

Notes and Comments

A HAIR SUTE IN THE LAW SCHOOL.

There was a Blackstone named Newby, whose whiskers were both long and ruby.

The whiskers got clipped and the Newbys were flipped. Who did it is kept on the Q. T.

On last Tuesday evening occurred one of the darkest and most mysterious and at the same time one of the most brilliant events of the year. It arose out of the long and radiant whiskers which Wm. L. Newby of the law school wore. Those whiskers are now largely a thing of the past. Never again will they be seen in all their pristine beauty, as they wave in the forefront of the junior law class like the helmet of Navarre, leading the class on to greater and greater achievements—a pillar of fire by day and by night.

Not even a thing so good and pure and beautiful as a complete set of fireworks whiskers is without enemies. They excited the envy of the senior laws. One member was heard to say that they ought to be cut off. Many others thought so.

The flambeau offended their aesthetic taste. Society as a whole had some rights which were superior to those of the individual. Moreover, it would be an act of kindness to remove them; it is the duty of every person to make as good an appearance as possible. None of them had ever seen Mr. Newby without the whiskers, but they were willing to take the risk—he couldn't look much worse anyhow. And that is just where they fell down, as will be shown hereinafter.

The established facts in the case are few in number and are too well known to permit or necessitate a long account of the harrowing, or rather harvesting, event of April 22.

In brief, Mr. Newby was invited to the rooms of M. J. Cronin, one of his class mates, where he indulged in a plain and fancy conversation for a short time, and anon jarred down to Hanna's drug store, where they sampled a decoction known as "Newby flip." Mr. Newby pronounced it a success, made arrangements to secure a royalty for the use of his name, and expressed the hope that his namesake might be universally popular.

How happy was Wh. L., as, with his companion, he turned north on Fourteenth street. His thoughts were of the fame which had been attained, through a certain beverage, by Messrs. Thomas and Jeremiah, and the future looked bright—as bright as the w—k—s.

At P street they turned east and had proceeded about half a block when both were set upon by unknown men, who appeared all of a sudden out of the darkness.

Mr. Cronin is not a large man, and was quickly overpowered and bound to a tree. Mr. Newby was not so easily handled. He made a heroic fight for what he held most dear. He has often been heard to say that the cerise whiskers held a warm place in his affections. The resistance which he made shows how greatly he was attached to

them.

After a desperate struggle, in which his assailants were repeatedly thrown into the gutter, he was downed, sat upon, gagged, and blindfolded.

A pair of tin-shears was brought into play. Here again was demonstrated the great attachment between the man and his whiskers. The noise made in the attempt to trim the beard quickly attracted a large crowd. They were assured that it was nothing but a fraternity initiation and did not interfere. Cronin got loose in some way and attempted to aid his companion, but was again overpowered.

The grating sound of the shears continued for a few minutes—then the cutters cut and run and Newby rose slowly to his feet. Oh, what a change was there!

Let us examine him for a moment by the ruddy glow of fragments which cover the walk. One side and the lower part of the whiskers are gone, leaving a long goat's beard under the chin, a long, flowing sideburn on one side and a more or less closely trimmed beard on the other. Mere words cannot depict the surprising variety of effects which are combined one and the same face. The hazers attempted to trim his hair, and were partially successful. The whole job resembles one of those hair-cuts like mother used to make. We have heard much against the barbers' college, but it is not in it for a minute with the college barbers.

Mr. Newby returned to Hanna's and without attempting to draw attention to himself, listened to a group of law students who were inside flipping the Newbys. He continued gathering evidence the next morning and located the guilty parties to his own satisfaction.

It was reported that he would personally conduct the prosecution in police court and an interesting exhibition was anticipated. However, the police did not fancy any trouble with the students so near the close of the year and discouraged Newby's desire to swear out a complaint.

Next the friends of the disfigured man visited the county attorney. This official became highly incensed and promised that he would at once prosecute the flends to the full extent of the law. "Hanging is too good for a gang that will leave a man's face in that shape. I'll teach them to cut all off the next time."

When he heard all the facts he concluded that the boys had done the best they could under the circumstances.

At this writing Mr. Newby has not completed the work so well begun last week. He says his wife would not consent to his shaving. People have been divorced for much less than this.

The City Improvement Society has taken steps toward requiring the abatement of the nuisance, but he swears by what is left of his beard that it is a personal matter—nobody's affair but his own.

The worst of it is that the tinner of whom they borrowed the shears refuses to take them back. He says they are ruined, and must be paid for.

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