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PROOF POSITIVE.

The Photograph of the Fish Better Than an Affidavit.

In these days of sophisticated advancement no one believes a fish story unless the proofs are at hand.

A Chicago artist who is much given to angling makes periodical visits to Wisconsin lakes and invariably brings back large and terrifying yarns regarding his catch. Formerly one of his favorite yarns was that he pulled out a black bass that seemed to be eighteen inches long, and just as he was taking it in over the side of the boat it got away from him.

One night at his club he related how he and a man from Milwaukee went out before breakfast and got over 120 pounds of croppies.

"What became of them?" "Well, we ran out of ice and had to give them away," which explanation was greeted with derisive laughter.

He brought home once a long pine stick on which were two notches, indicating the length of a pike taken one evening just as the sun went down, and which lasted the camp three days.

"Anybody can make a couple of notches in a stick," said the skeptics. It is very trying. He would return from an expedition full of enthusiasm and large claims, only to meet some alleged friend who would take him aside and ask, seriously: "Now, between you and me, did you catch anything?"

Finally, driven to an extremity, he adopted the scheme which gave him reputation. He painted on a screen the picture of a small house, such as may be found at any fishing camp. Against this screen he would hang

a six-inch fish, the average size of his catch, and would then take a photograph of the fish and the background. According to the photograph the fish would reach from the eaves almost to the ground. The length would be, apparently, anywhere from four to six feet.

When they hoot at his claims and discount his narratives he says: "Gentlemen, the camera tells no lies. Here is a photograph of the monster, the largest ever taken from the lake. See for yourselves."

PACKING TRUNKS FOR A LIVING

An Occupation Which Ought to Suit Women and Should Pay in Season.

What is really a sensible occupation that could be managed from the women's exchanges would be that of trunk-packer. In these days of widespread summer travel, packing has come to be a dreaded necessity with women. The difference between skilled and unskilled trunk storing cannot be fully appreciated until the two are compared. There is an economy in it that is obvious. It means fewer trunks, less destruction to contents, and, above all, the blissful relief to bodies and brains taxed to the last degree in leaving a house in deserted summer trim, putting finishing touches to the family wardrobe, looking after the comfort of those to be left, and all the rest. There was a woman who wrapped a silk dress skirt last summer around a jar of grandma's preserves, which she could not resist attempting to bring home with her, who would better have employed a professional packer at \$1 a trunk. The cleaner's bill was \$4, and she lost it.

too. The occupation would not be so laborious to the professional packer as it is to the amateur. The confidence of knowledge is a great relief in itself, and the "professional" would insist upon the trunk being set upon a rest and all its intended contents spread out before her; serious helps to packing which the woman trying to be in half a dozen places at once on packing day often ignores. Meantime, if you must pack your own trunks, dear sister, spike your hats and bonnets to the trunk tray with your hat pins, discard boxes, pack bottles only in cork-lined cases that come for the purpose, carrying them in a separate bag otherwise and don't pack on a damp day near the window or you'll find your beautifully starched muslins and linens limp as a rag when they are taken out.

A Queer Name.

"Fair-play men" was the title given to a part of Lyncing county, Pa., now densely populated and dotted with prosperous towns and cities. The proprietary government, with a view to protecting Indians from intrusion, had forbidden the survey and settlement of the region, but some hard-treasured and hard-handed Scotch-Irish pioneers found their way into the forbidden territory, and, being outside the immediate jurisdiction of any properly constituted tribunal, they chose three of their number to settle disputes, and called them fair-play men. The decision of this tribunal, especially as to boundaries, were enforced by the whole community, and came in time to be respected even by the courts. When a chief justice of Pennsylvania asked one of the first

pioneers what were the features of the fair-play code, the pioneer is reported to have answered that since his honor's court had found its way into the region fair play had fled and law had taken its place.

An Arch of Gold Coins.

