

JUST A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE

Old Man's Memory Was Good, But He Had Mixed Up Certs. in Facts of the Story.

The late Sarah Orne Jewett lived a great part of her life in South Berwick, and the quaint Maine characters of her native town interested her profoundly.

Miss Jewett, at the Mayflower club in Boston, once illustrated aptly the unreliable quality of old people's memories.

"A young minister," she said, "born in South Berwick, was called in his maturity to one of the churches of the town. Everybody welcomed him. He had been away nearly 30 years. And the oldest inhabitant's welcome was the warmest of all.

"The oldest inhabitant, leaning on his stick, said in a high, tremulous voice to the young man:

"'And you're Master Johnny Greenough! 'Ow time do fly! Why, it seems only yesterday I traipsed in to the courthouse to see your poor old grandfather hanged.'

"Everybody looked shocked. So there was a blot on the Greenough family 'scutcheon, eh? But the young man said calmly:

"My good old friend, your memory is partly right and partly wrong. My grandfather was murdered, not hanged. It was two brothers of the name of Alden, who paid the penalty of his murder."

"Well, that's what I said," crowed the octogenarian. "That's just what I said, ain't it?"

SPOILED CARD SHARK'S GAME

How "Pat" Sheedy, Famous Gambler, Fooled Trickster Who Thought He Had Easy Money.

The greatest delight of "Pat" Sheedy, America's premier gambler, according to Henry Stewart of the Stewart-Peck Sand Company, was to "double cross" the crooked card sharks. Mr. Stewart and Sheedy were old friends.

"Sheedy once strolled into a tough gambling resort in the west, where he was not known, and stood watching the games," Mr. Stewart relates. "One of the dealers was 'spialing' to several countrymen and had about convinced them to take a chance at his game.

"I'll bet you two to one that I can shuffle the deck and cut the ace of hearts the first time," he announced.

"I'll take \$50 of that if you'll let me shuffle the cards," Pat said.

"The dealer agreed and the money was staked. The countrymen also made small bets.

"'Are you satisfied?' the dealer asked when the cards were shuffled. 'The proposition is that I am to cut the ace of hearts the first cut.'

"Everyone agreed. Then the dealer—he was a tough one—whipped out a big hunting knife and slashed the deck in two.

"But he didn't take the money. Sheedy had palmed the ace of hearts while shuffling the cards."

Looking Out for the Birds.

In some new houses which have recently been built at Knutsford in Cheshire a very pretty idea has been carried out to encourage the bird loving propensities of the occupants. The idea is to have nesting places for our feathered friends.

A local writer says: "Instead of fitting up the holes left by the scaffolding the architect had closed them with a thin covering of stucco pierced with a round hole. The birds enter and build inside. Sometimes you may see a tiny step just below for the bird to alight on and a little cornice over the gap to keep out the rain."

Other holes have also been purposely left in the brickwork for nests, and it is said that the birds understand it all perfectly.—Country Life.

Don't Ask for Sympathy.

Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has always been characterized by overflowing sympathy for the unfortunate, especially the unfortunate sick; nevertheless, she writes in Harper's Bazar on sympathy, she takes the point of view that it is a luxury all of us should learn to do without. "We have come to recognize absolutely the limitations of human sympathy, and it is something to have learned where it cannot follow us. After all, very few people in this world," observes Mrs. Phelps keenly, "are tender. Even among women the genuine quality is not common. Let us be content to assume sympathy in our friends. We shall not receive any less of it for believing in it."

Taking No Chances.

"Give me an egg phosphate," said the thirsty citizen of distinguished appearance who took a seat at the soda fountain. "Moreover, make the drink before my very eyes."

The white-clad attendant obeyed. He broke an egg into a glass, showed it to the inquiring one, and then poured it into the glass intended for the drink. Then he broke another egg, exposed it to view, and placed it in the final receptacle.

"Everything's O. K.," said the inspector, "and you may proceed with the manufacture of my drink."

