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PROVED HIS ABILITY.

A Tenderfoot's Wonderful Feat In Herding Sheep.

In the west they tell this story about the east, perhaps by way of retalia- That Fearful and Mystic Visitation for some of the tall stories about the west that they tell down east.

A young man, just graduated from an eastern institution of learning, went to the west and applied at a IT FOLLOWED IN WAR'S WAKE. large ranch for a job.

"What can you do?" asked the owner.

"Nothing much, but I'm willing to work and can learn," replied the eager "Know how to ride a horse?"

useful here, I'm afraid." "What have you to do for a man if

he could ride?" "Herding sheep."

"I think I could get along at that very well without a horse."

"Young man, I'm afraid you don't would make a pretty poor show."

Earl Murray I can do."

early the next morning.

When the employer rose next mornso early, he accosted him:

work, are you?"

for two or three hours."

doing?" he asked. "Driving those lambs into the cor-

is not the lamb season."

too."

told was about. And, sure enough, huddled up togeth-

eighty-five wild jackrabbits.

do," said the ranchman.-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Bismarck Duel.

mensely, and, as the Frenchman came at least a fourth perished. his adversary was wounded.

Home Grown Motors.

they want?"

or not."

else will do them so much good."

The colonel looked at him in astonishment. "Why, stranger," he said, Companion.

Put Crape In Windows.

with crape.—New York Press.

As London Sees Us.

In an article on smoking the West. England. minster Gazette of London says:

services. Write D. Clem Deaver, Agent ator has been known to deliver a per. occasioned seem to have been preat regular intervals, and followed by a crowd of reporters eagerly taking down his utterances."

> Exact justice is commonly more merciful in the long run than pity, for it wars danger from the plague seems quirer. tends to foster in men those stronger gradually to have lessened perhaps as qualities which make them good citizens.-Lowell.

THE BLACK SCOURGE

tion of Olden Days.

In the Fourteenth Century It Swept the Whole of Europe, Killing 25,000,000 In Three Years-The Pestilence In London.

The plague or pestilence, that myste-"No, I never rode one in my life." "Rather a slim chance for you to be rious and fearful visitation which has moved its hosts in the wake of armies to slay more than war itself, is supposed to have first originated among the dense masses of people who crowded together in the great cities of Asia and Egypt or who formed the encampknow much about this business. I have ments of Xerxes, Cyrus and Tamera large ranch here and some thou- lane the Tartar. It probably sprang sands of sheep. A man without a horse from the impurity which must have existed in the midst of such vast gath-"Well, I'll tell you; when I was at erings and in part also from leaving college I was the champion sprinter the unburied dead upon the field of of the institution, I believe I could battle. At any rate, the germs of this do you some good service. I have a fearful human poison have always long distance record too. I wish you'd been most active where conditions give me a chance and let us see what similar to those have prevailed. It has always been war and the march of With a good natured but pitying armies that have spread it broadcast smile the ranchman said all right and over the world from time to time, and bade his new man to get some supper, as war became less frequent and less turn in and be ready to go to work worldwide the frequency and extent of these ravages have lessened also.

The first recorded outbreak of the ing he saw the new employee coming plague in Europe occurred in the sixin from the direction of the sheep teenth century. It came from lower quarters. Somewhat surprised at the Egypt. This was the first lapping of young fellow's enterprise in getting up the wave that reached into the east again, there to stay its movements, so "Well, you're up and ready to go to far as the west was concerned, until 544 A. D., when the returning legions "Oh, my, yes! I've been at work of the Emperor Justinian brought it again into the western world from the Then the ranchman noted that the battlefields of Persia. Constantinople tenderfoot was dressed in working was the first place it attacked. Here clothes, a sweater, and already looked in a single day as many as 10.000 perrather flushed. "What have you been sons are said to have fallen victims to it. But the plague did not stop with Constantinople. It had found a too congenial soil in Europe, which was "What lambs? I have no lambs. This little else than one great battlefield at the time. It was carried into Gaul, "Well, I chased eighty-five of them where it followed close in the wake of in, and I tell you I had a time of it the Frankish armies, and from Gaul it moved into Italy, with the Lom-The ranchman went with the young bards, and so devastated the country tenderfoot to see what the story he as to leave it entirely at the mercy

