

BUZZARD ROOSTED HIGH.

But He Had to Climb Down From His Lusty perch.

We have been interested in the case of Abo Buzzard of Pennsylvania, the king of outlaws of the Welsh mountains, says the New York Sun. After Mr. Buzzard had done lots of mischief and got lashings of plunder he fell into the clutches of the law, was tried and sent to the penitentiary. When he had been there about eight years he turned religious. He told the penitentiary preacher that he had experienced a change of heart; he talked like a convert, prayed like a zealot, and sang the hymns which Sankey sings. The pious people rejoiced; they secured his pardon; they welcomed him upon his release from prison. The notorious outlaw Buzzard was now Brother Buzzard. He took to preaching, he became a traveling evangelist, he gained the favor of the clergy, he exhorted the evildoers to repent, he told thrilling stories of his exploits as a malefactor and jail breaker, he declared that, "though a criminal almost from the cradle," he had entered upon a new life. Brother Buzzard was a star preacher after he got out of the penitentiary. It now turns out, however, that all this time Buzzard has been doing business in the old line as a thief and miscreant. He would preach at a place and take to the highway at the end of his sermon. He would pass the plate to church before the doxology and then start out to crack a safe, or steal a horse blanket, or break into a store, or rob a postoffice, or burst the strong box of a railway station, or do some of the other deeds for which he had been famous before his conversion. He struck out for devilry while yet his plaintive calls rang in the ears of his hearers. He carried a satchel in which religious tracts were mixed up with incriminating material. He looked up the stolen goods while he went out to battle with sin.

We have heard of other cases, but not of any more interesting than Abo Buzzard's.

A short time ago, just after Buzzard the Bad had presided at a religious meeting, he was arrested in clerical garb, taken to court, and put upon trial at Lancaster charged with twenty-two crimes. He pleaded guilty to some of them. He was sentenced to eleven years' confinement in the penitentiary.

We do not need to draw any moral from Buzzard's case. But can it be that Buzzard's conversion was genuine after all, and that he merely fell into temptation now and then through the force of habit?

TOO FAT TO KEEP AWAKE.

One Product of the British Workhouse That Does It Credit.

The inhabitants of Poplar, who work hard and live frugally in order to pay their taxes honestly, must be highly gratified to learn that they have been wearing their fingers to the bone to assist William Edwards, an inmate of their workhouse, to become so fat that it takes him half an hour to stoop to pick up a pin and another half-hour to raise himself to the perpendicular, says the London Telegraph. After the herculean exertion he becomes so exhausted that he requires to spend the next hour in slumber to recruit his shattered force. He tried to induce the authorities to accept the theory that he had worked out, which proved that the trouble of getting out of bed in the morning was so enfeebling in his case that it should be omitted from the day's arrangements and his food sent up to his bedside.

When the workhouse master declined to acknowledge the correctness of this deduction, Edwards tried to carry his pet idea into effect surreptitiously by crawling into a corner to enjoy a nap. Never once was the question asked, "Where's Edwards?" without receiving the response, and always correct, "Asleep, sir."

This prodigy, who puts all other fat boys in the shade, is only 20 and weighs about twenty-one stone, and his cheeks are so fat that he has not for years seen his nose. And yet some people say that the poor-law system is a failure. The other day a special constable tempted to keep Edwards awake, and at failed, so the sleeper was brought before the Thames magistrate charged with neglecting his work. He then admitted that he felt drowsy after the good dinner which the ratepayers kindly supplied him, and if he did oversleep himself a little he "axed parding." Mr. Dickinson said the youth was apparently too well nourished and sent him to jail for seven days as a tonic for an overfed and overslept system.

A Pointed Analogy.

A young man of this city has attracted some attention among his acquaintances by his frugal habits—to describe them by a gentler word than is employed by his less considerate critics. One of his friends undertook to convince him that his view of life was mistaken.

"You are wasting your time and energy in the pursuit of a mere shadow. You ought to enjoy life."

"But I do enjoy life," insisted the thrifty youth.

"Not as you could. You are wasting golden moments on the apprehensions of the future. This talk about putting something by for a rainy day is all nonsense."

"Don't you believe it," was the earnest rejoinder. "That's what North's neighbors used to say when he was building the ark."—Washington Star.

A Slight Mistake.

