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HONESTY AS A POLICY.

Reflections of a Jailor Whose Wife Took a Prisoner's Cake.

Rather an original story comes from the criminal prison at Warsaw. A bookkeeper named Schneider was awaiting his trial, being charged with fraud. As his health was bad, his family sent him many little delicacies unknown in the prison fare, delicacies which, no doubt, the head warder shared with him.

One day, among other things, a huge iced cake appeared. The warder's children were fond of cake, and so was his wife. They therefore determined to keep half of it for themselves. Their surprise was great when upon applying a knife to the dainty it stuck just below the icing and refused to go any farther.

"It must be baked to a cinder," said Mrs. Warder. But her good man, suspecting that something worse than careless baking was responsible for the cake's hardness, cut round the sides and was rewarded by finding a revolver and seven cartridges buried in the paste.

When brought up before the authorities Schneider confessed that he had intended to shoot his guardians and escape from prison before his trial. "After all," said the warder pensively when he told his story, "honesty is not always the best policy. If my wife had not cut into that cake I should have been a dead man by now, for I sleep hard."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

CRUELTY IN PERSIA.

Queer Things About the People of That Queer Country.

According to the authors of "Queer Things About Persia," cruelty is common there. The executioner cuts throats in a public square, and the spectacle excites little interest. Criminals are sometimes crucified and sometimes walled up alive. Women for certain offenses are cast headlong from a tower. The Persian is a gentleman of surpassing courtesy and politeness, but say these writers: "The same man who drops rose petals under your feet in order to make them avoid the hardness of the road will not hesitate to make you suffer the most cruel tortures. He delights in the murmur of the rivulet in the moonshine, but the sound of blood flowing from an open wound has also for him its fascination. The singing of the nightingale fills him with rapture in the night, but he quivers with pleasure at the cry of pain from a victim." Also they affirm that lying is an institution and no one condemns it. "The Persian does not consider a lie a sin. He thinks that we have a bad opinion of lying because we do not know how to lie, and if he shows an unbounded confidence in everything the Europeans say it is chiefly because he thinks we are totally devoid of the gift."

Generosity will win favor with any one, especially when it is accompanied by humility.—*Goethe.*

An Unusual Task.

"Hello, Jack, old boy, writing home for money?"

"No."

"What are you taking so much trouble over, then? You've been fussing and fuming over it for the last two hours."

"I'm trying to write home without asking for money."

Then He Was Mad.

"Why don't you give the devil his due?" he snapped.

"I can't, dear," replied his wife.

"You're in such fine health now he may have to wait awhile."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Remarkable.

"She's the most remarkable elderly woman I ever saw."

"Doesn't show her age?"

"Not that. Doesn't seem to regret it."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

One wise counsel is better than the strength of many.—*Euripides.*

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HOBSON FEARS YELLOW PERIL

Says China Will Soon Be Divided Among Powers of Far East.

Marshalltown, Ia., Nov. 6.—"The Japanese are a real peril, the division of the Chinese empire is imminent, the sending of the big naval fleet to the Pacific and Secretary Taft's visit to the far east are in the interest of the trade of the United States," said Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson, late of the United States navy, in an interview. Congressman Hobson was in the city for a short time while on his way to Hampton to lecture.

"The Japanese peril is no joke," said Congressman Hobson, "and the division of China is no further distant than a few months. In fact, the details of the division of the empire's territory have so far progressed that the territory which shall go to each of the countries interested—Japan,

Russia and France—has been determined." Japan, he said, will get the Pacific coast provinces, including all of the large seaports. "And," he said, "when Japan gets possession it will close these ports to the trade of the world, and especially to the trade of the United States." He said Japan feared the commercial supremacy of the Americans, and the added grip on the Pacific trade that the opening of the Panama waterway would give them.

To prevent this closing of the China ports to American trade, he declared, was the purpose of the fleet, which is soon to leave the Atlantic for the east. For this same purpose, and for the double purpose of investigation, he said, Secretary Taft had been hurried to the Orient.

About the only thing a man can do without trying is to fail.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Ripans Tabules: for sour stomach.

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