of the invaders. The various crusades, which extender, frightened and tired out, were ed over a space of about 200 years, no doubt did much to hold the pestilence "All right, young man; I think you'll in Europe, for they served to keep open the channels of intercourse between the east and the west. Periodic epidemics were common during their continuance, and these seem to have A duel in which Bismarck was once culminated in the fourteenth century engaged had a very amusing origin. with what is known in history as the It occurred when he was chief secre- black death. The black death was tary of the Prussian legation at Frank- more fatal to human life than any fort. He went much into society and other single cause since the world beone Christmas attended a big ball. gan. The havoc of war was nothing During the height of the festivities in comparison to it. It swept the Bismarck's attention was directed to whole of Europe, leaving in its path an exceedingly pompous individual who such misery and destitution as the strutted about the room. This was a world had never known. It killed in M. de Clancy, a noted French duelist. three years some 25,000,000 people. Later on this important individual Such figures stagger the comprehentook part in the dance, but having sion, but the records of the time canomitted to leave his hat at the proper not be doubted. The entire population place had perforce to hold it out al. of Europe is estimated to have been most at arm's length while he danced. about 100,000,000, kept down as it was The spectacle tickled Bismarck im- by the constant warfare, and of these

sailing majestically along, Bismarck | The ravages of the plague in Italy, stepped forward and dropped a coin where it came in the track of the war into the hat. A duel was one of the of the Guelphs and Ghibellines, was next day's events. Though it was with particularly disastrous to mankind. It pistols Bismarck escaped unhurt, while raged with terrible fury in Naples, where 60,000 persons are said to have Even a book agent sometimes fails forever destroyed the prosperity of contribution in the perfecting of it. of achievement through unforeseen Siena. Florence also suffered severely, The convexity on one side, the flatness misunderstanding. "Colonel," said one while 100,000 of the inhabitants of on the other and the sharp, knifelike of them affably to a Texan whose rec- Venice were literally wiped off the edge on the inside of the convexity ord he had looked up beforehand, face of the earth. From Italy it moved have the air of having been carefully "those are mighty fine boys of yours." | into France, where the mortality was | thought out. Yet the people who in-"The finest in the country, stranger," almost as great. In Paris alone 50,000 vented this singular weapon cannot said the colonel. "The finest in Tex- people died from it. One of the worst count higher than five and are desti-"I reckon you buy them anything the black death was the cruel persecu- life. Theirs is perhaps the lowest "Why, stranger, I buy them any- were supposed to have infected the air assumed that the boomerang was the thing they need, whether they want it in some mysterious manner, and they creation of an older and higher civili-"Then, colonel, let me sell you a cy- wells and springs. In Strassburg 2,000 It must be the product of an age long clopedia for them. There's nothing of them were buried alive in their own empirical use of throwing weapons .-

burial ground. The order of the Flagellanto arose at this time, coming from the belief "them boys of mine don't need any that the sins of the world had at last A young Scotchman went to a Loncyclopedia. They ride mules."-Youth's brought down the wrath of heaven. It don school of music, where he learned was the beginning of the so called to play the violoncello fairly well. On hundred years' war that carried the his return to his native village he gathblack death into England, where in ered his friends together to hear his Passengers on the Second avenue London its victims numbered 100,000. new instrument. When he had played elevated road witness one custom that When at last the plague had worked one or two tunes, he looked up expecseems peculiar to the people living in its ravages it doubled back over its tantly. After a slight pause his old the flats along that line of travel. They course to disappear in the east. Later grandfather spoke. frequently see streamers of crape tied on it appeared again in England, "Eh, maun," he said, "it's a maircy to the second and third story front first among the soldiers of Richmond there's na smell wi' it!"-Liverpool windows that open on fire escapes. after the battle of Bosworth Field, Mercury. Somehow the bereaved relatives feel and when the victorious army marched that crape on the flat house door will to London the plague went with them not indicate with sufficient clearness to work its havor there. As long as it which family has suffered loss, so to lasted the mortality was as great as how these shoes of mine are to be problem, in which he scored the graftpoint out exactly the rooms where that caused by the black death half a made. Shoemaker—Oh, I know that ers so elequently that his reputation as mourning exists the windows are hung century before. Five thousand people well enough-large inside and small died in five weeks, and then the plague outside.-Meggendorfer Blatter. left London as suddenly as it had appeared there to sweep over the rest of

