

CONFESSED SHE DIDN'T DO IT.

The Little Girl Disappointed the Expectations of Her Guilty Mates.

Something dreadful had happened at the Queensville district school, says Philadelphia Times. May Greene, the belle of the village, had smuggled her Sunday sash out of the bureau, and, "unbeknownst to her mother," had worn it to school. Her triumph, however, was short-lived. She had hung the sash most carefully on a hook in the cloakroom while she ran out at recess for a good romp. On her return she was dismayed to find that it had been cut in two pieces. Every scholar was carefully questioned, but no one, of course, knew anything about it. The teacher accordingly announced that when the afternoon session should open she would lay all lessons aside and hold a court of investigation. She herself would be the judge. May Greene should be the plaintiff and every scholar in turn should come up into a witness box, rigged up for the occasion, and tell exactly what he knew about the matter. She also said that if anyone would confess his wrong-doing before the opening of court he would be pardoned and all proceedings stopped. Two guilty boys, discarded beaux of the gay coquette, were now pale with dismay. They had told untruths when privately questioned and now they feared they would not be able to brave them out before the awful court ordeal—especially since it had begun to be whispered around that they knew more of the matter than had at first appeared. They therefore hit upon the following expedient: The youngest child in the school, little Annie Cork, was the pet of the county. If she now could be induced to confess to the cutting of the sash surely she would be pardoned on account of her popularity. She was therefore beset by the guilty youngsters, who, by dint of dire threats and large bribes, and by urging confession upon her as a duty, finally secured her bewildered consent "to confess." When the afternoon bell rang the scholars came in promptly, looking askance at the awful witness box and at the mutilated fiery floating out from the teacher's desk. The judge was about to open court, when in came the criminals triumphantly leading the innocent child between them. They informed the judge that Annie Cork had come to confess, and, officiously placing her on the witness stand, they withdrew to their seats. The child's helpless attitude was too much for the tender-hearted judge, who took her by the hand and said gently, "Well, dear, have you really come to confess?" "Yeth," she faltered, oppressed by the earnest stillness in the room; but, gaining courage from the judge's kindly manner, "Yeth, teacher—Ith come to confeth—Ith come to confeth that I didn't do it."

A Religious Colony.

The World's Christian Co-operative Colony has been incorporated. The purpose and objects detailed in the articles of incorporation show that "it won't do a thing." It will engage in milling, mining, agriculture, horticulture, gardening, stock and poultry raising, deal in real and personal property, do a wholesale and retail commission business, fruit growing, canning, preserving and pickling products, contracting and building wharfing, docking and dyking, constructing, improving, building, equipping and managing railroads and other means of transportation; slaughtering, marketing, baking, cooling, packing and laundering; operating eating houses, and in fact engaging in all branches of business and trade. It will issue checks in payment of labor and for goods deposited, redeemable in real and personal property. The principal place of business is San Francisco, and it is designed to exist fifty years. Eleven trustees or directors shall be elected for a term of one year. The trustees for the first year are G. W. Wilderman, D. McRea, Thomas J. Weaver, J. Knudson, Lewis W. Spencer, N. C. Anderson, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. R. Kincaid, H. G. Gerbaum, John D. Moreland and C. K. Welch. The capital stock is \$50,000,000, divided into 500,000 certificates of membership at \$100 each, and each holder can draw dividends upon one certificate only, the dividends to be 90 per cent of the net earnings. No certificate holder shall have more than one vote, and no proxies will be allowed. All money and property realized from the sale of certificates shall constitute an investment and expense fund. Ten of the trustees subscribed \$100 each, and G. W. Wilderman 20,000 acres of land.

Life-Saving Sleeves.

A new use has been found for balloon sleeves, through the ingenuity of an enterprising inventor, which promises great results. "The 'bustle' inside the sleeves has up to date been adopted somewhat warily, as hardly filling a long-felt want. But now a silk life-preserver is to take its place, which can be inflated at will, and enables the wearer to float in perfect ease on the water. Sailing parties made up largely of ladies will leave the man at the helm very much at ease, with each female member of the company transformed into an animated life-preserver; for if ones moves carelessly on the deck and gets blown overboard there is no danger of a tragedy. The balloons will also add no little to the sail area in fair winds. The life-saving sleeve will doubtless prove a big thing, and all that it is puffed up to be.

Horse Shoes Made from Paper.

A German veterinary surgeon has discovered a method by which horse shoes can be successfully manufactured from paper. The paper is impregnated with turpentine to make it waterproof. The inventor claims that a horse wearing these shoes cannot slip on greasy roads.

