

HOW THE THING IS DONE.

Witness in Court Tells the Manner in Which Orangemen Are Made.

WATTHAM, Mass., Aug. 20.—The most unique case ever tried in the district court came up yesterday before Judge Luce, when an alleged expose was made under oath upon the witness stand of the rights and ordeals through which a candidate must pass to become a full-fledged Orangeman.

Frank A. Preble was the first witness. He was one of the candidates who thought the initiatory ceremony was cruel and was seeking legal satisfaction for his experience. It was on the eve of July 25, 1896, that he received his initiatory degree of the Orange lodge of Waltham. He swore that his troubles began on the minute that he passed the mystic portals. He was compelled to discard all raiment except his underwear, which, the night being hot, was of gauzy texture. One arm was stripped of its sleeves, his drawers were rolled above his knees and he was given a pair of overalls, which were also rolled above his knees. Then, as he says, he was blindfolded and led into the larger lodge room. There he was compelled to halt and get down upon his knees and repeat the Lord's Prayer. Then he had to clamber over a lot of rough blocks, was struck several times severely with whips and finally posed upon what seemed to him a ladder. An obligation was imposed, after which the ladder was suddenly pulled from under him and he was pitched into a canvas blanket in which he was bounced around for awhile.

Then he was placed on his knees again and several people, he says, literally "gave it to him in the neck." Finally one of the conductors told him to raise his hand and try to find "the serpent." Another brother then cried, "You did not find it; but it has found you," and then he states a branding iron was applied twice to his breast. The witnesses' breast was badly burned and the wounds were raw for ten days. His legs were discolored from the violence of some of the blows he received from the whips. The only time he protested was while they were removing his clothing. Witness declared he belonged to the Grand Army, the Red Men, the A. P. A. and the Pilgrim Fathers. Preble's testimony was corroborated by another witness.

No evidence was put in for the defense, but counsel argued that no proof had been given that any departure had been made from the regular form of initiation sufficient to constitute an assault. Preble having applied for initiation and having been willing to abide by the consequences, no crime had been committed. Judge Luce fined six officers of the lodge \$35 each. All appealed and were held in bonds.

Ecclesiastical, Un-American Sentiments.

The Tribune editorial on remarks made at New York this week by Archbishop Corrigan, and by Bishop Messer at Green Bay, Wis., in defense of the alleged right of the pope to be the political king of Rome against the wishes of the Romans themselves and of the Italian people, is sound and to the point.

There cannot be many Catholics, if they are true Americans, who will endorse sentiments so contrary to the rights of man—the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the fundamental institutions of this country—as those enunciated by these two ecclesiastics. One of them says the pope "must be the ruler of a temporal territory. He must be pope-king."

Listen to these citizens of America preaching the doctrine of absolute monarchy.

"What of it," says Bishop Messmer, "even if the people of Rome did vote not to have the pope for their ruler?" It means a great deal from the American point of view. It means that he ought not to be their ruler. The people of Italy have decreed that they want Rome as their political capital, and the Romans as their fellow-citizens. The Romans have said they wanted to form part of the constitutional monarchy of Italy and their city to be its political capital.

That disposes of the matter as far as all true Americans are concerned. They are not in favor of forcing a ruler on an unwilling people. The American Declaration of Independence says: "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends the securing of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government."

The citizens of Rome and of Italy have only done what this immortal doctrine, uttered 129 years ago, authorized them to do—viz., adopted home rule.

The Romans are more averse to papal political domination now than they were twenty-five years ago. A new generation has grown up which has tasted some of the sweets of human political liberty. If the Italian nation were to say to the Romans of the capital: "Take another vote, elect another ruler, and we will not interfere, no matter if you choose the pope," he could only get a fraction of their votes.

for the Romans do not want him as their king. If he were put over them by France, or Austria, or Spain, as king, he would have to get an army to fight for him to keep them from casting him out. Withdraw that hired army and his throne would be overturned immediately. My kingdom is not of this world, declared Christ.