In Scotland the plague of 1568 came "At Washington senators not only smoke in committee rooms, but in the side, when Queen Mary was dethronipatetic speech, attending to his cigar served. The plague visited London in 1675. This followed after the civil war which ended with the death of Charles II., but so many years intervened that dio?" it is impossible to trace any connection between the two events. In modern a result of better sanitary conditions maintained by the armies of today.

Reade's Eccentric English. Reade's use of the English language,

too, was eccentric, not to say ludicrous. In "A Simpleton," when he wished to signify that two people turned their backs on each other in a fit of temper, he wrote, "They showed napes." Describing the complexion of the New Haven fishwives in "Christie Johnstone," he says, "It is a race of women that the northern sun peachifies Instead of rosewoodizing." In "Readiana" he describes a gentleman giving a lunch to two ladies at a railway restaurant as follows: "He souped them, he tough chickened them, he brandled and cochinealed one, and he brandled and burnt sugared the other (brandy and cochineal and brandy and burnt sugar being Reade's euphemisms for port and sherry respectively). While he was preparing his series of articles on Old Testament characters he read tling passage in his argument:

sion, we must go the whole hog or

Coleman objected to this phrase. "You don't like the hog, I see," said scarcely Scriptural, so out it goes."-Gentleman's Magazine,

Bass Are Real Cute.

It is related for a fact that the reason bass jump-and it is common practice of the fish-is because they wish to acduring the spring and are especially active just before the open season be-

At this time they may be seen doing long distance jumps, somersaults and side stepping.

that he spent an entire afternoon ten years. The congressman is a lifewatching a three pound bass dragging long newspaper man, being the puba long willow sapling through the water and acting as if it were caught congress he has made a record as an

in a half circle as if to disgorge the advocating the "stand pat" doctrine barb, and then it would swim back- which has been pronounced by vetward in an endeavor to snap the This fisherman asserts that what

jumping the bass do during the sum-

American.

Improving Nature. To "paint the lily; to gild refined gold," when taken in a literal sense, seem processes too absurd for serious deliberation. Flowers of unnatural hues, however, bloom in florists' windows, and the color green as applied to the carnation is no longer confined to the title of a book. But the Persians do even worse things in the name of beauty. They dress up their flowers, according to Mr. Wills in "The Land of Lion and Sun."

Persia is not a land of flowers. Zinni..., convolvulus, asters, balsams, wallflowers, chrysanthemums, marigolds and roses are the principal blooms of the country. The Persians, not content with the

plain flower, cut rings of colored pa-

per, cloth or velvet and ornament the

bloom, placing the circles of divers

hues between the first and second rows The effect is strange. One, at first glance, supposes he sees a bouquet of curious and bizarre flowers of entirely

The Boomerang and "s Inventors.

The boomerang is her a puzzle. died. It fell upon Pisa, and seven out One might think that the highest laws of every ten perished. It utterly and of mathematics had been laid under features presented by the history of tute of all the arts and amenities of tion it aroused against the Jews. They plane of human life. Some people have were accused of having poisoned the zation, but for this there is no evidence. London Spectator.

Sandy's Criticism.

He Knew.

Pretty Bad. Wife - Aren't you going to smoke

those cigars I gave you? Husband-

Authoritative. "So you are going to leave your stu-

"Leave? No. Who told you so?" "Your landlord." - Philadelphia in-

Self conquest is the greatest victory. -Plato.

The Remarkable Landis Family.