WHEN THE "PROFESH" MEET.

An Exchange of Interesting Personal Experiences.

An acterine and an actorette met on Main street and the following first-class conversation ensued: "Hullo, Gladys!" "Howdy, Lionel!" "Ain't seen you in a year, dear girl." "Nop. Been south with a repertoire company. Hall show; three-night stands; variety performance after the drama." "What plays were you doing?" "You-guess." "Uncle Tom's Cabin?" "Right." "Ten Nights in a Bar Room?" "Correct." "The Hidden Hand?" "You're off there. The Jaspers prefer 'East Lynne' now." "What did you hold down, Gladys?" "Little Eva in 'Tom,' Willie, the minister's son, in 'Ten Nights,' Lady Isabel and Madame Vine in 'East Lynne,' and, of course, I did my skipping rope turn in the concert." "Gad! You always were one of the most versatile women in the profession. It reminds me of the time when I was out with a snap of that kind and had to play Richellee and Humpty Dumpty on alternate nights." "What are you doing now, Lionel? You look prosperous." "Oh, I'm in great luck this summer. I'm tending soda-fountain in a drug-store up the street. I expect to play leads with Henry Irving next season, though."

"Yes, you do! Tell that to the Salvation Marines. I'm eating, myself, though. Taat is, I eat when the guests at the dairy kitchen, where I sling hash, get through. I've written to Sam Jack, and I think I'll be leading grand marches again next season, or perhaps Kiralfy will let me be Stalacta, the Fairy Queen. Well, so long, Lionel! If you get strapped before you leave town come up to my tunnel and I'll stake you to a meal ticket."

"Ta-ta, Gladys! Remember that you're on the free list at my soda fountain for the rest of the summer."—Ex.

Hair Ropes and Snakes.

"There is a common superstition among western cowboys that a rattlesnake will not cross a hair rope," said Superintendent Brown, of the Philadelphia Zoological Garden, the other day. "The cowboy don't mind a rattlesnake much, anyhow, but when he has to spend the night in the open, he frequently takes the precaution of encircling his camp with a rope of this description, and then goes to sleep with a quiet mind. I often wondered if there was any truth in this belief, but never happened to have a hair rope and rattlesnake handy to test it, until one day when a friend of mine came from the West, and we began talking on the subject. He had a hair rope with him, and we decided to try it on the snakes in the reptile house. We shut the building up, made a circle with the rope on the floor, and put seven different species of snakes inside of the rope circle. Every single one crawled over it as if it wasn't there, and since then my friend has lost faith in its protective powers." An old campaigner says to a reporter for the Inter-Ocean that this was a poor test. "A hair lariat must be made purposely for this use, and the sharp projections of the butts of the hair be made prominent. A hair lariat can be, and is, made as smooth as any other lariat. They are strong, but useless as a protector from snakes. I have used one in places where snakes were so thick that half a dozen could be run from under a single bush, and never knew one to crawl over or inside of my bed."

An Annual Drunk.

The oldest temperance society in the world is the abstaining commune in Achlyka, in Siberia, all of whose members are strict teetotalers every day in the year except one. Regularly on the first day of September, year after year, all the adult members of the commune assemble in the parish church and each one takes a solemn vow before the altar to drink no wine, beer or spirits "from the morrow" of the following day for the whole year. The clause "from the morrow" is introduced in order to give them a reward for their virtue in the shape of a whole day of drunken carnival. As soon as they leave the church they begin to indulge in a horrible bacchanalian drinking, which continues throughout the day, until neither man nor woman in the village is sober. This is naturally followed by considerable physical suffering and then mental remorse, whereupon the penitent parish enters upon its twelve-month of model sobriety, and all live like the Rechabites. Some students imagine that this queer proceeding may be a prehistoric tribal custom.

Landmark Gone.

The granite monument marking the Mexican boundary line at Tia Juana, in San Diego county, was upset last January by a flood, shortly after it was erected by the international boundary commission. This elaborate shaft fell into quicksand. Strenuous efforts were made to recover it. The sand was probed for a depth of twenty-five feet, but no trace of the lost monument could be found. It has been necessary to buy a new site for another monument, 100x 100 feet, and erect a second shaft thereon.

Poison in a Love Potion.

Lena Dahl of Westfield, S. D., put a love potion in a bottle of cold coffee being loving to Henry Halseth, with whom she was in love but who did not return her affections. The charm contained strychnine and Halseth nearly died. The fortune teller who sold the charm to the girl has vamoosed to avoid arrest and Miss Dahl has not yet been taken up by the man she loves.

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