

THE CODE DUELLO

It Had Its Origin In the Barbarous Wager of Battle.

QUEER COMBATS IN FRANCE.

One Fatal Affair of Honor Was Fought Out In Balloons, and Another Was Decided With Billiard Balls as Weapons—A Duel Between Women.

The idea from which the code duello was developed came down from the north with the barbarians who overran the Roman empire. They brought with them the ordeal or wager of battle or judicial duel, which sprang from their idea to fight it out and let the guilt or innocence of the accused be determined by the result of the battle. Strangely enough, the judicial duel was considered a fitting mode of settling disputes between man and wife. To equalize as much as possible the inequality of such a contest the man was put in a pit in which he was buried up to the girdle, while one of his arms was bound to his side. Sometimes a barrel took the place of a pit. For a weapon the man had a baton or stick, the woman a kind of sling with a stone in it.

The story of the duel in the modern sense may be dated from 1527, when Francis I. gave the lie to the Emperor Charles V., a proceeding which promised to lead to a combat of exceptional interest, but which never took place because mutual friends reconciled the pugnacious monarchs.

By this time the judicial duel had been gradually abolished, and the private duel, fought before witnesses, who seconded the principals in the encounter, came in. Sometimes the seconds also mixed it up, and instead of a duel there was a quartet or a sextet. The day of dueling has passed long since in England and America and only lingers in France as a sort of harmless comedy.

Several duels have been fought be-

tween women, and there are two or three instances of duels between a man and a woman, in which the man did not always get the better of it.

One of these duels between women was that between two Frenchwomen, the Marquise de Nesle and the Comtesse de Polignac, in the eighteenth century. The two titled women were rivals for the affections of a certain duke, and an incident occurred which brought on a bitter quarrel between the two jealous grande dames.

As a result of this the marquise challenged the comtesse to fight her a duel, and the challenge was accepted. Pistols were chosen and the Bois de Boulogne selected as the place of meeting. When the women had taken their places the comtesse called out to the marquise, "Do you fire first, madame, and, mind you, don't miss me; don't imagine for a moment that I am going to miss you!" The marquise fired, but missed and hit a neighboring tree. The comtesse smiled. "Your hand trembles with passion, madame," cried she. "You are lost!"

The comtesse aimed deliberately at the head of the marquise and fired. The marquise fell with a great cry as if one who had received a mortal wound, but the bullet had only cut away a minute piece of her shell-like ear. All Paris laughed—even the duke.

Two duels have been fought from balloons. The most interesting was that between M. de Grandpre and M. Le Pique, which took place on May 3, 1808. Why they selected balloons is not clear, but possibly because ballooning was one of the crazes of the day.

Each duelist, with his second, got into a balloon in the field adjoining the Tuileries, and in the presence of a great crowd the cords were cut and up shot the balloons. The combatants were armed with blunderbusses. At about 800 feet from the ground Le Pique fired, and Grandpre immediately responded. The latter's shot was effective and penetrated Le Pique's balloon, which rapidly descended, and Le Pique and his second were dashed to death on a housetop, while Grandpre and his second descended safely some seven leagues away.

A duel with billiard balls took place in France Sept. 4, 1843, between two young men, named, respectively, Le-

fant and Melfant. They quarreled over a game of billiards and decided to fight a duel with the balls with which they were playing. They drew lots for the first throw, and Melfant won. "I am going to kill you at the first throw," said Melfant, and, aiming the missile, he hurled it at Lefant, striking him in the center of the forehead and killing him almost instantly.

Among curious American duels was that fought at the Oaks, the famous New Orleans dueling ground, between M. Pedesclaux, a creole, and a retired French cavalry officer, in antebellum days. The duel was fought with both combatants mounted on magnificent stallions and armed with broadswords. It was a fierce battle, in which the French officer was killed.

Consolation.

"I have been a drudge all my life," he complained.

"Well," the unsympathetic old bachelor replied, "it's largely your own fault. Why did you ever get married? Look at me."

"Yes, I'm looking at you. That's what reconciles me to my condition. After all, there are worse things than drudges in the world."—Chicago Record-Herald.

When Nature Was Timekeeper.

In the British museum is a large stone composed of carbonate of lime, which would serve perfectly as a day laborer's calendar inasmuch as it would indicate to him every Sunday and holiday of the year, though not the day of the month. Moreover, the stone is an actual time record of the work done for a long period in an English coal mine.

The "Sunday stone," as it is called, was removed from a colliery drain. When the miners were at work the water running through the drain left a deposit colored black by the coal dust, but when no work was being done the water ran down clear and left a white deposit. These deposits in the course of time built up the stone. Each day of work left a black streak, immediately followed by a white streak made during the night. Wide white streaks indicate the holidays and Sundays.—Harper's Weekly.

