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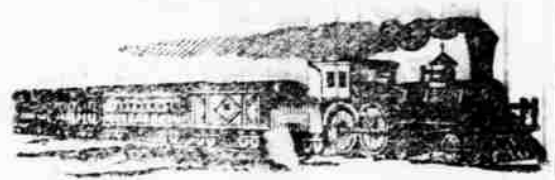
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THE HEADSMAN.

He Used the Sword and Not the Ax Prior to 1483.

I am inclined to think that prior to 1483 the sword and not the ax was usually employed as the weapon for judicial decapitation and that a block was dispensed with, the victims receiving their doom "meekly kneeling upon their knees," and in this opinion I am fortified by the concurrence of an eminent clerical historian. This learned writer agreed with me that the ax did not become the "regulation" lethal implement until after the rough and ready "heading" of Lord Hastings on the Tower green, when he was summarily beheaded by order of the protector, Gloucester.

In this instance, according to the chroniclers, the victim's neck was stretched upon a piece of timber then in use for the repair of the adjacent church of St. Peter ad Vincula, probably a "patlog," part of the scaffolding which, we read, "conveniently lay in the way." Contemporary accounts seem to indicate that the executioner, thrust instead with the pike and from this position I infer that the decapitation was effected by the tool known as an adz, the cutting edge of which is at a right angle to and not in a plane with the haft.

The fact that the only contemporary reference I have come across of the use, or proposed use, of an ax and block for inflicting capital punishment prior to this tragedy is in one of the Faston series of letters describing the fate of an unfortunate captive, one Jack Cade's rebels (A. D. 1450), a generation before Lord Hastings was so clumsily hacked to death.—Notes and Queries

American Speech.

The faults of American speech, according to an authority on the subject, originate in the primary school. The child is not taught the melodic value of his phrase. He is allowed to use the throat instead of the tongue, and the flow of speech becomes, therefore, halting and guttural.

"Educate your alphabet and you will find your language as mellow as any of the family of Latium," is the advice given. "If you are throaty, your m's are too labial, your s's are too hissing, your c's are not soft enough. When you can train your scholars to emit these and the other consonants within the pitch, using the tongue instead of the throat for their emission, they will speak for rhythm and sonority your English language may be compared with the Tuscan, the Roman, the Spanish and the Provencal."

The Cocaine Habit.

A well known chemist states that a surprising number of well-to-do young ladies have taken to buying the various forms of cocaine (the cocaine is in large quantities, also the nectine and various bromides, because "they make one feel so nice and happy." It is needless to say that such practices are exceedingly risky. Perhaps, however, they are preferable to another extremely foolish trick—that of sniffing chloroform dropped on a handkerchief, with the object of producing a pleasant, dreamy languor.—New York Telegram.

A Clever Little Dog.

A curious illustration of canine intelligence—and its limitations—was observed by a writer in The Outlook a few days ago. Passing down a street he saw a fine Alredale terrier lying down and with both forepaws and muzzled nose scrubbing the surface of an iron grating with his nose, as if to bring it to a high state of polish. The owner saw and explained. The grating is just over a cellar in which the terrier sleeps. His muzzle prevents him from attacking bones to advantage by day, so he brings the bones of his finding to the grating, hoping to push them through and gnaw luxuriously when unmuzzled at night. But the little chap had but the vaguest ideas of the size limits of the grating, and, as the ordinary sizes of bones go, he must have had at least two failures to every success. Yet, with real terrier ingenuity, he turned even his failure to account, for after vigorously trying even his most extra-grating bone, he would quickly stop, lick the entire grating clean of the grease and meat juice rubbed off the bone, then rub off another layer and repeat the licking.

A Little Bit of Salt.

Every child needs a little bit of salt, and in almost every food it is well to put some, not only for the taste, but for its value in digesting the food. It is a notable fact that all animals use common salt occasionally, and, like human beings, pine when there is a lack of it. In Holland, some generations ago, it is said to have been the custom to punish criminals by allowing no food but bread with salt. The consequence was the blood became depraved, they became infested with worms and died miserably. Blood contains a large percentage of salt, and no one can be healthy without it. An experienced physician has stated that if a strong solution of salt and water be injected into the veins of a person dying with cholera the patient will be roused from his stupor, and occasionally it has led to recovery.—Ledger Monthly.

A Pretty Little Story.

The prettiest child story that I have seen lately is in French. A mother tells her little girl that because she has been naughty she will not kiss her for a week. Before two days have gone by the child's lips hunger so for her mother's kiss that she begs her not to punish her any more. The mother says: "No, my dear, I told you that I should not kiss you, and I must keep my word."

