The Place of the Duel. Mrs. Minnie Walter Myers, in her Romance and Realism of the Southern Gulf Coast," gives an account of one of the last challenges to a duel which occurred in Louisiana. The affair was between M. Marigny, who be-longed to one of the oldest families of Louisiana, and a Mr. Humble, a sturdy

come a man of political consequence. M. Marigny took offense at some remarks of the Georgian and sent him a challenge. The big ex-blacksmith was nonplused.

ex-blacksmith of Georgia, who had be-

"I know nothing about this dueling business," he said. "I will not fight him."

"You must," said his friend. "No gentleman can refuse."

"I am not a gentleman," replied the honest son of Georgia. "I am only a

blacksmith." "But you will be ruined if you do not fight," urged his friends. "You will have the choice of weapons, and you can choose so as to give yourself an equal chance with your adversary."

The giant asked time in which to consider the question and ended by accepting. He sent the following reply to M. Marigny:

"I accept, and in the exercise of my privilege, I stipulate that the duel shall take place in Lake Pontchartrain, in six feet of water, sledge hammers to be used as weapons."

M. Marigny was about five feet, eight inches in height, and his adversary was seven feet. The conceit of the Georgian so pleased M. Marigny, who could appreciate a joke as well as perpetrate one, that he declared himself satisfied, and the duel did not take

Some Queer Definitions.

Bailey's Universal Etymological Dietionary, with the subtitle, "An Interpreter of Hard Words," was first published in London in 1721. Most of its definitions are eccentric, and some of them incredibly so. Here are specimens plucked at random:

Man .- A creature endowed with

Thunder .- A noise known by persons not deaf.

Lightning.-A meteor.

A Rainbow.-A meteor of divers

Weapon Salve.- A sort of ointment which is said to cure a wound by being applied to the sword or other weapon that made the wound.

Balloon .- A football; also a great ball with which noblemen and princes use to play.

Cow.-A beast well known. Milk .- A food well known,

Peacock.-A fine bird. Elephant.-The biggest, strongest and most intelligent of all four footed

Medlar .- A fruit which is grateful to the stomach, but is not ripe till it be

rotten. Snow.-A meteor well known in northerly and southerly climates, es-

Mouth.-Part of the body of a living

Eye.-An instrument of sight.

Paderewski the Deceiver. This is how a Kansas newspaper man criticised Paderewski:

"We heard the Polander Paderewski play the piano in Convention hall, Kansas City. The fellow is deceitful. He makes you think all the time he is going to play a tune, but he never does. He flirts all around a tune, but never touches it. His hair looks like a wig,

but it isn't. He deceives you in a hundred ways. He makes the sweetest sounds you ever heard that were not a tune. He has his plane so trained that the doggone thing will keep right on playing when he is not touching it. He reaches out slowly and strokes it, drawing back his elbows like a man brushing a girl's hair. You see the moonlight, and you're there with your girl, but somehow she doesn't love you. You know the sorrow of that, and that's why we don't like Paderewskl. We wouldn't go to hear bim again, but we wouldn't take \$100 for what we heard at Convention hall."

The Tower of Famine.

The Torre della Fame, or Tower of Famine, was noted for its grewsome history. It once stood in Pisa, Italy, but there are now no traces of it. Count Ugolino della Gherardscha, whom Dante immortalized, was the head of the Guelphs, and because of his tyranny and accredited attempts to place his country in bondage he was antagonized and finally conquered by the chief of the Ghibellines, who imprisoned him, with his two sons and two grandsons. in this tower, the slow ethod of starvation being employed as the manuer of their death. The door of the tower was locked and the keys thrown into the Arno.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chambertain's Cough Remedy for colds and is grippe during the past lew years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pseumonia. Thos, Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for is grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of legrippe to result in presumbals." For asle by J. E. Hood. a." For sale by J. E. Hood.

Suicides and Crossroads, It has been suggested that sulcides were buried at crossroads because it was usual to erect a cross at such places. Those who were excluded from holy rites were buried there as the place next in sanctity to consecrated ground. It was an old superstition that the devil danced at crossroads and that the erection of a cross thereat would prevent such unseemly practices. From this or some other superstition, such as the fear that his ghost might walk the earth, arose the custom of driving a stake through the suicide's body.

These plausible theories have gained many advocates, but it is more likely that burial at crossroads was intended as a mark of indignity. The temples, or rather altars, of the heathen Teutons were mostly at the junction of crossroads. The place of execution was there, and criminals were sacrificed to the gods; hence suicides were buried at the crossroads to give as strong an impression as possible of heathen burial. Probably, too, the publicity of such a spot, which insured the fact that a great number of people would become directly aware of the degrading consequences of the crime, had a good deal to do with its selec-

A curious fact in this connection is to be found in Plato's Laws (book ix. chapter 12). The murderer of any of his near kin, after being put to death, was "cast out of the city, naked, in an appointed place where three roads meet, and let all the magistrates, in behalf of the whole state, carry each a stone and hurl itaat the head of the dead body."

Conscience the Coward.

Murderers uncaught suffer awful agonies of fear when alone with their consciences, but when apprehended, tried, convicted, sentenced and incarcerated they become callous to fear. Jailers tell me this is the general rule. There is an acquitted murderer in this city, once a leading politician, who has not been able to sleep alone in a dark room these 29 years. A light must be kept burning and an attendant is constantly on guard. A Wall street broker, who has "done" every one of his most faithful friends, dares not go to bed in the dark. He keeps a light burning in his room and one in the hall, leaving the door open. In the small hours of the morning he awakens his family with pitiful cries. The city man who is not afraid of the darkest alleys, who will brave thugs and stable gangs at any hour of the night. is in a panic when alone in a forest.-New York Press.



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