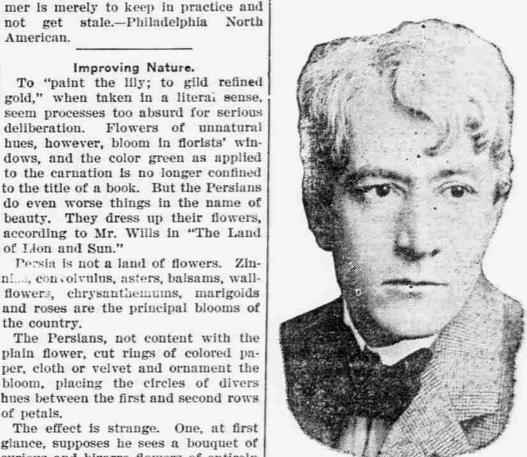
PHE Landis boys have done very well in life. There are five of them, three of whom have achieved some measure of national reputation. The one most prominently before the public just at present is Judge K. M. Landis of Chi-

FRED LANDIS. cago, who recently compelled John D. Rockefeller to apwhat he had written to John Coleman | pear before him and give information on one occasion and came to this star- as to the interior works of the Standard Oil monopoly. As United States "Having now arrived at this conclu- judge for the northern district of Illinois it devolves upon Judge Landis to assess fines against the Standard Oil company for accepting illegal concessions from the Chicago and Alton Reade. "Well, it's a strong figure of | railway in no less than 1,400 instances, speech, and it's understanded of the Should the court assess the maximum people, but-yes, you are right. It's fines the defendant company would have to pay about \$29,000,000 for its disregard of the law.

Judge Landis is forty-one years old. He bears the peculiar given names of Kenesaw Mountain, his father, a surgeon in the Union army, having been wounded in the civil war battle of that quire grace and strength in testing name. Early in life he was a news their ability against that of fishermen, paper reporter. He was private sec-Several men who say they know retary to Walter Q. Gresham when what they are talking about point out the latter was secretary of state under that bass do most of their jumping President Cleveland. Judge Landis has practiced law in Chicago for many years. President Roosevelt appointed him to the district bench in 1905.

Charles B. Landis, an elder brother of the judge, is more widely known. He has been a member of congress One bass expert goes so far as to say from the Ninth Indiana district for lisher of a paper at Delphi, Ind. In able orator. One of his latest efforts Leaping into the air, it would turn was a speech on the tariff question. erans one of the best tariff speeches in recent years.

Personally Congressman Landis is jovial and witty. He takes delight



JUDGE KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS.

in telling funny stories, of which he seems to have an overflowing stock. Many of these deal with the Indiana Hoosier and are reminiscent of the congressman's newspaper life. When Charles B. Landis first went to Washington he was accompanied by

his younger brother Frederick, who served him as private secretary. One day Frederick, who also did some newspaper correspondence from the capital, thus following the family bent, packed up his belongings and took a train for home. His home was and still is with his mother at the family homestead in Logansport.

"When will you be back to Washington?" inquired Brother Charles.

"Not until I come back as a member of congress," replied the youngster. Three years later, when Frederick Landis was thirty, he returned to Washington as member of congress from the Eleventh Indiana district. He was re-elected at

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the close of his term, but was defeated in his third campaign last year. In congress young Frederick Landis made an excellent record. During his first term he modestly refrained from proving his ora-

torical abilities, but CHARLES B. LANDIS. in his second term he arose to the oc-Lady Customer-I wish to tell you casion in a speech on the insurance an orator was well made. The ex-congressman is a noted stump speaker in Indiana and is said still to have political ambitions. He practices law at

Logansport. Another of the Landis brothers is postmaster at San Juan, Porto Rico, on these excursions. No charge for senate itself. Often a Washington 'or- ed, but no records of the mortality it gins to want to smoke. They'll settle while the fifth is a successful physician in Cincinnati. The brothers were born in Ohio, but grew up in Indiana.

On to Him. "Did he have any luck fishing?"

"Well, he says he caught a number of fish, many of which weighed three pounds."

"I see. They were so small it would take a great many of them to weigh three pounds."-Philadelphia Press.



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