

THE RIVAL MINSTRELS.

Haroun-al-Raschid loved his harem's maids; He loved his gardens, with their winding shades; He loved to watch his crystal fountains play; He loved his horses and his courtiers gay; He loved all royal sports that please a king; But most he loved to hear his minstrels sing.

And so it happened that his fame had brought Two rival singers to the caliph's court. Who pleased him best, full well each minstrel knew. Would be proclaimed the greater of the two. So well they pleased him that they found him loath To choose between them, for he loved them both.

"Let all the nation judge," at length said he: "Who pleasest me my people please me." Through all the land the rival poets sang; Their names and music were on every tongue. Until at last they never reached a door Where Fame had not sung all their songs before.

Ben Olaf sang of deeds the caliph wrought. The riches and the splendors of his court; The mighty warriors every nation boasts; And armies vanquished by the prophet's hosts; How Islam's valor was beloved and feared; And when he finished, listening thousands cheered.

Mustapha's songs were all of simpler things; Forgotten was the pride of earthly kings. He sang to them of home and truth and love; How Allah watched his children from above. Close to their hearts the poet's music crept; And when he finished, all the people wept.

For though Ben Olaf charmed them with his arts, It was Mustapha's songs that reached their hearts. —James G. Burnett in Harper's.

Fifty Kinds of Electric Fishes.

According to the statements of the English naturalist, Professor Stirling, there are in existence today upward of fifty species of fishes having more or less specialized organs, the function of which is the generation of electric discharges. The fishes differ widely, sometimes strikingly, from each other, belonging mostly to different families, and occasionally even to different orders of the "Pisces." In structure they closely resemble the other species of the genera to which they severally belong, differing from them, with an occasional exception, mainly in the possession of organs for electric generation.

The well known "electric rays," for example, of which Nicholson mentions three and Gunther six, are the most prominent. These rays are found in the Atlantic and Indian oceans and the Mediterranean sea, and are seen in the English channel, or even farther north; while other electric fishes are still more cosmopolitan, though most of them inhabit limited areas and warm waters.—Electricity.

A Phrase That Is Not English.

"I will give a prize of \$100 to any one who can prove that the expression 'don't you know,' or, as it is often rendered, 'doncherknow,' was ever used in England by a real Englishman," declared a person of the British persuasion the other day.

"The phrase had its origin in Philadelphia, where it is much in vogue, because certain dudes there believe it is English. No Englishman ever says 'Don't you know.' The expression he does use is 'You know,' such as 'I'm going up to London, you know, to get me new trousers, you know.'"

"This may be a starter for certain young men about town, who by dint of great practice are able to interject 'doncherknow' at about every ten words in their conversation. I'm sorry to hurt their feelings."—New York Herald.

It Needs No Guards.

The smallest, simplest and best protected postoffice in the world is in the Straits of Magellan and has been there for many years. It consists of a small painted keg or cask, and is chained to the rocks of the extreme cape in a manner so that it floats free, opposite Terra del Fuego. Each passing ship sends a boat to take letters out and put others in. This curious postoffice is unprovided with a postmaster, and is therefore under the protection of all the navies of the world. Never in the history of this unique "office" has its privilege been abused.—Philadelphia Press.

His Election Cost Him Four Cents.

Mr. H. R. Williams may be complimented upon the economy he exercised in seeking re-election to the Middlesex county council, his expenses being set down at twopenny. This fairly beats the "record." Mr. Deputy Bedford's election expenses were said to be but ninepence on one occasion, but he must pale his ineffectual fires before the superior financial prowess of Mr. Williams.—London City Press.

Depth of the Mediterranean.

The Austrian government has made a number of soundings in the Mediterranean, and the greatest depth reached was 2,406 fathoms, which is deeper than any sounding yet recorded for that body of water.—New York Journal.

What He Didn't Eat.

A Yankee on paying his bill at a London restaurant was told that the sum put down didn't include the waiter. "Waal," he roared, "I didn't eat any waiter, did I?"—London Tit-Bits.

The commissioners of customs in England have taken steps to bring their department into line in the normal requirements of trade, and the customs hours are from 6 to 6, without overtime.

