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HOW IT STRUCK FOLGER.

Presidential Decision Which Reminded the Secretary of a Story. Astory is told of Judge Folger which is said to have happened at one of the Cabinet meetings at the White House. President Arthur, it appears, wanted a was. It is not material, anyway. He had laid out his plans, considered the subject carefully, taken the advice of competent persons, was sure that what he was about to do was right and

matter to his Cabinet, so as to be able to say, if possible, that he had their support. When the Cabinet set down in the little room adjoining the library he presented the subject to them and gave them his views. He spoke frankly and forcibly throughout. He made it appear that he had made up his mind about the matter and was going to act accordingly, whether his Cabinet agreed with him or not. As he was about to reach the close of his remarks he went through the form of asking the advice of his Cabinet and wound up

by saying: "Gentlemen, what is vour opinion on

the subject?" Nobody answered. Frelinghuysen looked at Brewster, Lincoln frowned inquiringly at Teller. Chandler wiped his eye-glasses and Gresham stroked beard. Finally Folger, who had been quietly rubbing his chin in a corner of the room, returned to the

"That rem n is me of a story," he said. Ever : d. looked at him. That reminds m of a story;" repeated Judge Folger. "There was a man in my town once, whom I knew well, who had a collection of pictures of which he was very proud. He was a man of culture and means. He had traveled extensively in Europe. He considered himself a connoisseur of pictures and his collection, which it had taken him years of toil and labor to bring together, was the special object of his care and attention. He delighted in showing it to his acquaintances; in fact, on every possible occasion he invited their criticism of it. One day a friend called whose opinion about the collection he was particularly anxious to know. He had heard that his friend was considered an art critic of the first order. After dinner, then, he led him into the gallery. They passed from picture to picture, the host explaining the merit of each, the time and circumstances under which it was bought and so on. He considered this and that picture very fine; in fact the whole collection. But he invited his friend to express openly and without reserve his opinion. 'Do you know,' he said, turning suddenly to his visitor, 'that man Brown was here the other day, and would you believe it, he had the impudence, when I asked him what he thought of my pictures, to tell me they were mere daubs, not worth the canvas they were painted on, and to use similar expressions of appreciation. felt like kicking him down those stairs, and mopping his excited brow, the host once more asked his visitor, 'Now, what do you think of my collection?" Here Judge Folger stopped. The members of the Cabinet sat quiet and looked rather embarrassed for a few moments. The President colored slightly, but said nothing. Finally Frelinghuysen smiled in a careful and diplomatic manner: Brewster raised his frill sleeve to brush the hat behind which he was concealing a horrid grin;

A FEARFUL SUMMONS. How Mr. Smith Was Disturbed by the Ad

vent of a Life Insurance Agent. Mr. Smith, I called to see if I could take your life. You see,

"Wh-wh-what d' you say?" claimed Smith, in some alarm.

"I say that I've come around to take your life. My name is Gunn. As soon as I heard you were unprotected, that you had nothing on your life, I thought I would just run in and settle the matter for you at once."

Then Smith got up and went to the other side of the table, and said to himself: "It's a lunatic who has broken out of the asylum. He'll kill me if I halloo or run. I must humor him." Then Gunn, fumbling in his pockets after his mortality tables, followed Smith around the room and said to him: "You can choose your own plan, you know. It's immaterial to me. Some like one way and some like another; it's a matter of taste. Which one do you prefer?"

"I'd rather not die at all," said Smith, in despair. "But you've got to die, of course," said Gunn; "that's a thing there's no choice about. Ali I can do is to make death easy for you-to make you feel happy as you go. Now, which plan will you take.

"Couldn't you postpone it until tomorrow, so as to give me time to "No: I prefer to take you on the spot. I might as well do it now as at any other time. You have a wife and

children? "Yes, and I think you ought to have some consideration for them and let me off." "Well, that's a curious kind of an

argument," said Gunn. "When I take you your family will be perfectly protected, of course, and not otherwise." "But why do you want to murder 7 194 17 13 "Murder you!-murder you! Who

in thunder's talking about murdering "Why, didn't you say-" 4 13 162 268 " "I called to get you to take out a life

> "Oh, you did, did you?" said Smith suddenly becoming fierce. "Well, I ain't a goin' to do it, and I want you C. Douglas, who has imported a hive to skip out of this, or I'll brain you

with a poker-come now, sk p!" Then Mr. Gunn withdrew without selling a policy, and Smith is still uninsured. - Cor. Chicago Ledger.

Mocking Birds. The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution says: "Many mocking birds are shipped from Atlanta every season to the North and West. The young birds are caught by the hundred by small boys, who peddle them at fifty cents each. They are kett in their native clime until they are four or five months old, and 92 then are sent by express to all parts of 92 the country. A good bird, four months old, is worth from three to five dollars. They sing well when a year old. It is astonishing to what extent their imita-1 22 tive faculties may be trained by a little patient ingenuity. There is a mocking bird in Atlanta who whistles 'Dixie,' 'Last Rose of Summer,' and two or BECKER'S SUB-DIVISION OF three other airs perfectly. He is estimated at a fabulous value by his proud owner."

-Say that your frock was "built," not made, if you wish to be in the latest fashion. - Chicago Tribune.

WIT AND WISDOM.

-The wealth of our language is shown by the fact that "hang it up" "chalk it down" mean precisely the same thing .- Philadelphia Call.

Teacher-What is an engineer? Boy No. 1-A man who works on an engine. certain thing done. I forget what it Teacher-What is a pioneer? Boy No. 2-The man that works the piano. - Chicago Times.