Back to Adam

A parchment roll over a foot wide and nineteen feet long containing the genealogical tree of King Henry VI. is in the Welsh National library at Aberystwith. The work is beautifully executed in tabular fashion of the latter half of the fifteenth century and is illuminated with miniatures, rich capitals and red ornamental letters. The pedigree is traced from Adam, and the particulars occupy a red line of six yards on the scroll. On the left side of the pedigree appears the list of archbishops of Canterbury down to John Stafford and on the right side the list of Welsh princes down to Edward I.—Dundee Advertiser.

Eskimo Trial Marriage.

The trial marriage is an ineradicable custom among the Eskimos. If a young man and woman are not suited with each other they try again, and sometimes several times, but when they find mates to whom they are adapted the arrangement is generally permanent. If two men want to marry the same woman they settle the question by a trial of strength, and the better man has his way.—"The North Pole," by Robert E. Peary.

Helping Dad.

Small Johnny—Papa, would you be glad if I saved a dollar for you? Papa—Certainly, my son. Small Johnny—Well, I saved it for you, all right. You said if I brought a first class report from my teacher this week you would give me a dollar, and I didn't bring it.—Chicago News.

What She Wanted.

Father (to his daughter)—I've brought you a zither for your birthday, my dear, and a book by which you can teach yourself to play on it in a month. Daughter—But it was the zither teacher I wanted most.—Fliegende Blatter.

She Doesn't Ask.

"Does your wife ask you for things she knows you cannot afford?" "She hasn't asked me for a thing since we were married." "Great! How do you manage it?" "When she wants a thing she does not ask me; she tells me."—Houston Post.

BIG BOARD WALK FOR CONEY

New York's Playground Grows Jealous of Fashionable Resorts.

Coney Island has heard about enough of the million dollar pier of Atlantic City, to say nothing of its board walk. The same feeling of enmity goes for the famous promenade of Asbury Park. So the leading property owners of the playground of New York have decided to do some board walking that will give other ocean resorts a period of pause.

Contracts have been closed for the construction of a section of what will

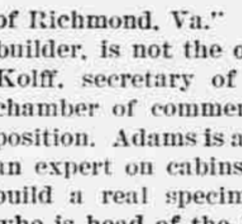


PART OF CONEY ISLAND'S FAMOUS BEACH.

be a five mile ocean promenade and driveway. This advance section will cost \$300,000 and be completed in time for the June crowds, and the remainder will be pushed as fast as possible. The entire walk is expected to be some five miles in length and will cost at least \$900,000. The structure will embrace a fifty foot promenade and a twenty foot automobile drive. Curious though it appears to many, the motorists can get near the ocean on Coney Island at but a few points. As thousands visit the resort daily in cars during the summer season, it was decided to make some provision for their comfort. In time it is expected to line this improvement with stores, forming another avenue of trade for the joyous isle of Coney.

Log Cabin In Skyscraperville.

Although ten story buildings are being torn down every month in New York city to make room for thirty and forty story skyscrapers, there was one log cabin erected within its domains last year. This edifice is one story high and contains one room with a big open fireplace over which is seen the inscription, "Erected 1910 by William Adams of Richmond, Va." Adams, though the builder, is not the owner, Cornelius G. Koff, secretary of the Staten Island chamber of commerce, occupying that position. Adams is a Virginia negro and an expert on cabins and contracted to build a real specimen for Mr. Koff, who is head of the Log Cabin Philosophers, a select organization of the island, on his property overlooking Manhattan, New Jersey and New York bay. The fireplace is connected with a regulation old fashioned log chimney plastered with mud from within and without and built with the "sway pole" over the fire with a swinging chain hanging from it.



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FRANCE HAS AIR MEN'S MAPS.

Made In Six Colors With Peculiar Devices For Landmarks.

Now comes the map for air men, and, as in other things aviatory, it comes from France. It was designed by the French army's geographical department and emphasizes the value set upon military aviation by the Gallie war department and its determination to be in the forefront.

The demand for a good map became great after the air race from Paris to the eastern frontier and return, and the new idea is the result. It depicts the district of Chalons, where the flying

Aviation ground and landing place.....

Airship sheds and repair shops.....

Aeroplane sheds and repair shops.....

Church towers, cathedrals.....

Factory chimneys.....

Large country houses

SIGNS USED ON FRENCH AIR MEN'S MAP.

school Mourmelon is located, as seen by an air man from a height of 600 feet and is printed boldly in six colors. The roads are white. Woods and forests are made splashes of green. The ups and downs of the country are shown by means of shading—light for a gentle rise and heavy for a high hill. Towns and villages stand out clearly in red. Windmills, church towers, factory chimneys, telegraph wires, even tall isolated trees, are indicated as danger spots.

Spots where it is dangerous to land because of uneven ground, hop poles, vineyards and orchards are marked with red crosses for the air men to avoid

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