The Boston board of health, in a tour of inspection at night in the North End tenement house district, found nine persons sleeping in one room, with windows and doors tightly closed.

Professor John Marshall, of University college, London, says that yawning "may be accomplished by the will, but is often the result of involuntary imitation."

The stupendous results of the steam engine may all be traced to the boy who sat watching the steam which came from the nose of the teakettle.

Five soda crackers devoured without drinking, in 4 minutes and 20 seconds, is the latest gormandizing feat of a Kansas freak.

Roosters Spoiled the Judge's Charge.

Two crowing roosters destroyed the effect of Judge Chambers' charge to the jury in the recorder's court Friday morning, and furnished great amusement to the crowd of spectators. The case was one of arson, and the charge of the judge proceeded in this wise: "Gentlemen of the jury," said the judge—"Cock-a-doodle-doo," shrieked one rooster—"you have heard the cry!" "Cock-a-doodle-doo," answered the other rooster—"dence on both sides of this case, as given by the different"—"Cock-a-doodle-doo"—"witnesses, and the arguments of the prosecutor for the people—"Cock-a-doodle-doo"—and the attorney for the defendant.

"You have heard the rooster—I mean the defendant—tell where he was on the night of the fire?"—"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" The spectators were by this time unable to restrain their laughter, and the judge looked appealingly toward the doortender, who closed the rear door. But this did not entirely drown the sound of the barnyard fowl, as every once in awhile the faint echo of a "cock-a-doodle-doo" would mar the solemnity of the courtroom and cause a smile to overspread the features of the urbane and dignified judge.

The cause of the roosters' presence was afterward explained when they were brought into the courtroom and introduced as evidence in another case.—Detroit Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Overtures from the Sponge Trust.

The Sponge Gatherers' association met at the room over the store of J. P. Roberts Monday evening, when President Allen Curry stated that a proposition had been received from the sponge trust through their local representative suggesting that the association enter into an agreement to sell all its sponges to the trust for a term of years, for which a fair price would be offered and bonds given and required for the faithful performance of the agreement.

Mr. Arapian addressed the meeting at considerable length, offering several specious arguments in favor of his propositions, declaring himself in favor of the Sponge Gatherers' association and stating that if he should withdraw from the trust the same would be very badly crippled and would be compelled to dissolve at once.

Mr. John Lowe, Jr., who had almost been persuaded to withdraw from the association, now declared his intention of supporting it more strongly and approved of its actions.

The meeting was also addressed by Messrs. Whitmore, Pinder, Watkins and B. W. Kemp, who made some telling remarks. Every one interested in sponge gathering was urged to join the union.—Key West Advertiser.

Nearly 2,500 Immigrants on One Ship.

There came to Baltimore recently the largest number of immigrants ever landed from one ship in any port of America from a foreign land. When the steamer Oldenburg, Captain Gathe-man, from Bremen, was made fast at Baltimore and Ohio pier 9, Locust Point, 2,493 men, women and children came over the gangplank into their adopted country. They were a hardy, respectable looking throng. Schumacher & Co., agents of the ship, paid \$1,246.50 to the custom service as the per capita tax upon the immigrants. There were not over 200 among the immigrants who had not been born in Germany. About 100 were Russians, and a few were Scandinavians.

The nearest approach to the number brought by the Oldenburg was 2,430 immigrants landed here in April, 1891, by the Weimar.—Baltimore Sun.

One Way of Stopping a Runaway.

A Southern California vaquero performed a remarkable feat in San Francisco recently. While riding his mustang he suddenly came upon a runaway team. The vaquero rode close to the animals and, bending over until he almost touched the ground, caught the reins, which were trailing. There was a sudden evolution of man and beast, and the brave mustang stopped as though shot. Its hind legs were doubled under its body, its forelegs were extended and Jose sat erect with the reins of the team wound tightly around the horns of his saddle. As the reins drew taut there was a prodigious jerk, a tearing of the pavement under the broncho's stubborn feet, a snapping of harness, and the big horses, checked in their impetuous rush, were thrown to the ground and captured.—Exchange.

Catching Up with Civilization.