Archbishop Corrigan says "no lapse of time will ever make that right which is against the principles of justice and charity." That is, it is against the principles of justice and charity for the Romans to have a voice in the choice of the man who rules and taxes them.

The archbishop, who is an Irishman, believes in home rule for Ireland, but not for Rome. The people of Rome do not stand as high in his estimation as those of Dublin. He is inconsistent and he is un-American in the position he takes.

It is pitiful to see the highest religious dignitary in the greatest city of the mightiest free nation preaching the doctrines of the dark, despotic ages, when the common people had no rights which kings and bishops felt bound to respect, and who taught that the people are the subjects of divinely appointed rulers.—Chicago Tribune.

Trifling With Citizenship.

A man may be living in Hungary or Italy at the present moment, and if he emigrates to this country and settles in Kansas, he will be permitted to vote for a congressman and for presidential electors next November.

He will not be required to abandon his allegiance to the Emperor of Austria-Hungary or the King of Italy. It is enough that he declares his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, and resides in Kansas for six months prior to the election. It is not even necessary that he shall register, unless he lives in a city.

If he settles in Colorado, he will secure similar privileges, except that he will be required to register. Altogether, there are fifteen states which exact from an alien, as a requisite for voting, nothing more than certain periods of residence and the declaration of an intention to become a citizen. Several of these states do not require him to register. Most of them do not insist that he shall be able to read.

These are facts for thoughtful citizens to ponder over. It is the function of each of the states to determine for itself what shall be the qualifications for voting. To a certain extent, this is properly an affair of the states; but it becomes a matter of national concern when the franchise is exercised for the choice of presidential electors and congressmen. It is easily conceivable that in a close national election the choice of a president and the complexion of the majority in congress might be determined by the votes in some of these fifteen states of men who were not only unable to read the ballots which they cast, and had no familiarity with our institutions, but who had not even sworn allegiance to foreign governments. There is nothing final in a declaration of intention. The Italian or Hun may carry out the intention by becoming naturalized; or, after helping to elect our presidents and congressmen, he may sail back again to Italy or Hungary.

It is trifling with the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship and a menace to our institutions to admit aliens to the ballot box with no further ceremony than a declared purpose to become citizens.—Youth's Companion.

Michigan has taken one step forward lately, and has declared that final papers are a prerequisite to the exercise of the franchise. The Tyler believes that the day is coming when Romanists will have to have an American pope or forfeit the privileges now enjoyed by them. A church that antagonizes our public schools and other free institutions, and bows in allegiance, both secular and spiritual, to a pope in Rome, is not the kind of a church that should have a voice in the conduct of national affairs.—American Tyler.

Wants a New Party.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Mr. Kelly, Dear Sir, and Friend: I notice through the press that an American party with friend Stone at the head of it has been organized in Missouri. I met friend Stone at the supreme convention and am glad to hear of his nomination on this ticket.

What's the matter with Illinois, and where are the patriots to call a national convention of an Independent Patriotic Party? We will never realize the anticipations of our hopes with either of the old parties—Never! I believe the time is now at hand to strike out for ourselves. What the country wants is genuine American men, at the head of an American party who will call them together! I am with the cause, CHAS. RAYBORN.

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SUMMER BATHS.

The Best Materials for Ladies Are Brilliantine and Gloria Silk.

