

A DUEL

Between a Large Bald Eagle and a King Vulture.

Two thousand people witnessed a novel combat recently in Central park. It was between a large bald eagle and a king vulture. The battle ground was within the mammoth eagle cage west of the arsenal.

The cage in which the eagles are confined is thirty feet long fifteen feet wide, and has a height of about fifteen feet. Rocks have been piled up at each end of the cage, where the vultures and eagles make their eyrie.

The birds were pursuing the even tenor of their way when a sparrow flew into the cage and alighted near the edge of the pool. Instantly the king vulture fixed his fierce gaze upon the sparrow.

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WATCH CASES AND DIALS.

Interesting Process of Manufacture.—Transferring the Case Designs.—The process of making gold watch cases is interesting. The 14-karat cases which are the most popular, are made of gold to which an alloy of copper and silver has been added.

The sheets are then sent to the turners who shape the cases. Joints are then soldered the parts together and add the receptacles for the springs, which are inserted by workmen who are known as springers.

Engraving cases frequently adds one-third to their cost, according to the Jeweler's Weekly. Last of all the cases are sent to the polisher, and when they leave his hands they are ready for the market.

A sheet of paper placed on the collodion before it dries adheres, and when removed withdraws the collodion and pigment, thus leaving a negative on the paper.

Prepared to Rescue.—Willie's Mother—Your hair is wet, William. Where have you been? Willie—in the pond, mamma. I jumped in to keep little Tommy Squeers from drownin'.

A CAT WORTH HAVING.

A Remarkable Feline That Loved Poetry But Had a Panchant for Jumping.

This cat had the glossiest and silkiest fur, remarkable intelligence, fascinating beauty, a most aristocratic pedigree and a mistress who loved it dearly but it ran away. This cat was more devoted to its mistress than any dog could be; it rubbed against her gown with the plainest evidence of deep-seated affection.

For some time the residents of the lower section of Brooklyn have been made aware of the disappearance of this cat through this advertisement that appeared in the hotels, many of the stores and on the outer walls of some of the buildings.

Lost—A long Angora, long-haired, brown tabby cat, with large, bushy tail, white breast and feet and white streak on nose. Five dollars is offered, but no reasonable reward will be refused to any one returning him, or giving any information as may lead to his recovery.

The cat's name was Reginald, but it will be noticed that Reginald is described in the advertisement as a tabby cat. This apparent incongruity must be the New York sun's only apology for referring to Reginald in an impersonal and impartial fashion.

Reginald became conscious of the worries of this world in the heart of England. Early in life it came into the possession of the Littlejohn family, which consists at present of Mrs. Littlejohn, her son Stewart, who is an artist and her daughter, who is a blue-eyed divinity.

Reginald grew to be a wonderful animal. It would turn marvelous somersaults and seemed to understand all that was said. It was particularly fond of the poetry which Miss Littlejohn often read aloud. When Reggie sailed for America a year and a half ago it captivated all the other passengers on the ship.

The apartment house at No. 89 Pineapple street, in which Reginald was domiciled, had already become famous through being the residence of the young Californian author of "Through the Chaparral; or the Wingless Insects of Shasta County." The Littlejohn family took the top flat, so that Reginald might have the roof for its exercise.

One day Reginald tripped lightly out of a fifth-story window. Its terrified mistress rushed to the basement, expecting to find his mangled body on the flagstones. Instead she saw Reginald calmly stroking his whiskers. With pardonable pride she had it photographed, and her brother painted its portrait.

One Saturday Reginald was on the roof with Miss Littlejohn. Suddenly it leaped down to the window sill of the parlor window. Miss Littlejohn rushed down stairs, but Reggie had disappeared. From that to this, although anxious inquiries have been made far and wide, nothing has been seen of Reginald by the Littlejohn family.

The Littlejohns thought at first that it might have gone to the neighbors. But the neighbors had not seen it, and the Californian declared that he had never heard of Reggie.

At the time of the disappearance Reginald was nearly twice as big as an ordinary cat, with a marked ruff of white fur around its neck and a wonderfully bushy tail. If anybody should see such a cat he can discover whether it is really Reginald by talking to it in soulful verse. If it is Reginald, it will show marked appreciation of the attention.

Mabel—He is such a delightful fellow, but the trouble is we don't know whether he is married or single.

Her Cousin Tom—Is he very attentive?—willing to come or go—

Mabel—Yes, he is.

Her Cousin Tom—Courageous in telling you how lovely you are and what an influence such a woman as you would have over a man's life? Ready, in fact, to prostrate himself at your feet?

Mabel—That just expresses it.

Her Cousin—Then he's married.—Life.

PRIEST DUCEY TURSS PROPHECY.

Predicts a Revolution and Declares the Roman Church Will Oppose Capital.

A special dispatch from New York, dated November 21, to the San Francisco Examiner said: "As a priest of the Catholic Church, I say to you from this pulpit that the present condition of the poor in the United States can not go on. The Catholic church in these United States must lead in the emancipation of the people from present social and economic slavery; the church must lead as the emancipator of the working classes. The United States and its Congress must make laws to protect the people's rights and abrogate laws that have been made by bribery in the interest of fraud."

"This was the keynote of one of the most forcible sermons ever delivered from the pulpit of a Catholic church. The speaker was the Rev. Father Thomas J. Ducey, rector of St. Leo's church, in East Twenty-eighth street. Unexpected as his theme was, the little church was filled with admirers of the outspoken priest when he ascended the rostrum at mass this morning.

"The Catholic church's great mission to the inhuman civilization of our times is recognized by all thinking men," were the introductory words of the priest. And then, with uplifted hand, he said: "The church can say, must say and will say, inhumanity of man to man must end."

"The Catholic church, as God's agent on earth, must proclaim the rights of the people; tell the people's oppressors that the vast multitudes have the right to exercise the liberty of the children of God for the simple reason that God's truth has made them free. The Catholic church, by Divine foundation, and by her perfect organization throughout the world, has the God-given right to fling this battle cry to the world and she will continue and must continue so to do, for wrong, injustice and oppressors cannot prevail against the laws of God and the rights of humanity. Leo XIII the head of the Catholic church, in support of what I have said, has proclaimed to the civilized world that as far as regards the church, its assistance will never be wanting, be the time and occasion what it may, and it will intervene with greater effect in proportion as its liberty of action is unfettered."

"Then he said impressively: 'Every generation of the world's history is confronted by some important problem, to the solution of which the best minds and truest hearts must lend every energy. Our time has this vast problem. The social conditions of our times have become despotic and unbearable. The great mass of the people are in revolt the world over, and unless the church of Christ, directed by the spirit of Jesus Christ, becomes the advocate of the people's cause and rights and forces into public life the truest and best men of the land, who cannot and will not be purchased by trust kings and kings of monopoly—forces into public life men who will pass just laws, based on the Ten Commandments, the revolt of the people now before the world will swing into a most disastrous revolution. With the blessings of God, the day is dawning, I believe, when none shall be able to become rich if all are not comfortable, and no man shall become poor without all others becoming likewise impoverished.'"

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