

HE WANTED TO KNOW.

An Incident That Tamed the Inquisitive Man For a Time.

There is not so much fun to be got out of the inquisitive man. He is generally a mere nuisance, but occasionally he furnishes food for merriment. A certain down east storekeeper was so offensively inquisitive that it was determined to teach him a lesson. Among his failings was a desire to examine the contents of every package which his friends deposited in his store for safe keeping. He must see the inside if he had to break the package open. One day a man left a stout leather bag, asking that no one disturb it. The proprietor walked around restlessly for awhile and then stopped near the bag. Apparently no one was looking. In reality all the store loungers were in the secret and were anxiously awaiting his next move. He nervously fingered the cord that tied the top of the bag for a minute and then quickly untied it. He had no time to look in before the contents came forth. They consisted of a score of large and spirited hornets, and the way they lit on all the exposed portions of that inquisitive man was a caution. He shot out of the store at a pace that would have done credit to a sprinter. They say that for a year afterward he hardly looked into his own sugar barrel without asking permission.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

STILL LOYAL.

Human Encyclopedia Not Influenced by Display of Bunting.

One Fourth of July night in London the Empire Music hall advertised special attractions to American visitors. All over the auditorium the union jack and the stars and stripes unfolded one another, and at the interludes were heard "Yankee Doodle" and "Hail, Columbia," while a quartet sang "Down Upon the Swanee River."

Then came the turn of the human encyclopedia, who advanced to the front of the stage and announced himself ready to answer, sight unseen, all questions the audience might propound.

A volley of queries was fired at him, and the encyclopedia breathlessly told the distance of the earth from Mars, the number of bones in the human skeleton, of square miles in the British empire and other equally important facts.

There was a brief pause, in which an American stood up. "What great event took place July 4, 1776?" he propounded in a loud, glad voice.

The human encyclopedia glared at him. "Th' hincident you speak of, sir, was a hinfamous houtrage."—Everybody's Magazine.

How Birds Meet Emergencies.

Dr. Francis H. Herrick says a sparrow will pluck a horsehair from the mouth of a nestling, while another bird, like an oriole, will stand by and see its mate hang until dead without attempting to release it.

A robin will tug at a string which has caught on a limb, but is never seen fully to meet the situation by releasing the string. It will make several turns of a cord about a limb and leave the other end free without any relation to the nest, so that its effort is useless. It ties no knots.

The gull, according to abundant and competent testimony, will carry shell fish to a considerable height, drop them on the rocks or hard ground and repeat the experiment until it gets the soft meat.—Chicago Tribune.

Origin of Pommes Soufflee.

Speaking of the first railway in France, a French journal points out that it was in connection with this event that the virtues of pommes souffrees were discovered. A French chef was traveling on the new line from Paris to St. Germain and was preparing in the train the banquet which was to celebrate the opening. Just before arriving at St. Germain he threw some potatoes in the boiling butter. The train, however, was delayed, and the potatoes had to be taken out again. When the train restarted the potatoes were once again put in the boiling butter and to every one's delight were found, on being taken out, to be deliciously light and inflated. The beauties of the pomme soufflee had been revealed.

The Swiss Referendum.

In some of the cantons of Switzerland a method resembling the referendum has been in practice since the sixteenth century. The present form was adopted in the canton of St. Gallen in 1850. In 1848, in spite of conservative opposition, the referendum was incorporated in the Swiss federal constitution, and in 1874 its application was extended. In all the cantons, except Fribourg, the referendum is now established.

The Allowance.

"But," protested the wayward son, "you should make allowance for the follies of youth."
"Huh!" growled the old man. "If it wasn't for the allowance you get there would be less folly."—Chicago News.

Your Mother?

Here's to the woman who has a smile for every joy, a tear for every sorrow, a consolation for every grief, an excuse for every fault, a prayer for every misfortune, an encouragement for every hope.—Sainte Foix.

Sympathy.

Archie—Baw Jove, the wind blew a spark from me pipe against me neck just now.

Reggie—I noticed there seemed to be a smell of burning rubber in the air.—Pick-Me-Up.

TOOTHACHE.

About the Worst Torture That Ever Afflicted Mankind.

"You of the younger generation," said the dentist severely, "don't appreciate the importance of the conquest of toothache that dentistry has made."