"I wrote it," cried the indignant editor, "let the galled jade wince; our withers are unwrung," and just see how it reads in the paper?"

"Mistake in it?"

"I should smile! That fool printer has it: 'Let the galled jug dance; our withers are all unstrung!'"

THE WRONG BUNDLE.

How a Wife Missed a Present of Diamonds From Her Husband.

The New York express stood puffing and panting in the station, the passengers were stowing away their impediments and scowling at their seat mates, and the Pullman porter, with a proprietary air, was just about to swing himself aboard.

Just then young Mr. Brownsmith, glancing out of the window, saw the wife of his bosom sail triumphantly past the Corbous of the gates with a huge bundle, evidently from the laundry, in her arms. She was beyond doubt much agitated, for her hat was awry and her necktie under her ear, but her mien was victorious.

"Here is your linen, Henry, dear!" she was crying when she came within earshot. "I went to the office myself and gave the man a piece of my mind. I'd have been scolding him yet if he hadn't suggested that I had barely time to catch the train. Then I ordered my bundle sent and fairly flew. So careless of him not to have the things ready on time!"

"Humph! It was careless of you not to have sent them earlier. I told you—"

"I know, Henry; but I wanted to wear my pink shirt waist just once more before I sent, and I thought they could all go at once."

"Well, you came near sending me to New York without an inch of clean linen."

"I don't think you're grateful, when I went to get the linen and came on here without even curling my hair."

The bell rang, the conductor shouted "All aboard," and Mr. Brownsmith seized the bundle his wife still held just as the wheels began to turn.

"Goodness me! I'd nearly forgotten to give it to you, after all. Good-by, dear; don't forget the diamond earrings."

But Henry was out of hearing.

"O, well, he'll have to get them now," she mused; "he has no excuse now that he got his linen in time—and O, I hope the stones will be larger than any Alice has!"

Then she went home with a smile of satisfaction on her face. But the smile faded away when she opened the bundle the laundryman had just sent home.

"Good heavens!" she cried, "there is all of Henry's linen now. I got the wrong bundle; and he is taking all my shirt-waists and collarettes to New York."

A YALE VICTORY.

The Reversed Dinner and Their Reversed Costumes.

When the Yale athletes were in New York, prior to their departure for Oxford, a well-known Brooklyn society woman gave them a dinner. It is part of the creed of these young men never to express surprise at any joke at their expense. This their hostess knew. She was determined to compel a departure from this law and conceived her plan with that object in view. The women of the party had been notified and were bound over to silence until some comment should be made by the broadclothed guests. At an exquisitely appointed table the party sat down. The butlers first served coffee, liqueurs, and candies. Next came ices. Then salads. Talk flowed on brilliantly and easily. Evidently there was no stupidity on the part of the servants in serving this contrary to established etiquette, for the hostess remained unconcerned. So did the Yale men. The reversed dinner went through its courses without hitch or jar, until after the soup and just before the clams were served. Then the Yale men asked to be excused. Their hostess acquiesced with a broad touch of wonder on her face. In ten minutes the team filed back into the dining-room, each with his "swallow-tail" on "hind part before." They had done honor to the reversed dinner. The surface of unconcern was broken down. The hostess was hoisted by her own petard, but the table rang with applause.

HE LEARNED THE CAUSE.

A Man of the World Who Called Once Too Often.

A man of the world was wont to call, not infrequently, upon a young widow, says the Illustrated American. One day the pretty maid at the door announced that her mistress was out of town. On some pretext, however, the man entered. He also talked to the maid. Some days later, knowing that the lady had returned, he called again. He was a bit surprised when a strange maid met him at the door and showed him to the little reception room. While she carried his card up the stairs, he reflected that she was not so dainty as her predecessor, and she was not so pretty, though her uniform was similar, and her cap was as stiff, and her apron as spotless. He was realizing how much more the woman was to the dress than the dress is to the woman, when the maid returned and announced, promptly: "Mrs. — is not receiving." The man of the world bit his lip—it was the first time he had ever been denied admittance—and moved toward the door. The maid held it open for him, and as he passed through it she blurted out: "And she says, if you please, sir, the maids receive in the kitchen, sir."

Another Conspiracy Against the Pole.

