It Was His Route.

Some years ago there lived in Perth, Scotland, a man of convivial habits, well known by his Christian name, Jamie. One dark night an acquaintance found Jamie lying at the foot of an outside stair. "Is that you, Jamie? asked the acquaintance in a voice of greatest astonishment. "Aye, it's me," replied Jamie in a tone of complete resignation. "Have you fa'en doon the stair? was the next question. "Aye! I fell doon, but I was comin doon whether or no."

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ALL HIS CROPS FAILED.

A New Hampshire Granger Not Satisfied Even with His Children.

A gentleman who was rusticating in the northern part of New Hampshire took a tramp among the hills one day recently. In passing a hillside farm he saw an aged granger hoeing a very stony potato field near his house, and the gentleman stopped to converse with him.

"Your potatoes seem to be doing well," he started in.

"Oh, I reckon I'll hev a few pertaters," rejoined the farmer dryly, as he stopped hoeing the rocks off the vines and glanced at the stranger curiously from under the wide brim of his weather-beaten straw hat.

"Other crops good?"

"Oh, the crops is jest tolerible, as usual, I s'pose," replied the farmer indifferently, as he came up to the rail fence dragging his hoe after him. "But I'll tell yer jest how 'tis, squire," he continued confidentially. "I'm the most unfortunit ole critter in Coos County."

"Farming doesn't pay very well up here, I suppose?"

"Pay! Nothin' pays me, 'squire, but I did expect a leetle of suthen from my crop of young uns."

"Children turned out bad, eh?"

"Jes' so, stranger. The hull on 'em has been a dead loss to me. Dan'l—I named him for Dan'l Webster an' give him a good eddication—he's a hoss doctor; practiced on my old mare, an' she died. Zeke went inter what they call the green goods business—keepin' a grocery store, I s'pose—but he busted up, an' he writes me he's now working in a place called Sing Sing, says he's got a good, stiddy job, but the pay ain't good and he's allers wantin' to borrer a dollar from me. Sam an' Hi went ter brakin' on the railroad an' I had ter pay the funeral expenses of both of 'em. Maria Ann got married to a drummer at the county fair last fall, an' went up in a balloon, but they came down safe, an' hev ben honeymoonin' with me an' the old woman ever since. Lizy, my youngest, ain't wuth her keep, an' she's a teasin' me to buy her a bysuckle—me, who hain't laid eyes on a five dollar note sence the war. I tell yer stranger, I'm the most unfortunit old critter with my young ones that ever lived," he groaned.

"You certainly have had bad luck with your children."

"I should say I had. Now, there's Bill Durkee up ter Colebrook; he's had the greatest luck with his. They supports him in good style, and Bill hain't done a stroke o' work fur five years."

"All smart and steady, eh?"

"That's where you miss it, 'squire; they ain't any on um taken that way."

"How is it they get along so well, then?"

"They are all freaks, an' have all got good stiddy jobs the year around. Sal weighs 'bout a ton. Mirandy's got tremendous long hair an' his oldest boy was born without legs. An' here I be without even a mammoth hog or a two-headed calf," sighed the aged farmer as he went back to his beeing.

Trial of the Pyx.

The annual ceremony of testing the standard fineness of the gold and silver coins of the United States, as well as those of Great Britain, is called the "trial of the pyx." The custom is very ancient, and the name is derived from the "pyx," or chest, in which the coin reserved for examination were formerly kept. In the United States the trial, which is provided for by law, is made on the second Wednesday of each recurring February before the Judge of the United States District Court, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the New York Assay office and such other persons as the President may designate. A majority of the persons constitute a competent board, and the examination is made in the presence of the Director of the Mint.

The coins thus reserved for trial are made up from those selected from each delivery made by the chief coiner, deposited in the "pyx" and kept under the joint care of the Superintendent of the Mint and the Chief Assayer, each of whom has his separate lock and key.

Coins from other mints are transmitted quarterly for examination to the Director of the Mint, or in lieu of this he may test any piece which falls into his hands. The examiners detailed to make a "trial of the pyx" are not sworn, but they make a certified report of their doings. If this report shows the coins to be within the limit of tolerance in fineness and weight, it is filed. If not, the fact is certified to the President and if he should deem it proper so to do he may order all those implicated in the error to be thenceforth disqualified from holding office.

Mistaken.

The Viscountess Sherbrooke, wife of Robert Lowe, the well-known English statesman, was a woman of strong character, and she challenged criticism in that she was in the habit of saying whatever came into her mind at the moment.

She had sense and courage, a heart and a head, and she bore a large part in her husband's public life.

One repartee ascribed to her shows that she was at least ready with loyalty of speech. The French Embassador one day said to her somewhat patronizingly,—

"You know England is said to be a land of shopkeepers. I had no idea of finding there such great military displays."

"Ah," she replied, "the people of different countries do not understand each other. Now, I have actually been under the impression that the French were a great military nation!"