The summer bather has progressed many degrees since the days when a loose wrapper and a petticoat were considered a sufficient costume for the sport of wading in the shallow water without any thought of learning to swim. Nowadays all members of a family who live within any reasonable distance from the sea are provided with bathing suits, from the oldest member of the family down to the two-year-old, who has hardly learned to walk, much less wade. All the same, no one enjoys the water more than this very two-year old as soon as he gets over his first fright about it. Very simple flannel bathing suits for little folks can be bought at a low figure, and the enjoyment that they get from them more than pays for them. Very often, when one has a private beach, the children are allowed to wear their bathing suits to play in the sand—an arrangement which is a great saving to their clothes and a great relief to those who have them in charge. Very small girls are better off without petticoats to their bathing suits, as, indeed, is everybody, especially if one has an ambition to learn to swim. Pretty little suits for five or six-year-old girls are made of cross-barred flannel. The drawers are made with a rubber draw-tape at the knee to hold up the stockings. The wet toes look prettier with low neck and short sleeves, and while they are still young perhaps the tan on their little shoulders will not do much injury. A sash of wide braid or silk tied around the waist adds to the beauty if not to the convenience of the garment. Ladies' bathing suits are more satisfactory when made of brilliantine or gloria silk, and black is the best color. A black brilliantine suit, with white trimmings of the same material, may be bought for \$4.85. Gloria silk is the lightest material which can be used, and if the garments are made sufficiently ample to admit of plenty of freedom in the movement of arms and legs, it will be found very serviceable. Boys' jersey bathing suits are sold for \$4.85, but pretty flannel ones can be bought for \$1. Children's bathing suits will be found very useful even to those who do not summer at the beach, as there was never a boy born who would not insist upon wading in a brook if he could find one.

Balzac on Color Influence.

Balzac's curious speculations suggest the extent to which color influences our human life. He had noticed that a woman who had a taste for orange or green gown was quarrelsome; one who wore a yellow or black apparel, without apparent cause, was not to be trusted; preference for white showed a coquette spirit; gentle and thoughtful women prefer pink; women who regard themselves as being unfortunate prefer pearl gray; lilac is the shade particularly affected by "overripe beauties;" therefore, the great author held, lilac hats are mostly worn by mothers on their daughters' marriage day and by women more than 40 years old when they go visiting.

These theories are founded upon the principles of color, as already laid down—namely, that red and yellow excite; green, tempered by blue, is bilious; orange is fiery; gray is cold and melancholy; lilac is a light shade of purple, the most retiring color of the scale.—Popular Science Monthly.

Stupidity of Men.

"Jack paid me last night the compliment I have always coveted," remarked Maude, complacently, as she straightened her necktie. "He said my clothes always suited me and were chosen with exquisite taste; that they seemed a part of myself."

"How lovely! What did you say to him?" "I told him it was not my fault if they did not suit me, for I had four sisters to borrow from and that I always worked hard enough in selecting from their gowns something that should suit both myself and the occasion. He seemed amused, though, when I told him and I wished I hadn't. Men are so stupid!"—New York World.

Major Shirts, of Course.

Famous old Gov. Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, was directly or indirectly the source of many a good story. Here is one that I do not think has found its way into print: One day at a political gathering he was approached by a well-dressed individual, who shook hands warmly with him. The governor was a bit bothered, and confessed he could not recall the handshaker's name.

"Why, you must remember me, governor," said the latter, "I'm from Richmond, I made your shirts."

"Why, of course," said the governor, with all a politician's tact. "Gentlemen, this is my very excellent neighbor, Maj. Shirts."—Washington Post.

Defective Eyesight.

Mrs. Smithers—What an elegant gown Mrs. Bilson has; I do believe I never saw anything lovelier. There she goes now; isn't it a perfect dream? I—

Mrs. Smashum—Hush, that's a made-over. "Dear me, but my eyes do trouble me so; of course it is; beastly, isn't it?"—Adams Freeman.

In Heaven.

"My dear," said Mr. Simple to his wife, "I dreamed last night that I was in heaven looking for you."

"And did you find me, dear?" "No. They told me you were at the bargain counter."—Detroit Free Press.

He Stood Corrected.

The Children's Friend—"Goo, goo, an' whe' do de little tootsey-wootsey do? Goo, goo!" The Child—"Oh, just out for a little recreation with Gertie here."—Life.

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