A novelty in the way of triumphal arches was seen when the governor general of India visited Rangoon not long back. One structure, very handsomely decorated to begin with, was still further enriched by being covered with gold mohurs and real sovereigns—valuable coins in India—worth over \$50,000, each mohur being equal to fifteen rupees. The coins were stuck to the red cloth with a glue that had been specially prepared for the purpose, and was no doubt sufficiently strong to keep the gold pieces quite safe from any attempt to steal them.

For The Campaign.

The campaign this fall will be of the greatest interest to all the citizens of Nebraska. The Omaha Weekly Bee will handle all the issues of importance during the campaign in its usual able manner and proposes to make a price of 20 cents for the balance of this year to all Nebraska subscribers who may desire to keep thoroughly posted on the important issues that will be discussed. Send us 20 cents in silver or stamps for the 12-page Weekly Bee up to January 1, 1895. Address, The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

THEY COOKED THE RAIN.

And With Lightning and Snow Made a Satisfactory Meal.

"Perhaps one of the most peculiarly prepared luncheons ever laid before hungry people was one which we had not long ago, when we were snowed up in a theater of a small Western town," said a theatrical man. "Upon this night, within the brief interval after the people left the theater, while we were dressing to go to our hotel, a terrific snowstorm—such as you can find only in the West—came up. The snow drifted against our doors and all about the streets, so that we had to remain all night in the theater. Of course, we got hungry, as actors will sometimes do, and we began to search for something eatable.

"We prowled around the property room, and we were about to give up in disgust when one of the company struck a box of beans, which were used to imitate the sound of rain. By shaking the box a stage rain storm could be produced. We took this 'rain' as the profession is pleased to call it, but saw no way of cooking it. Some one suggested that the 'thunder' might be a good thing to cook it upon, in lieu of nothing better. The 'thunder' was a sheet of tin or iron, which was shaken to make the roar of heaven's artillery. We bent the 'thunder' so that it would hold the beans, but were at a loss for means for producing heat. Our property man suggested that we use 'lightning,' a powder of lycopodium, used for making flashes upon the stage, for the fire. We found quite a lot of this, and with the addition of some 'snow'—little bits of paper used to represent the beautiful—we started quite a fire and succeeded in cooking the beans, which we ate with a relish. Resolving into stage parlance, we used 'thunder,' 'lightning,' and 'snow' to cook a lunch that consisted of 'rain.'"

A LUXURY.

It Was Well That His Wife Didn't Know the Secret.

One evening about 6 o'clock in Missouri, when the festive train robber was not so rare as he is now, a dust-covered traveler rode up to a cabin on the bank of a small stream and accosted the man of the place, who was out in front chopping firewood to get supper with.

"Can I get something to eat here?" asked the traveler.

"You can't get much, stranger; but you can get what the rest uv us gits," was the hospitable reply.

"Can't I get it quick?"

"Soon's the old woman cooks it; she's at it now, and she sent me out here for more stove wood."

"I'm very much obliged to you," said the traveler, "but before coming in I want to tell you that I am a fugitive and there is a reward of \$1,000 on my head."

The prospective host took a look at the visitor's head.

"It's more'n I'd give," he said quietly.

The traveler laughed.

"It mightn't be if you knew who I was," he said.

"One of them train gents, I reckon," replied the man at the woodpile as serenely as if he entertained such angels as a business.

"You've guessed it."

"I wuzn't guessing, stranger; I knowed. But git down and come in and take a wash. I'll take care uv your hoss. Don't say nuthin' to the old woman, though, 'bout who y'air, fer ef she knowed I wuz indulgin' in this sort uv a thousand-dollar lugshury thar's no tellin' what ud happen; she's so almighty pertickler 'bout some things."

Why He Didn't Kiss Her.