From the Cynic.

"Father," said little "what is appendicitis?"

"My son," answered the cynical parent, "appendicitis is something that enables a good doctor to open up a man's anatomy and remove his entire bank account."—Richmond Evening Star.

NEVER COLLECTED HIS FEE

Amateur Effort of Young Lawyer Went Unrewarded, But Perhaps There's a Reason.

William Henry Marlatt went into the practice of the law before he was admitted to the bar, but the lawyer's union has never objected to him on that account. It was in the summer of '92, after his graduation from the Yale law school and before he had been admitted to practice in this state, that he found a man in jail in Labanon, O., who was playing checkers with his nose because of a conflict between himself and the statute relating to horse stealing. Marlatt discovered some irregularity in the commitment papers and started habeas corpus proceedings which set his man at liberty.

They walked out of the courthouse into the street, where the man asked the young lawyer to state the amount of his fee, which information was furnished him without delay. The man hadn't the money with him, having been in jail, but he said he'd send it at once.

"My best advice to you," said the lawyer, "is to hotfoot it out of town as fast as ever you can before the sheriff gets after you with a new set of papers."

"Mr. Marlatt," replied the man, "if God lets me live until Saturday night I'll see that you get that money." And he started down the street on a run.

They never arrested the fellow, but Marlatt is certain sure God didn't let him live, because he never sent the money. He just started off on a run and for all anybody knows he ran himself to death. However, Mr. Marlatt recalls his first experience at the bar with mingled emotions as he mentions the fee he earned but never got.—Cleveland Leader.

WHALE WAS TOWING THE DORY

Monster Caught in the Trawl Line While Engaged in Stealing the Captain's Fish.

Capt. William O'Donnell of the fishing schooner Lucy D. Winsor was hauling trawls several miles off Race Point when his dory began to act strangely, says the Boston Herald. The boat stood on its stern, then tilted by the head and started out to sea at tremendous speed. The captain was experiencing a new sensation, and it made him a trifle anxious, because there was no clew to the mysterious power that was rapidly taking him off soundings.

With added momentum the dory forged away from the schooner, and its occupant, who admits he was scared, cast off the trawl and crouched in the stern of the boat so the bow would not be dragged under water. But the trawl caught, and two minutes after the dory was flying through the waves at such a rate that water began to slop over the sides.

The dory was rapidly leaving the schooner, when the tension on the line relaxed and the dory presently stopped. The captain hauled in the trawl and found the hook stripped of fish as a result of the speed at which they had been dragged through the water. Near the end of the gear, however, was found the head of a dead cod, its body having been bitten off. That is what makes Capt. O'Donnell believe a whale gave him the terrifying ride out Cape Cod way. He thinks the whale nipped the cod and some of the keen hooks scratched its head and sides and dug into the skin until the whale had towed the dory a long way seaward.

Well Identified.

A severe looking woman moved up to the window at the Citizen Savings & Trust Company with a small check to be cashed. The teller said she'd have to be identified and she suggested that he call up the man who had drawn the check and have him describe her.

The teller decided to take the chance, and called the man on the 'phone at his elbow.

"Oh, it's probably all right," came the word over the 'phone. "Wait, I'll describe her for you and you can see if it's the same woman. She had on a faded brown dress and pants just a little bit, has a sharp nose and spectacles, and is about as pretty as Kermit Roosevelt. Oh, yes, and she wore a big brooch with a shower of imitation stones in it."

The teller looked the woman over and cashed the check. She hadn't heard the other end of his telephone conversation and went her way smiling.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

To See by Wire.

"To see at a distance, as we now hear, by means of the telephone, is the claim for the invention made by the Anderson brothers," says a Copenhagen letter in a Paris paper. The patents are for "an apparatus for the transmission of pictures by wire, showing color and motion." The brothers could not obtain money in their own country to defray the expenses of preparing working models and procuring patents, but they were helped by a Parisian concern, which paid 80,000 francs for all the rights and has agreed to pay also eight per cent. on the earnings resulting from the invention.