"Toothache is the worst torture that ever afflicted mankind. Its pains—'lancinating' they are technically called—are worse than the pains of cancer. Worse than cancer; that is the truth. I have heard it from three old people whom cancer finally killed. They all said that the pain of cancer at its worst was mild beside the pain of the worst toothache."

"Toothache drove De Quincy to opium eating. De Quincy, too, says in his 'Opium Eater'—like all dentists, I have the passage by heart:

"No stronger expression of toothache's intensity and scorching fierceness can be imagined than this fact, that within my private knowledge two persons who had suffered alike under toothache and cancer have pronounced the former to be on the scale of torture by many degrees the worse. In both there are at times lancinating pangs—keen, glancing, arrow radiations of anguish—and upon these the basis of comparison is rested, paroxysm against paroxysm, with the result that I have stated."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A VERY PRETTY LETTER.

The Story of Byron's Proposal to Miss Milbanke.

Byron's proposal to his wife, Miss Milbanke, was made after sordid discussion and study and lacked all impulse. Lady Melbourne, who stood in his confidence, observing how cheerless and unsettled his mind and prospects were, strenuously advised him to marry. She suggested a certain lady, but Lord Byron fancied the idea of marrying Miss Milbanke.

"No," said Lady Melbourne; "Miss Milbanke will not suit you. In the first place, she has no fortune now, and you want money immediately. In the next place, you want a person who will have great admiration for your genius, she has too great an admiration for herself."

"Well," said Byron, "as you please." And, sitting down, he wrote a letter to the lady recommended by Lady Melbourne. He received a refusal.

"Now, you see," said he, "Miss Milbanke is to be the person, after all. I will write to her." As soon as he had finished his friend, still remonstrating, read the note and observed:

"Well, really, this is a very pretty letter. It is a pity it should not go."
"Then it shall go," exclaimed Byron. And, so saying, he sealed and sent the fat of his unhappy fate.

Rapid Transit.

An express on a certain railroad was tearing away at a wild and awe inspiring rate of six miles an hour, when all of a sudden it stopped altogether. Most of the passengers did not notice the difference, but one of them happened to be somewhat anxious to reach his destination before old age claimed him for its own. He put his head through the window to find that the cause of the stop was a cow on the track. After awhile they continued the journey for half an hour or so, and then—another stop.

"What's wrong now?" asked the impatient passenger of the conductor.

"A cow on the track."
"But I thought you drove it off."
"So we did," said the conductor, "but we caught up with it again."—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Cheapest Way.

"That tobacco ye're smokin' hae a richt bonnie smell, Wullie," said the Caledonian tradesman.

"Aye!" assented Willie. "An' it's guid tobacco and cheap. In fact, I get it cheaper than the tobacconist hissel!"

"Hoots, mou!" exclaimed the knowing tradesman. "That's an impossibility! Ye canna' get it cheaper than the tobacconist hissel! It isna' likely."

"Aye, but I do," asserted Willie, lowering his voice. "Ye see, there happens to be a brither o' my ain wife's in the shop!"

Breaking It Gently.

"I understand, sir, that you are the possessor of a swollen fortune."

"Well," gruffly answered the beautiful girl's father, "what is that to you?"

"I merely thought that I would give you due notice of my intention to help take the swelling out of it. Myrtle and I are going to be married."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Terrible Tests.

"So you are still looking for an honest man?"

"I am," answered Diogenes.

"What is the lantern for?"

"That's to test him with. I am going to lend him the lantern, and if he brings that back I'm going to try him with an umbrella."—Washington Star.

One Good Feature.

"I am not adroit. Each day I do something that makes me woe."

"That's bad."

"Well, each new worry makes me forget the worry of yesterday. It might be worse."—Kansas City Journal.

Cynical.

Sillicus—What do you consider is the proper time for a man to marry? Cynicus—Oh, I suppose when he hasn't anything else to worry him.—Philadelphia Record.

Before accepting a favor look for the string that may be tied to it.—Athlson Globe.

Notice

North Carolina—Martin County, Superior Court, Before the Clerk

W. P. Moore vs. Margaret Moore.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the said defendant on the 19th day of November, 1908, by J. A. Hobbs clerk of the Superior Court, which summons was returnable before the Judge of the Superior Court at Williamston in said county, on the 14th day of December, 1908.

The defendant will take notice that the summons issued was for divorce, as stated in complaint filed therein, and to be found in the office of the Clerk of said County, and which summons is returnable at March Term of the Superior Court, being the third Monday and 15th day of March 1909, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted.

