

Told Out of Court

"Prisoner," said the Maryland justice, as the case was closed, "you have been found guilty of stealing a pig belonging to Colonel Childers. Have you anything to say before I pass sentence?"

The old man was being cross-examined by an eminent counsel. The latter had used him rather hardly and the old man was beginning to look a little worse for wear, when the lawyer said:

"You say you are a doctor?" "Yes, sir; in a way, I am." "What kind of a doctor, may I ask?" "I make 'intments, sir. I make 'intments."

The lawyer curbed up a little and the old man felt proportionately better.

An elderly man, wearing an exquisite pair of burnside whiskers and gold-rimmed spectacles, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market court on a charge of intoxication, reports the New York Sun.

"What have you got to say to the charge?" the magistrate asked. "Were you drunk?" "Ahem!" replied the prisoner, after some hesitation. "The question is rather embarrassing, but, of course, I do not want to appear to contradict the policeman, who, indeed, was very kind."

"I am sure I wouldn't," the magistrate replied. "I am no expert. But where did you get it?" "Where?" the prisoner repeated, in a surprised manner. "Why, you know, of course—right over here—it's peculiar that I can't remember the name of the street. But you know it, judge, I am sure."

"I don't know the least thing about it," retorted the magistrate, with emphasis, and his manner became severe. "How many of those seductive drinks did you have?" "Really, your honor, I cannot tell, but I am sure you—"

The magistrate brought down the gavel on the desk with an snap that made the prisoner jump.

"Beg pardon, your honor," the latter hastened to say, "but I only meant to say that you may safely presume that I had five or six, or maybe it was six or seven, or it might even have been seven or eight, or—"

"That will do," the magistrate interrupted him. "I know one thing now, which is that I shall have to fine you \$5, and I am sure you know that you have deserved it."

"Really, I don't know," the prisoner managed to say while the policeman dragged him out of the court room. "But no doubt you know all about it."

The Colonel's Romance

Chicago Times-Herald: "Colonel," said the romantic girl, "tell me how you got that scar upon our left cheek. Oh, I just know it must be a thrilling story. Was it made by a bullet or a saber thrust? I prefer a saber thrust. It seems so much more like the knight-errand of old. You can't see a bullet coming, and there is no way to escape it or combat it. But when your enemy rushes at you with his uplifted saber there is the possibility of parrying his blow and cutting

him down. That seems much more manly, even if the victor in the fray does receive a wound or two, than to just be laid low or to lay the enemy low, by a bullet that cannot be seen. There is no bravery in shooting a man, but there is something knightly in meeting another face to face with a sword. Your scar looks like one that was left by a gleaming blade, and I know that your enemy must at least have been rendered hors de combat. Tell me all about it colonel—when it happened, and how. I am so interested in war stories!"

"Yes," he replied, "I agree with you fully about the sword and saber business. There isn't much bravery in shooting a fellow, and there is something knightly about standing up and thrusting and parrying with a blade. But I got this wound while acting as an innocent bystander at a Chicago strike riot. It was a brick."

Thirty Years Ago

The Henry County (Mo.) Republican continues its republication of interesting matter from the columns of its early-day predecessor, the Clinton Advocate. From the installment in the current issue the following is taken: In one of the March (1870) issues of the Advocate the editor complained of the slim attendance at the churches, which he attributed to the non-arrival of the spring fashions from St. Louis. This was an intolerable condition to the pious editor, so, with a view to encouraging his feminine readers to attend divine services, he turned to one of his "corps of special correspondents" for enlightenment and the result was a lengthy "fashion letter" from "Tremont," who happened to be in St. Louis at the time. It was published in the issue of April 14, and is interesting now chiefly because of the great change in styles since that time. Each article of feminine adornment was described separately, beginning with hats. After this came "chignons and switches," one of which, "a swell new waterfall," Tremont described in detail. "It was round measuring two feet in diameter and weighed three pounds. It was composed of brown wool yarn covered with hair that once adorned the end of a cow's tail. The retail price was \$5. The switches are composed of the same material and have the exact appearance of horses' tails amputated close to the body of the animal. No lady is well dressed who has not attached to her head one or the other of these wonderful articles. Dresses were worn short upon the street with panniers and other ornaments which the fashion writer confessed he was unable to name or describe. For party or evening dress "trails" were being worn. "Dresses are cut low, and chemisettes of lace, ruche, etc., are made visible thereby. Hoop skirts still maintain their enviable position, and, though still encircling the same precious forms, are far less conspicuous and troublesome to outsiders than formerly. The fashionable size is seventy-two inches at the bottom and as large or larger at the top. The new patent adjustable bustle is now a necessity and is as universally worn as switches and palpitators." The fashion in high-heeled shoes had reached its extreme. According to "Tremont" the swell ladies of St. Louis were wearing shoes with heels four inches high and one inch wide, requiring more skill to walk in than a pair of roller skates.

A Bachelor's Reflections

New York Press: No girl ever jilted a man that he didn't live to be glad of it. The devil invented heresy so that the churches would be so busy they would let him alone.

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