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WHEN SHERMAN WAITED.

Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman fought hard when he fought, but he was no swash buckler. No man ever had greater reverence for sacred things, as is shown in this story, told on the authority of an army surgeon in his campaign before Atlanta.

It was a sultry day in August. The men sweated in the heat. But the task was finished by night, and General Sherman had said to his officers, "We will open fire in the morning."

The next day the guns were manned, minor arrangements were made, and officers stood waiting till all was in readiness to begin the hail of shells.

With the general stood "Fighting Joe" Hooker, General Thomas, "The Rock of Chickamauga," General Brannon and others of his staff.

This was the time when "Old Tecums," as he was called,—he who once declared that war is hell,—clamped the lid down tight.—Youth's Companion.

A JOLLY OPTIMIST.

Mexico's new ambassador to Washington, Senor Manuel de Zamacona, is a jolly optimist. He bids fair to become a most delightful member of the legation circles.

It is to be hoped the senator has good ground for his airy assurance. It is earnestly to be hoped that he is talking, as it were, by the card and not making any promiscuous predictions.

Washington is not swept off its feet by the ordinary run of rumors of peace so long as Diaz holds the fort. No doubt certain important interests are opposed to the Diaz abdication, but the greater demands of the common good call for the speediest possible settlement of the war and the end of hostilities even if this can be brought about only by Diaz' self-sacrifice.—Omaha Bee.

AS CRIME MAKES CASTE.

Types from three stratas of American society in a city of fifty thousand, as representative as if they had been selected by a playwright (say, by Galsworthy, to write "Greed" as a sequel to "Strife"), were grouped together in a courtroom in Wichita, Kas.

The evidence produced in court did not suffice to convince the jury that the banker knew exactly how the stamps were obtained, though the judge in his final instructions said: "Decide whether a man of the defendant's intelligence could do this without knowing the stamps were stolen."

A RIDICULOUS PIECE OF TRICKERY.

"Cheap food products" continues to be the burden of the New York papers in favor of Canadian reciprocity. "Cheap food products." Are they not behind the times? When that cry was started oats were worth 45 cents a bushel in Iowa and hogs 11 cents a pound.

The whole reciprocity arrangement is a ridiculous piece of trickery in trade. It ought not to be enacted and it will not be enacted by the votes of those who want to sacrifice the farmers or who do not know anything about the actual agricultural conditions.—Cedar Rapids Republican.

Lace Waistcoats.

A lace manufacturer at New Saway, near Derby, is making lace-trimmed waistcoats for men. He is using light dress net over tinted cloth backgrounds. A black net over a dark purple cloth, for morning wear, and a white net over pale green cloth, for evening wear, are two of the combinations.

A Nottingham lace manufacturer, interviewed as to the prospect of lace waistcoats finding favor with the public, said that while the trade would naturally welcome any innovation which would tend to create a demand for lace net, men's taste in dress would require a good deal of educating up to the new garments.

Children Work at Home.

Miss Mary Van Kleec, who is employed by the Sage Foundation, said recently in New York that the agitation against the child in the factory had simply meant the transfer of the bulk of the work to the homes of the poor.

AND SALEM BELIEVED THEM ALL

In the Old Days of the Witchcraft Persecutions the Testimony of Children Was Taken Against Mothers, That of Husbands Against Wives and Wives Against Husbands—And Since Then Salem Has Stood Still, With Only Its Memories Left.

The place where a great crime has been committed has always something strangely fascinating about it. Most people will go a greater distance to see the locality of a murder than they would take the trouble to do for any other purpose whatever.

"We may lament, then," said Judge Story in a centennial address at Salem, "the errors of the times which led to these persecutions. But surely our ancestors had no special reasons for shame in a belief which had the universal sanction of their own and all former ages; which counted in its train, philosophers as well as enthusiasts; which was graced by the learning of prelates as well as the countenance of kings; which the law supported by its mandates, and the purest judges felt no compunctions in enforcing."