This the 20th day of November 1908.
J. A. HOBBS, C. S. C.

Notice.

North Carolina—Martin County, Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

S. H. Roebuck and others vs. John Rhodes and others.

The defendants, John Rhodes, Alison Wiggins, Augustus Wiggins, Julia Wiggins, Samuel Purvis and wife Lucinda, Andrew Wiggins, Maggie Wiggins, Robert Wiggins, Alfred Wiggins and wife Jane, John Shark, George Baker, Augustus Loyd, Joseph Beasley and wife Ida, John Williams and wife Luzetta, Henry Shark, Henry Butler and wife Gertrude, Charlie Keys, George Keys, Bessie Keys, William Keys, Relius Wiggins, Ephrius Williams and wife Penny, James Speight, Joe Speight, Lawrence Speight, Isaac Speight, John Speight, Reubin Speight, Lotin Speight, Jerv Slade and wife Messa, Turner Spruill and wife Harriet Ann, Moses Beecher and wife Sallie, Gordon Bailey and wife Genetta, Jack Bailey, John T. Bailey, Hoyt Bailey and wife Annie, Gus Bailey, Clinton Roscoe and wife Otelia Earnest Bailey, Sam Bailey, Savannah Bailey, John H. Bailey, Robert Bailey and wife Annie May, Mittie Jane Bailey, Fannie Bailey, Hattie Odell Bailey, Arthur Bailey, Mack Noble and wife Mamie, Babe Bailey, James Bailey, James Bailey, John A. Bailey, Janice Bailey and wife Martha, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court, Martin County before the clerk to sell for petition a tract of land in Martin, in which the above named defendants are interested; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Martin on the 22nd day of December, 1908 and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 20th day of November, 1908.

J. A. HOBBS, Clerk Superior Court.

Notice.

North Carolina—Martin County, Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

George E. Peel, Executor of Enoch Stallings vs. Sarah Stallings, Jobe Stallings, Frances Riddick and Henry Riddick, Ida Godard, Joshua Godard, Agnes Roberson, Florence Hayes and L. H. Hayes.

The defendants John Stallings and Jobe Stallings, Florence Hayes and L. H. Hayes above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, for the purpose of selling the real estate belonging to the late Enoch Stallings, deceased, to create assets for the payment of debts standing against said estate; and the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the Court-house in the town of Williamston, Martin County, N. C., in the Clerk's office on the first day of January, 1909 and answer or demur to the petition in said action or the petitioner will apply to the court for relief in said complaint. This the 25th day of November, 1908.

J. A. HOBBS, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of authority vested in me by a certain deed executed to me by N. E. Williams and wife Vio Williams, on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and one, to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and registered in the Register's office for Martin County in book C C C at page 535, and the stipulations contained in said deed in trust not having been complied, and upon request of cestui que trust therein named, I shall on the 28th day of December, nineteen hundred and eight, at two o'clock, p. m., in front of the Bank of Robersonville, in the town of Robersonville, N. C., sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following parcel or tract of land, situate in Martin County, Poplar Point Township, and adjoining the lands of Riley Spruill and others and being a part of the Perry Baxmore farm, and a more accurate description will be found by reference to a certain deed executed to said N. E. Williams by J. A. Martin, and properly recorded in Martin County. Said parcel or tract of land is said to contain one hundred acres, more or less. This the 23rd day of November 1908.
J. B. RAWLS, Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE

By virtue of authority of a Deed of Trust executed to me by Anthony Burroughs and sister Edna Burroughs on the 26th day of January 1904, and duly recorded in the Register's office in Martin County in Book G. G. G., page 193, to secure the payment of a certain bond bearing even date therewith, and the stipulations in said Deed not having been complied with, I shall expose at public auction, for cash, on Monday the 4th day of January 1909, at 12 o'clock, at the court house door in Martin County the following property:

It being all the lands now owned by the said Anthony Burroughs and Edna M. Burroughs which was inherited from their father James Burroughs, bounded on the North by F. G. Burroughs' heirs, Elisha Moore in the E by the county poor house lands, on the S and W by the F. G. Burroughs lands. The whole tract consisting of about 50 acres, about 35 of which lie on the west side of the Cherry Road, and being where the said A. and E. M. Burroughs now reside, and about 15 acres on the E side of said road and being all the lands we now own. This November 30th 1908.
W. C. MANNING, Trustee.

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