A Calendar Shower.

"I'm going to have a fire sale of calendars of 1910," said the woman. "All my friends sent me calendars. Every one of them, and I have a good many. It was worse than the butter dishes I got when I was married, and never any butter to go in them."

Referee's Sale. RICHARDSON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

Jennie R. Pyle, Plaintiff, vs. Edward S. Pyle, Defendant. By virtue of a decree of the District Court of Richardson County, Nebraska, rendered in the above entitled cause at the October term thereof 1909, in which decree the undersigned was appointed referee to make sale of real estate hereinafter described, I will as such referee at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m. on the 5th day of February, 1910, offer at public sale in front of the west door of the court house in Falls City, in Richardson County, Nebraska, the following described real estate, to-wit: Twelve acres in the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 1, Range 17, East, in Richardson County, Nebraska, and more particularly described by meets and bounds, as follows: Beginning at a stake on the south line of said NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 S 20—Township 1, Range 17, East N. 79 degrees 30 minutes E. 14.60 rods from said line southwest corner of said N. East 1/4 of SE 1/4, thence as the magnetic needle now points July 30th, 1884 N. 79 degrees 30 minutes E. 28.28 rods to a stone in said south line, thence N. 10 degrees, W. 3.43 rods to center of R. R. and in the south line of right of way. Thence S. 72 degrees 20 minutes, W. 28.50 (28.50) rods to a stone, thence south 10 degrees, E. 66.30 (66.30) rods to place of beginning, containing 12 acres. This tract of land was the homestead of the parties to the above entitled cause, who were husband and wife, but the court having found in said cause that the defendant had deserted his wife and family and is now in parts unknown, the interest of the said defendant in said homestead was decreed by the court to be sold for the benefit of his family; the interest of the plaintiff, Mrs. Jennie R. Pyle, will be sold at the same time, she consenting thereto in writing as provided in the decree aforesaid, which fact will be made known to bidders on the day of sale. Terms of sale cash.

J. R. WILHITE, Referee. First Publication Jan. 7, 5 times.

Legal Notice.

E. S. Pyle, whose true name is Edward S. Pyle, non-resident defendant, will take notice that on the 25th day of January, 1910, Mrs. Sarah L. Baker filed her petition, as plaintiff, in the District Court of Richardson County, State of Nebraska, against you the said E. S. Pyle, defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain judgment against you on a joint and several note made and delivered to the said Mrs. Sarah L. Baker, by yourself and Jennie R. Pyle which said note is dated October 12, 1905, and is for the sum of \$125.00 with interest from said date at the rate of eight per cent per annum from said date, and which note became due on October 12, 1906, and upon which there is now due, including interest, the sum of \$201.40. And you are further notified that at the same time, said plaintiff pursuant to the statute in such cases, made and provided, sued out an order of attachment against you in said cause on the ground that you are a non-resident of the State of Nebraska, and have real estate in said county and state, and that said order of attachment was delivered to the sheriff of said county on said date and that on the 25th day of January, 1910, he, the sheriff, did levy upon said land by attaching the same, which is located near the village of Preston, Nebraska, and is described as follows: Being the 12 acres of land purchased by you from the heirs of John Pyle, deceased, and situated in the east 42 rods of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section No. twenty, in Township one, north, Range seven, east of the 6th P. M., in Richardson County, Nebraska. And you are further notified that unless you plead, answer or demur to said petition filed in said cause, on or before Monday the 7th day of March, 1910, the same will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you according to the prayer of said petition, and an order by said court will be had that said attached real estate be sold at public sale as under execution, to satisfy whatever amount the court shall find due from you to the plaintiff herein, and pay the costs of said action and of said sale and of the proceedings in attachment. SARAH S. BAKER, By John Wiltse and J. E. Leyda, Attorneys.

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