Door

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As the old Rogereses died out their places were taken by the younger ones, and thus for two centuries these victims of hereditary vagrancy have covered several states. "We're the Rogereses" is the cry they make whenever asked for their identity.—American Reliquary.

She Wanted All Particulars.

The Maine steamboat engineer was polite and attentive. It may be that he was flattered by the fact that a lady so impressive in her manner should have come to him for information. At any rate, he told her all about it, just where the steam went into the cylinder, where it escaped, and how it was that the piston rod attached to the crank turned the wheels that propelled the little vessel through the waves. She appeared to be all wrapped up in the information, and when he had finished she turned a beaming face upon him and said: "Now, what is the object of the boiler?"

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Washington Star: "You say," said the actress to the sculptor, "that it will cost me \$10,000 to get a model for your next statue."

"Yes, madam."

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Boston Transcript. Hicks—Is that your dog?

"I suppose you consider him AI? Wicks—Oh, no; he is K9."

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