What was this belief, then, which had such high and legal sanction? It was this: That the devil might and did personally appear, to enter into, and actively direct, the everyday life of men. And he did this without the intervention of any of those magical arts or conjurations such as were once thought indispensable to induce him to put in an appearance.

The traditional which was usually some decrepit old village crone, of a sour and malignant temper, who was as thoroughly hated and feared; but this did not exclude men from sharing in the power of becoming noted wizards—though from the great number of women who were accused, it would appear that the Arch-Enemy usually preferred to try his arts upon the weaker and more impressionable sex.

Witches, according to popular belief, had the power to ride at will through the air on a broomstick or a spit, to attend distant meetings or Sabbaths of witches; but for this purpose they must first have anointed themselves with a certain magical ointment given to them by the fiend.

In the course of the trials at Salem, several of the accused persons, in order to save their lives, confessed to having signed their names in the Devil's book, to having been baptized by him and to having attended midnight meetings of witches, or sacraments held upon the green near the minister's house, to which they came sliding through the air.

These remarkable proceedings are not, however, without a precedent. The tragical story of Urban Grandier develops the same characteristics. His popularity as a preacher having excited the envy of the monks, they instigated some nuns to play the part of persons possessed, and in their convulsions to charge Grandier with being the cause of their evil visitation.

Even the trial of throwing a witch into the water, to see whether she would sink or swim, was once made in Connecticut.

The scene of the witchcraft outbreak of 1692 is an elevated knoll of no great extent, rising among the shaggy hills and spongy meadows that lie at some distance back from the more thickly settled part of the town of Danvers, Mass., formerly Salem Village. It is indeed a quiet little neighborhood to have made so much noise in the world.

Yes, here are the houses that were standing when those events took place, still solemnly commemorating them, as if doomed to stand eternally. This village street is the same old highway through which the dreadful infection spread from house to house into the remote corners of the ancient shire, until, as we read, there were forty men of Andover that could raise the Devil as well as any astrologer.

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MYRIAD FOES OF THE OAK

Most Afflicted of Trees is the Prey of Over Fifteen Hundred Kinds of Insects.

Along the Hudson river, from Spuyten Duyvil to Ossining, according to reports of foresters, thousands of elm trees have been saved from destruction since last fall, the spraying process, more freely employed than ever before, having been the miller. Men, provided with machines that throw a poisonous fluid even to the highest branches of the threatened trees, have been busy at this work for several months when the weather was favorable for such operations.

Solons on Strike.

Legislation in the Isle of Man, off the shore of England, is at a standstill because the house of leys has gone on strike. Manxmen can afford to mark time, for their laws have long been advanced. Every woman, widow or spinster, in the Isle of Man, whether she be owner, occupier or lodger, enjoys the parliamentary franchise.

LEGAL FEES.

Surely there is room for a revision of the fee exactions of attorneys. When, in the settlement or litigation, the sum of \$1,000 is paid by one litigant, of which only a matter of \$250 goes to the other, there is time for reform and insurgency is certainly justifiable when a committee of lawyers goes into an investigation and professionally declares that the levy of such fees is right and proper.

Cases are not uncommon wherein attorneys secure contingent fees often running as high as half the amount recovered. While even this practice is unprofessional, there is nothing unfair to the client in it, for the attorney runs the risk of getting nothing for his services by failing to win his case.

It is to the public, however, that the contingent fee is unfair, as its inevitable tendency is to promote litigation that would not otherwise be instituted, and to lead the lawyer to many times resort to methods and practices that he would not otherwise stoop to if his fee were not dependent on his winning.

Perhaps if the lawyers could fix up a bond to be given by them when the litigant applies to them, wherein they would not take over 75 per cent of the amount recovered, it might materially reassure litigants.—Lincoln Star.

IN FEAR OF HONORARY TITLE

Baron Steuben Alarmed That He Should Meet Mishap That Befel Lafayette.