The prosecuting attorney in the breach of promise case thought he would make life a burden to the unfortunate young man who was the unwilling defendant. "Do you mean to say," he asked after a lot of embarrassing questions, "you did not kiss the plaintiff, to whom you were engaged to be married, when you first saw her on your return?" "I do," responded the defendant firmly. "Will you make the statement to the jury?" "Certainly, if necessary." "Do you think they would believe you?" "One of them would, I know." "Ah, indeed. And why he, pray?" "Because he was present when I first saw her. He was at the gate when I rode up, and she stuck her head out of the second story window and I told her 'how d'ye,' and said I'd be back to supper in half an hour. I'm no giraffe," and everybody in the court room smiled except the attorney.

Genius and Physical Beauty.

Ouida proceeds to show that men of genius are fine, handsome fellows. So they are, as a rule: witness Tennyson, Musset, Scott—the strongest man of the Rough Clan—Mariborough, Goethe, Bonny Dundee, Burns, Longfellow, Sir Henry Taylor, Napoleon, Shelley, Byron—a gallery of beauties. The Popes and Voltaires are the exceptions. Now, if Genius gets money, renown, the affection of the sex which Ouida adorns, victory, palms, peans, and is besides a tall, strong, handsome person, surely Genius has a happy time, and may disregard the misconceptions of the stupid.

The Shoe Drawer.

A shoe drawer, divided into compartments so that each pair of shoes may always be found together without delay is a convenience appreciated by a busy woman who has not time to be disorderly. A top bureau drawer is also more convenient and easily kept in order if partitioned off into compartments of varying sizes to hold laces, ribbons, veils, etc., than it is holding the commodities.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT O'NEILL, NEB. Notice is hereby given that the named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim to the land described in the register and receiver at O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 10th day of November, 1894, viz: WILLIAM ALLEN, H. E. No. 10, 12 west. For the NE 1/4 section 10, township 12 west. He names the following witnesses to his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ed. Johnson, John Colburn, of Sioux, and Barney Kearns, of O'Neill, Nebraska. JOHN A. HARMON, Register.

NOTICE.

Mary E. Calhoun, Gries Calhoun, Calhoun, Ida Daugherty, E. A. Daugherty, Clark Calhoun, and J. H. Keith, partners, under the name of Ford & Keith, defendants, do hereby give notice that on the 2nd day of November, 1894, the plaintiffs herein, filed their petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object of which was to foreclose a trust deed executed by one Samuel Calhoun and the defendant Mary E. Calhoun upon the northwest quarter of section four (34) of township twenty-seven range twelve (12) west of the sixth meridian, in Holt county, Nebraska, and the payment of a certain bond or note, due and payable in five years, dated thereof, said bond or note being payable to Eugene Westervelt and endorsed and assigned to plaintiff, J. H. Keith, trustee, and said trust deed being assigned to plaintiff, J. H. Keith, to secure said debt. There is now due upon said bond or note the sum of \$500 and interest thereon from November 1, 1888, at eight per cent per annum, also interest upon matured interest at the rate of ten per cent. On \$20 from May 1, 1889; on \$20 from May 1, 1890; on \$20 from May 1, 1891; on \$20 from November 1, 1891; on \$20 from November 1, 1892; on \$20 from November 1, 1893; on \$20 from November 1, 1894. The plaintiff also claims to recover in said action amounts of taxes on said real estate and a lien thereon for the sum of \$24.80 and interest thereon from November 10, 1891, at the rate of 10 per cent. From November 10, 1892, at the rate of 10 per cent. From September 13, 1893, at the rate of 10 per cent. From September 13, 1894, at the rate of 10 per cent. To satisfy the amounts due thereon said, and that all the defendants may be foreclosed of their right, claim, debt and lien in said premises, and that the respective interest therein may be to be junior, subsequent and inferior lien of said trust deed. You are required to answer said petition or before the 17th day of December, 1894. Dated November 5, 1894. H. KEITH, Trustee, AND EMILY L. KEITH, Plaintiff. By R. R. DUNN, MARTIN I. BROWN, Attorneys.

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