"But, mamma, mamma," says the little girl, "would it be breaking your word if you should kiss me just once tonight when I'm asleep?"—Boston Transcript.

Not to Be Set Down On.

"One of those little chickens won't mind the old hen at all. It runs about by itself and doesn't pay any attention to her clucks."

"I don't really blame the poor little thing. It's one that was hatched in an incubator."—Chicago Tribune.

BUTLER'S GORY SPEECH.

Delivered Recently to the Populist State Committee.

At the recent meeting of the Populist State Committee in Raleigh, Senator Butler made a speech that was the most blood-thirsty and gory heard in North Carolina during this decade. It was a plea to his followers to fight and to go into the campaign for gore. It was inflammatory in the extreme, calculated to incite bloodshed and a wholesale lynch campaign. In order that the people may read his sanguinary language we quote it below:

"We will turn to any class of men to join us in this campaign. We will treat them all fair. I am ready to join hands with the opponents of the suffrage amendment and say, 'Come and help us, provided we don't have to mortgage our souls to you.' If we acquit ourselves this year, we have in the past, North Carolina will again be a free State."

"Having entered his right we cannot forsake it. We must go forward. Now even more than then are our liberties threatened. There is one issue and but one and we must fight till that is settled. That issue is whether or not North Carolinians are free men."

"Let us join hands with all who will help us and wipe out such a conspiracy. I am satisfied that these in favor of free suffrage can, by combining their strength in the coming campaign, redeem the State from the Red Shirt Gang."

"The negro question I know confronts us, and it must be settled, but we can't trust the man who has lived on the negro for thirty years to settle it. We've got to settle it. We are the folks who at heart want it settled, not they. We want it settled so they can no longer use it as a scare-crow. The Republicans also are anxious for its settlement, and they'll help to settle it in the proper way."

"Let us join hands and defeat forever this little gang of Anarchist and Red Shirts who try to take by violence that which they cannot win by fair means. But it takes something more than a red shirt to scare a Populist. In the eastern counties in the campaigns of recent years the Populists haven't been running. They have been in more danger there than anywhere else, but they have stood true as steel."

"We have got to fight and we had as well make up our minds to do it. I believe there are enough votes in favor of free suffrage to win in the campaign in spite of their ballot box stuffing and red shirt lawlessness. But to do it we have got to be on our guard. The election law of 1894 was wide open and I wouldn't ask anything easier than to steal 50,000 votes under it. The new election law is worse. But we'll win in spite of it and of Simmons and the red shirts."

"The Republicans are in this fight to the death. Let us join hands with them and help them whip this gang out of the state. Let us announce to the world that North Carolina will no longer be ruled by anarchists red shirts and a little gang of toadies—men who have betrayed everybody and everything."

"The Republicans are willing for us to take the lead, go ahead and hold a convention and name a ticket. They will help us elect it. Of course there will be some Republicans on it, and it may be we can find a Democrat who will join in this anti-amendment fight. There are some such prominent Democrats and I think it possible that one or more of them may offer to take a place on the ticket."

Reason and the Spaniards.

There is an amusing anecdote about that gruff sea dog, Nelson. Two Spanish captains came aboard with a request to be allowed to see "the greatest seaman in the world." Nelson grumbled, but gave in and went on deck, forgetting that "at that moment his legs were bound up at the knees and ankles with pieces of brown paper soaked in vinegar and tied on with red tape."

The Observing Youngsters.

Midway has never been in the habit of punishing his children, leaving that disagreeable duty to his wife, but the other day one of his numerous progeny became very unruly, and he was obliged to say:

"Flora, if you don't keep quiet I shall have to whip you."

"Pooh!" retorted the little 8-year-old with a contemptuous toss of her head, "I have had 'em hit the mother."

FIVE MEN DROWNED.

A Schooner Capsized in Pamlico Sound.

A schooner from Washington, N. C., Captain R. W. Cox, capsized last Friday off Great Island, Pamlico Sound. Five of the crew were drowned. Capt. Cox was found clinging to the boat in a critical condition, being nearly frozen to death. When last heard from his recovery was very doubtful.

The Montana Brand of Poker.

A Montana man, speaking of the old days, said: "Senator Clark used to sit in a game in the better Bow club, in Butte. He generally played with Marcus Daly, Haggis, Hearst or some one of those big fellows, and they enjoyed themselves. On one occasion a New York drummer dropped into the club while the game was on. He had a card with a two weeks' run on the club. Well, he saw Daly, Haggis, Clark and another fellow sitting in the game, and he says, 'Well, gentlemen, any objection to my taking a hand?'"