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"You shall have to spur the horses well and ride through this place like the devil, for, if they catch you, they will make doctors of you." There is another story that only a few years ago, when college degrees were scattered somewhat lavishly, an illiterate old man of great wealth, having been honored with a degree by a college which he had laid under obligation, made a wager that he could obtain a similar honor for his servant.

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Blaze Had Lasted Long.

A delegation of officials of fire departments of western cities was on a visit to fire headquarters in New York city a few days ago and their talk turned upon big fires in their experience.

"We had a big fire in our city a few years ago. The blaze wasn't entirely extinguished for nearly a week," said one of the visitors.

"It was only the other day that I ordered a fireboat up to Riker's island in the East River to throw water on a fire that started two years ago. The fire was in the ground that had been reclaimed from the water by dumping cinders and other refuse from the city. In spite of the rains and water the underground fire has persisted. The reduction of the cinders and refuse to ashes has caused the ground to sink."

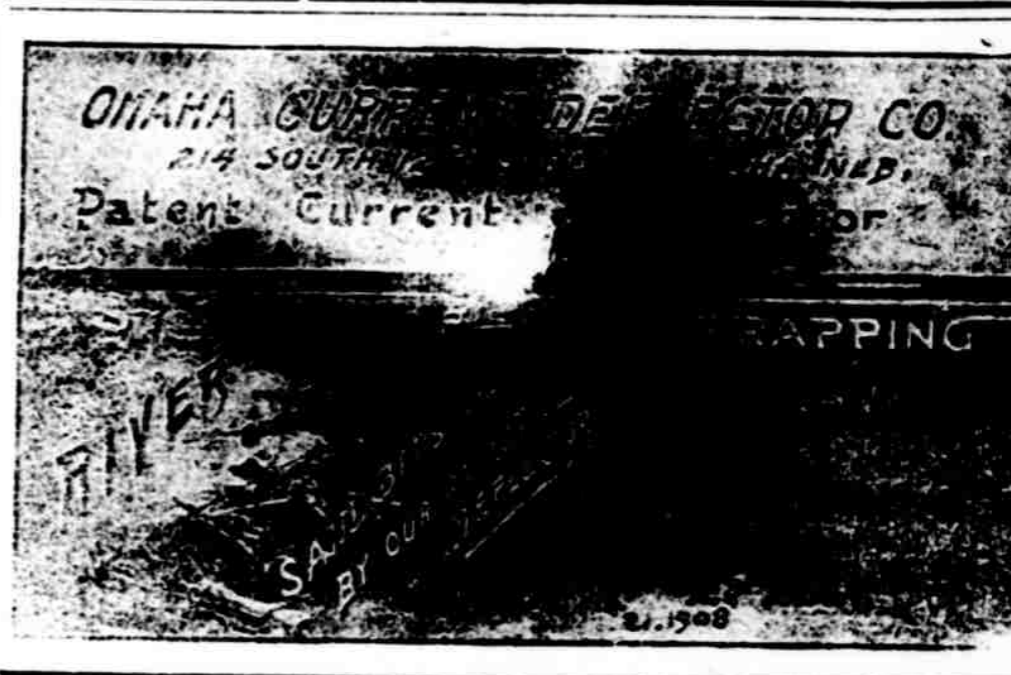
An Admirer of Mary Queen of Scots.

Theodore Napier, who for eight years has brought a wreath from Edinburgh to lay on the site of Mary Queen of Scots' execution at Fotheringhay, near Peterborough, attended for the same purpose yesterday in full Highland attire.

"On this occasion, however, he was refused admission to the castle site by the occupier of the farm of which it forms part. Mr. Napier left the wreath on an adjacent hedge, and will abandon the pilgrimage unless the prohibition is withdrawn.—London Evening Standard.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Education of the city of Columbus, Nebraska, on or before 7:30 p. m., April 29, 1911, for the repair and alteration of the Columbus High school building. Proposals to be considered must be accompanied by a certified check equal to three per cent of the bid.



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