

THE FATHER VICTORY.

LE PERE LA VICTOIRE.

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A Hawk and a Trap.
A hawk which was caught in a trap near Gettysburg suddenly made a bold dash for freedom and rose in the air, carrying the trap with it. Farmer Geesey saw the performance and then drove on. He had gone nearly two miles when he saw a big hawk hovering and fluttering over a rail fence at one side of the road. As Geesey came opposite the bird he was amazed to see that it had a steel trap fast to one of its legs. A chain three or four feet long was attached to the trap, and at the end of the chain was a large ring. This ring was around the sharp point of one of the fence stakes, and the hawk was unable to get away. Geesey got out of his wagon, and after a lively fight with the hawk succeeded in overpowering and capturing it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Why He Flirted.
An Atchison man whose wife was quite fat, was caught flirting, and he made a rather novel explanation of his conduct. "The great ambition of your life," he said to his wife, after being caught at it, "was to become slender. Knowing that there was no efficacy in the stuff known as Anti-Fat, I resolved to flirt away your superfluous flesh. It wrung my heart to do it, but I was willing to make any sacrifice for your happiness. So I flirted, and you began to lose flesh. You are now as spirituelle as you ever wished to be. Come to my arms, and say you never doubted me."—Atchison Globe.

Sunday Occupations.
Physicians frequently say that Sunday is the busiest day of their week. Men could not spare the time on secular days to consult the doctor, but the Sabbath released them from worldly tasks, and nothing was lost if they were sick then. Another statement which indicates that many use the Sabbath to discharge social or friendly obligations. "We dread a rainy Sunday," said a postal clerk. "The mail always contains more letters on Monday than on any other day in the week, but when the Sabbath has been stormy the amount is almost doubled."—New York Star.

A Very Mean Man.
A Boston drummer says: "One of the meanest men it was ever my misfortune to have any dealings with was a retail grocer, who at the time was selling a poor woman three pounds of common crackers for twenty-five cents, for which he paid at the rate of six cents per pound, but to make his scales exactly balance he found it necessary to break a cracker in two. As this man finally met death by falling down stairs and breaking his neck, I thought he received only his just dues."—Boston Transcript.

ODDS AND ENDS.
In England check reins are now entirely out of use, being forbidden by law.
W. S. Thompson, of East Liverpool, O., opened an old organ and found a three foot snake coiled inside.
Fish have died by thousands, year after year, in the Youghiogheny river, and nobody seems to know why.
The superiority of some men is merely local. They are great because their associates are little.—Johnson.

Prince Bismarck now devotes a great deal of time to playing solitaire. This was a favorite game of Napoleon I.
Hartfield, Mass., is to have a big time Sept. 19, that day being the 212th anniversary of the Indian attack on that town.
A housewife at Gridley, Cal., while dressing a chicken for dinner, found in its crop a diamond, which was sold for \$185.
Irwin Blair, of Valdosta, Ga., has two curiously malformed hen eggs. They are small in the middle and large at both ends.
After southern Californians have scooped out the insides of some of their Chili squashes they successfully use the rind as rowboats.

Every line in every European paper mentioning Russian troubles is stamped out at the frontier, while hundreds of copies are destroyed entirely.
A rustic chair, bought by a citizen of York, Pa., was made of green sasafraz wood, and a few warm days have caused it to put forth many sprouts, some an inch long.
The most remote point reached by Mr. George Kennan in his Siberian trip are the mines of Kara, 5,000 miles from St. Petersburg and about 1,000 miles from the Pacific coast.

Slott makes all things difficult, but industry all easy; and he that riseth late must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night, while business travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.—Franklin.
A sharp and fascinating miser visited Allentown, Pa., and got numerous orders by sample for a new style of corset, at \$3.50 apiece, went to a retail store and bought them for \$1.30 each, delivered them, got the cash and left town.
An effort is to be made in Iowa to strip the law of its nonsense. Lawyers declare that deeds, warrants, and all other legal papers can be cut down one-half in the amount of wherewithal and whereof.

In Holland an unmarried woman always takes the right arm of her escort, and the married woman the left. At a church wedding the bride enters the edifice on the right arm of the groom, and goes out on the left side of her husband.

The Malay's Solace.
The betel nut of which the Malays are said to be so very fond, is a white nut which looks almost like ivory. Every Malay family has a box, divided into little compartments, and with a drawer at the bottom containing a pair of shears. In one of the compartments of the box is some betel nut cut fine with the shears; in another several sirih leaves; in the next some slaked lime made from coral shells, and in the last some fine tobacco. At midday, which is the dinner hour, the family assembles and squats in a circle on mats, which do duty for chairs. In the center is a bowl of rice and another of curry. Each one takes a handful of rice in turn, dips it in the curry and conveys it to his mouth without spilling a crumb. To do this gracefully is the height of Malay table etiquette.

After all have finished the betel box makes its appearance and is handed round. Each person takes one of the sirih leaves, which are five inches long and arrow shaped, and lays it out flat on the palm of the left hand. Then he takes a little betel nut, puts some of the lime upon it, adds a small quantity of tobacco and rolls the whole up together. Then he places it in his mouth, holding it by his front teeth, never chewing it by his side teeth as Americans do tobacco. Then you may want to hire him or to transact some business with him ever so badly, but he won't stir. He will simply say: "I have no time for it, master. I am chewing the sirih."—London Tablet.

The Fellows That Win.
I have been in the grain option business for years, and have made and lost two moderate fortunes, and my honest opinion is that there is scarcely one chance in a thousand that the outside speculator—the man who merely bets on the fluctuations of the market—will quit winner. He may be as shrewd as you like, but as long as he merely invests money on the question, "Is the market going up or down?" he is but a guesser, and in the majority of cases he is going to guess wrong. Three classes of men have a chance to win at grain gambling—the broker who gets a commission, no matter who loses; the bucket shop proprietor, who takes everybody's money and pays a little of it over to the winners; and the millionaire "operator" (they don't call him a "gambler"), who can get hold of the entire supply and hold it for and price he chooses to name. Outside these three classes it's a hopeless battle with fate. I consider the poor man who tackles the "futures" dragon and gets downed the first time is the lucky man in the end, for a burned child dreads the fire; but the fellow who wins a little to start on is practically sure to leave the business broken in pocket, spirits and credit, and incapacitated for those lines of labor in which he formerly made a comfortable living.

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