"No," says the players, cheerfully, and then this drummer he pulls out a thick roll and peels off a \$100 bill and checks it on the table. "Gimme chips for that," says he, and looks around, puffed up like. He goes and hangs up his coat, and when he comes back and sits down there lays that bill on the table.

"What's that, the matter, gentlemen?" he says, half-like. "Ain't my money good?"

"Why, yes, to be sure," says Marcus Daly. "Clark, give the gentleman one white chip."

"Well, that gentleman from the fete east he nearly drops dead, he does and he goes out to get some of the mounting air."

His Draft.

A Methodist minister visited the Queen Lane pumping station the other day. When he reached the engine room, the engineer said: "What I'm proud of here is my draft. Here she is!"

He raised a trapdoor in the floor, disclosing a black hole about a foot square, and the minister looked in eagerly. Nothing whatever was to be seen. On its collar was the name, "General Howe."

The British commander, in reply, sent a cordial letter conveying his warm thanks for this act of courtesy of his enemy.—Paul Leicester Ford in Ladies' Home Journal.

Escapes on a Technicality.

The Blakely (Ga.) Reporter says there is a man in Early county who has been relieved of road duty for years on a technicality. It is customary to summons a man to work the road nearest to where he sleeps and has his clothing washed. As this man has never been seen with so much as a clean shirt on, the proposition is that he has no washing done, and he is relieved of duty. He is a man of no better reason.—Savannah News.

Some Want to Glory.

I once asked a district nurse, says a writer in The Cornhill Magazine, how the various sick cases had been going on during my absence from the parish. At once she looked at me as if I were well crossed her face, but her natural professional pride strove for the mastery with the due unctuousness which she considered necessary for the occasion. At last she evolved the following strange sentence: "Well, sir, some of the men's gone straight to glory, but I am glad to say others are nicely on the mend."

Saw It First Thing.

Fuddy—Hilton went home the other day and found the house empty. He thought he wouldn't tell his wife he had been at home, but she found it out the moment she entered the house.

Fuddy—Left the pantry door open or forgot to close a window or something of that sort?

Fuddy—No. He sat down on a chair for a moment, and of course he mused the lady in his usual way.—Boston Transcript.

Don't Be Angry.

It doesn't pay to get angry. Anger uses up the nerve forces of the body. So does worry; so does hate. A bad temper wears you out. It makes you needless enemies. It spoils your looks.

A man with a bad temper had better tie a stone around his neck and throw it into a lake. If he doesn't, it is liable to drag him—but we won't speculate about that.—Denver News.

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Why He Felted.

The Michigan Tradesman suggests, in the course of an anecdote, the reason why a certain old-fashioned tradesman came to fail. When one of his creditors reached the place, after this catastrophe, he found the merchant working hard to figure it all out.

"Land, but I don't see why I should fail!" he kept on saying. "Maybe, though, I didn't collect sharp enough."

"You have a heap of goods round here," said the other, looking about him.

"Yes, more or less."

"When did you take the last inventory?"

"Inventory! Take everything down!"

"Yes."

"And make out a list?"

"And dust off the shelves and mop the floor!"

"That's it."

"And clean the windows and paint the front of the store?"

"Yes."

"I never went into that. I was going to one day about 15 years ago, but they had a wrestling match in town, and I forgot the inventory. Mercy on me, but I can't understand why I should fail!"

State Bread.

All bakers, wholesale and retail, seek to produce at their several bakings through the day only so much as may be required to supply the wants of their trade, but in making sure to provide enough there is likely to be some left over to get stale. There is some demand for stale bread for household uses—for making loaves and for cooking purposes—but the demand is limited. Such stale bread as may remain unsold in this manner is never wasted: It is sold to farmers and market gardeners, who drive into the city with produce to sell, and who buy more or less supplies here to carry back to feed stock. When finally disposed of, it is sold by the barrel, at so much a barrel, the price being very low, but depending somewhat on the surplus stock on hand on the day of sale.—New York Sun.

Washington and General Howe's Dog.

While the British occupied Philadelphia and the American forces lay in winter quarters at Valley Forge, one day as Washington and his staff were dining, a fine hunting dog, which was evidently lost, came to seek something to eat. On its collar was the name, "General Howe."

Washington ordered that the dog should be fed, and then he sent it to Philadelphia under a flag of truce, with a letter reading: "General Washington's compliments to General Howe. He does himself the pleasure to return to him a dog which accidentally fell into his hands and by the inscription on the collar appears to belong to General Howe."

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