To reach the North pole an architect, M. Hauin, has proposed to the Geographical society of Paris the construction of wooden huts one or two days' journey apart. He considers Greenland the most favorable locality for an experiment of this kind. Each of the huts would become in its turn a base of supplies for the construction of the next. As the distance to be covered is about 900 miles, a score of huts would be necessary to establish a route to the pole.

IT WAS CHEAP.

The Old Bachelor Concluded That He Was Getting a Great Bargain.

When a man makes a fortunate deal he is happy. It matters not whether he is engaged in a business that is safe or whether he indulges in games of chance or buys tickets in the Louisiana or matrimonial lottery. And when a man is happy he wants others to rejoice with him. And this is what led the clerk of a court to tell a reporter the following:

A German, a bachelor, about 50 years old, came into the office with a broad smile on his face and asked for a marriage license. After the paper was made out the German took out his pocket-book to pay for it, and when the amount was named the happy man exclaimed:

"Zwei tollar und a holf; mein grashious, but dot was cheap!"

"I was surprised," said the clerk, "for some fellows will grumble at paying the legal price of a document, even of this nature, but 'said nothing.'"

"Yah, mynher, dot was cheap; for zwei tollar und a holf I gets me ein frau—"

"Yes."

"Und dem shildrens—"

"Yes."

"Ein goot home—"

"Yes."

"All dese tings for zwei tollar und a holf? Mein grashious, but dot was cheap!"

The married clerk, as the old man turned to go, extended the usual congratulations, and wished him a long life in which to enjoy the possessions he was soon to acquire.

STRANGE DISCOVERY.

Balzac's Dressing Gown in the Wardrobe of the King of Dahomey.

Unlooked for things have been found in unlikely places, but there has probably been no discovery more remarkable than that of Balzac's dressing gown in possession of the king of Dahomey. Monarchs are rarely literary, and his dusky majesty, one would think, was the very last of them to have set much value upon the personal relic of a novelist, however distinguished. Nevertheless, the French found it in the royal apartment at Abomey. There were some ingenious theories founded upon this circumstance. One of the amazons, it was thought, might have been a novel reader, and had sent to Paris to secure the interesting memento, and on the affair coming to the knowledge of her sovereign, had hastened to say she had purchased it for his own shoulders. For, indeed, he always wore it upon state occasions. It was not a dressing gown, such as literary persons in this country are wont to wear, of second-class flannel worn at the edges, but of purple velvet embroidered with gold. As a matter of fact, it had been given to Balzac by some of his admirers and after his death had been bought by a dealer in curiosities, who had placed it, with other showy articles, on the West African market. It is sad to think how a plain tale will "put down"—that is, destroy the materials of a fine romance.

A GOLD FISH.

A Beautiful Specimen of the Japanese Paprika Recently Caught.

G. A. Guinand, of the Nadeau hotel, San Francisco, was fishing at Santa Monica when he caught what at first sight appeared to be a solid lump of gold. When the prize was safely landed it proved to be a specimen of the Japanese fish known as the paprika, and by experts it is said to be the first of its kind ever caught on that coast.

The fish is a beautiful creature, being exactly the color of burnished gold and of graceful contour. It is about nine inches in length, five inches in width and about one and a half inches thick. The head is short and the mouth small, but full of rows of sharp frontal teeth. The dorsal fin is of short length, but is sharply serrated, and continues along the back, ending in a larger fin, which, in connection with a corresponding one underneath the body and the tail, gives it the appearance of a three-tailed fish.

A remarkable feature of this beautiful fish is that it is furnished with two distinct sets of gills. The eyes are prominent and bright yellow in color.

No More of That.

Lyman Gage, after a stirring meeting, had just gone off to bed, and was in his first sleep when he heard a loud knocking at the door, and a voice called out: "I am gathering the opinions of several prominent citizens on the so-and-so question; kindly tell me what you think of it." The next day Mr. Gage sent round a polite note to the proprietor of the paper in which this nocturnal interview was to have appeared: "If anything of the kind ever occurs again," he wrote, "I shall engage a man to go after midnight to your house and knock you up at three a. m. in order to ask you a question from me." He was never again troubled in the same way.

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The Past and the Future.

Robbie, in a sober mood—Oh, mamma, I only wish I had all the money I've spent for candy. Mamma, proudly—My boy would put it in his savings bank, wouldn't he? Robbie, deliberately—No, ma'am; I'd buy more candy.

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Are You Engaged?

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