A young gentleman named H. E. Haggard has arrived in Vinita, I. T., direct from San Francisco on a fruitless mission. An Indian calling himself Chief Felix Mayes, of the Cherokees, has been lecturing before the churches and the Y. M. C. A. of San Francisco and collecting money for the purchase of Bibles for this country. He has likewise been profuse in his offers and promises, and in this way caught Haggard, who came to take charge of four large stores which the man represented that he owned at Vinita, Tahlequah, Muscogee and Atoka, this territory. No such man is known here and he certainly was never chief.—Indian Territory Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Moving a House Across the Ocean.

The old house at Fenny Drayton, England, the birthplace of George Fox, the founder of the Society of Friends, is to be taken down piece by piece. The parts are to be carefully numbered and packed for shipping to this country, where it will be re-erected. The site has not yet been decided.—Chicago Herald.

A father and seven of his children were seized with diphtheria recently in its most virulent form near Landerdale, Ind. Two of the children are dead and the others are not expected to survive.

The first consignment of camel skins for commercial purposes ever brought to this country arrived here recently aboard one of the French steamers.

Liquor Cure.

To those suffering a severe form of liquor abuse, a permanent cure has been discovered. The cure is a permanent cure. Write for it, the institute.

A Reasonable Man.

Would use Kemp's balsam for the throat and lungs, it is curing more cases coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles, than any other remedy. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a sample bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Large bottles 50c and \$1.

I feel my duty to say a few words in regard to Ely's Cream Balm, and I do so entirely without solicitation. I have used it more or less half a year, and have found it to be most admirable. I have suffered from a cold of the worst kind ever, and I was a little boy and I have never since been cured. Many of my friends have tried it with a similar result.—Oscar Campbell, 45 Women Ave., Chicago Ill.

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For a number of years, I have been subject to violent attacks of inflammatory rheumatism which generally lasted about two months. On the first of this month I was attacked in the knee and suffered severely for two days, when I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it relieved me almost instantly. I therefore most cheerfully recommend it to those who are similarly afflicted everywhere.—R. D. Whitly is a very prominent man in this place and his disease was widely known as he suffered acute severe pain. W. M. Houston & Co., Merchants, Martindale, N. C., 50 cent bottles for sale by F. G. Fricke & Co. Druggists.

For years the editor of the Burlington Junction, (Mo.) Post, has been subject to cramp colic fits of indigestion, which prostrated him for several hours and unfitted him for business for two or three days. For the past year he has been using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy whenever occasion required, and it has invariably given him prompt relief. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by F. G. Fricke & Co., druggists.

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PLACES OF WORSHIP.

CATHOLIC.—St. Paul's Church, at between Fifth and Sixth. Father Carney, Pastor. Services: Mass at 8 and 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 2:30, with benediction.

CHRISTIAN.—Corner Locust and Eighth Sts. Services morning and evening. Elder A. Galloway pastor. Sunday School 10 A. M.

EPISCOPAL.—St. Luke's Church, corner Third and Vine. Rev. H. B. Burgess pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M.

GERMAN METHODIST.—Corner Sixth St and Granite. Rev. H. L. Pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 10:30 A. M.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services in new church, corner Sixth and Granite sts. Rev. J. T. Fair, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30. Preaching at 11 A. M., 8:00 P. M. The Y. P. S. C. E. of this church meets every Sabbath evening at 7:30 in the basement of the church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

FIRST METHODIST.—Sixth St. between Main and Pearl. Rev. L. F. Brill, D. D. pastor. Services: 11 A. M., 8:00 P. M. Sunday School 2:30 A. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN.—Corner Main and Ninth. Rev. White, pastor. Services usual hours. Sunday school 9:30 A. M.

SWEDISH CONGREGATIONAL.—Granite, between Fifth and Sixth.

COLORADO BAPTIST.—Mt. Olive, at between Tenth and Eleventh. Rev. A. Boswell, pastor. Services: 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Rooms in Waterman block, Main street. Gospel meeting, for men only, every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rooms open week days from 6:30 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

SOUTH PARK TABERNACLE.—Rev. J. M. Wood, Pastor. Services: Sunday School, 9 A. M.; Preaching, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday night; choir practice Friday night. All are welcome.

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