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"It costs considerable more to run a farm than people imagine," remarked a man to a Boston Herald contributor a few days ago. "A man may support a yacht, go off on long cruises, entertain liberally and gain the reputation of being a hail fellow well met; but often times, it has been asserted, the running of a farm is still more costly. People as a rule labor under the impression that the returns more than offset the outlay. They figure that the owner raises enough of vegetables and fruit to last him from year to year, and the fact that he can enjoy home-made butter is something not to be disregarded in summing up the profit and loss. No that idea is entirely erroneous, which I think I can prove to your satisfaction." Then, settling himself in his seat, the speaker went on to tell of the agricultural experience of William M. Evarts, the famous New York lawyer who has just celebrated his golden wedding on his farm. He realized at one time, it has been said, an income of over $50,000 yearly from his practice. He was also the owner of the place at Windsor, Vt., on which a gang of men was constantly employed. On one occasion a lady, hearing of Mr. Evarts' large income from his profession, exclaimed in the presence of the attorney's wife: "How rich they must be!" to which the latter replied, in a quiet manner: "You forget, madam, that we own a farm.' It is also related of the distinguished lawyer that, while entertaining a number of friends at his home one evening, he produced several bottles of champagne and a quantity of milk. Turning to his guests he said, without a semblance of humor: 'Gentleman, here is some milk from my farm and here is some wine. You can take your choice, they both cost the same."

Akward.

A bride tells of a difficult moment of her recent wedding trip. A few days of it were spent with an uncle of hers, very deaf and very pious. When they sat down to dinner on the night of their arrival, the uncle asked the groom to say grace. Much embarrassed, as he was unaccustomed to officiating in this way, he leaned forward, murmuring a request to be excused. Whereupon the uncle, watching him only waited until his lips stopped moving to utter a sonorous "Amen!" in response. It is hardly necessary to add that the blessing for that meal went unsaid.

The "Mule Shearer" Spider.

Yucatan is the home of an uncanny species of spider, known all over Central America as the "mule shearer." This queer representative of the mygale family has a habit of creeping up the legs of mules and horses and shearing off the hair that surrounds the hoof, especially the fetlock. The hair gained in this curious operation is used by the insect for nest building and is removed from the leg of the mule or horse by a strong pair of mandibles, which resemble those of a pinching bug. Animals bitten by the "mule shearer" always lose their hoof.

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Leases and Repairs.

Some of the rules by which the tenants of the Astors are bound are curious. For instance, says the New York Sun, although they will make almost any repair that a tenant suggests before the lease is signed, even though the repair may cost more than the rental, they will not spend a cent on the property during the existence of the lease. A lady who rented a house in Forty-fifth street from the Astors was told that she could have any repairs or alterations she wished, but no chandeliers. She had the house decorated from top to bottom, and many expensive repairs made, and there was not a remodstrance, but she had to supply all the chandeliers, at the cost of sixteen hundred dollars, herself. Of course, they remained her property, and she can take them away when she moves.

A curious incident is related by another tenant in Forty-fourth street. She leased a house at a rental of two thousand dollars for one year. When she came to renew the lease for another year she was informed that the rent would be only eighteen hundred dollars. She was told by somebody who pretended to know that the reduction was due to a deterioration in the value of the property, and that the Astors did not want more than a certain interest on it. That, however, was not true, as was learned upon inquiry at the office of the Astor estates. The clerks there said that the reduction was due simply to the fact that during the first year they had charged a percentage for repairs and changes. As none was required the second year the precentage was taken off. Nevertheless, it remains the fact that the reduction was voluntary, and to the tenant unexpected.

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"Why, aw—yes, Georgiana," said the young husband. "I belong to the Order of Elks."

"And would you rather spend the evening with a lot of Elks than with your own little dear?"

And Arthur meekly hung his hat up again.—Chicago Tribune.

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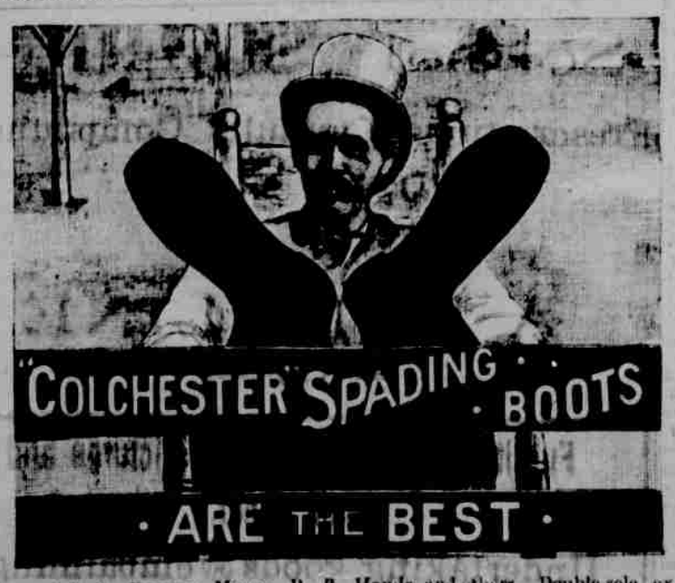

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