I never had a notion that all there was in this world was made expressly for me. On the contrary, I have had to hump myself to get a share and then keep it. - Chicogo Ledger. -Jones has just returned from a va-

cation trip to the South Shore. When asked if he saw any Duxbury clams, he said he did not, but he had seen dogs bury bones. - Boston Transcript. -"I declare, Mr. Bland," said a guest to the landlord of a Bar Harbor botel.

"your table is even worse than it was last year." And the indignant Boniface answered without reflection: "That is impossible, sir."-Boston Commercial. -In order to explain in a clear and simple manner the necessity of regulating our conduct by some fixed standard. a school master asked a pupil what he

ought to do with his watch if it went sometimes too fast and sometimes too slow. "Sell it," was the immediate response. - Golden Days. -"Have you heard the news, Pat?" said a jester to an Irishman. "An' fhat's that, sor?" "The devil is dead." "Take that, sor. It's all I have by me, or I might do betther." said Pat, hand-

ing him a penny. "What's that for?" "I niver sind an orphant away impty handed, sor."-Chicago L-dger. -"What do you call those animals that live partly on land and partly in water?" asked a New York teacher of the new boy. "Bathers," replied the little boy, who had been to Coney Island on several occasions. "You are getting to be bright. Perhaps you can give me

the name of some of the migratory

birds." "Bank cashiers." - Texas Sift--"Did your story win the prize?" "No, but it came near winning it. It failed only in one stipulation." "And what was that?" "It was to have made the editor's hair stand on end." see. It wasn't exciting enough." "Yes, it was." "Then why didn't it make the editor's bair stand on end?" "He hadn't any. He was bald-headed."-Phitadet-

phia Call. "Pa." said Johany Caution, "d' you remember that poem about 'A Chieftain to the Highlands Bound,' telling the sculler to hump hisself because he'd come the Charlie Ross act on some old duffer and stole his gal?" "Your description is very inelegant, John, but I recall the verses you speak of." "Well, I'll go you one that the girl's name was Juliet." "Why?" "'Cause the feller with her said he'd put up dross if the ferryboat man would 'Ro-me-o' the water."- Eschange.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL

-A clergyman in the County of Bruce preached, Sunday before last, to his delighted congregation from 11 a.m. until 5 p. m .- Toronto (Canada) Mait.

-Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell, doubts "whether any man should continue full executive duties in a university for more than about twenty vears."

—At Yale seventy-three per cent. of the students come from other States than Connecticut; at Harvard forty-five per cent. come from other than Massachusetts. - Hartford Post.

-There are in the world 397 institutions for the education of deaf mutes. Germany has 96 these, France 67, Great Britain 46, and the United States 38. Recent careful estimates place the number of these unfortunates at 800,--A Baptist Church at Park River, in

Dakota, has devised a new scheme to raise money. A liberal member donated a large tract of land to it, and the people got up a plowing bee. Next season the church will have seven thousand bushels of wheat if the weather is propitious .- Chicago Herald.

-The result of the recent election of members of the corporation of Yale College is as follows: For the term of six years William M. Evarts received 2,243 votes, Mason Young 160 votes, and William W. Farnam 76 votes. For the term of four years to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry B. Harrison, William W. Farnam received .580 votes, Mason Young 1,543, and S. C. Perkins 96 votes.

-The Journal of Education is very much alarmed. It has reason to believe that a determined effort is making to undermine the common school system by persons interested in obtaining pub-lic funds for sectarian schools. It finds indications of this in all the larger cities. It, therefore, calls upon the friends of the common school to rally and organize for the purpose of preserving the schools from their "clerical enemies." -Chicago Current.

-The cross which the Princess of Waies recently gave to St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, is of gilded brass, with triple-formed points, beautifully engraved, with four Irish crystals at its extremities and a garnet set in a royal star at the junction of the cross. It has been placed upon a brass pedestal of three steps, on which the inscription is engraved: "To the Rector and Copgregation of St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, from Her Royal Highness Alex-andria, the Princess of Wales, 1885."--St. Louis Post.

-What would be thought if the Metropolitan Opera-house of New York were seen filled with people assembled to hear the simple preaching of the Gospel by any-the most eloquentpreacher in the country? Yet, not as a supposition, but as a fact, the largest theater in Japan has been packed, on two successive days, by attentive histeners to plain sermons by native preachers. Only fifteen years ago there wat Christian church in J and probably there were not a half dozen native Christians in the Empire .-Christian at Work.

Bees In India. The Englishman, of Calcutta, states

that the experiment made by Mr. J.

of Italian bees, has been crowned with complete success. The bees appear to thrive admirably at Calcutta, and have yielded during the present season eighty pounds of splendid honey. This is considered to be a proof that a lucracrative industry may be established in India, and a new dainty placed at the disposal of teeming millions of its hand cultivators. We fear that this exultation is premature. The experiment of establishing bees in countries of per-petual summer has been tried before now, and has failed signally. For a time the bees work diligently, and lay up rich stores of honey for their winter food. But so soon as the bee discovers that there is no winter, and that from year's end to year's end the flowers offer him a daily supply of nectar, he ceases to store up honey. Indeed, did the bee do otherwise, he would forfeit much of his title to our respect as an industrious and thrifty creature. Did he labor as he does, ceaselessly and earnestly, for no other purpose than to store up honey for which he can never have any use, he would show himself to be but an idiotle kind of insect, and in no way superior in moral status to the hu-man miser.—London Standard.

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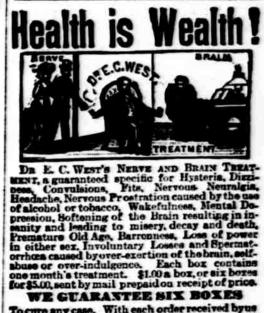
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