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AN UPSET TRADITION.

The material and industrial advancement of this century, has carried with it a progressiveness that has upset many apparent facts and traditions that were thought to be stronger than facts.

In all farming communities the crow has been set down as an evil, almost proof against man's ability to successfully combat. In the spring of the year, in small and large corn fields may be seen figures variously clothed in human garments, and variously disposed about the fields, as the at work like folks. It would only be the most "cited" who would ask why were those figures placed in the corn fields. The crow being a suspicious bird, one very bright and knowing, has been held as the worst enemy the newly planted corn had to contend against.

The crow has been charged with causing great injury to the corn crops, stealing fruit, robbing nests of poultry and eating young birds. To determine the real economic status of the crow, the scientists of the Biological Survey examined nearly a thousand stomachs of crows killed in every month of the year and throughout the country. The crow was proven guilty of these charges, but it was also shown that most of the corn that he had eaten was waste corn, and the part destroyed while growing was only 3 per cent of the total food. The destruction of fruit and eggs was only trivial, while, on the other hand, the amount of harmful insects and mice eaten rendered the final verdict in favor of the crow. It was proven beyond doubt that he was of more real economic value than harm.

MOVING TOWARDS SOBRIETY.

The Charlotte Observer, gives the following "liquor figures" in a recent editorial:

"There is mighty little encouragement for radical legislative temperance advocates to be derived from the recent figures given out by the internal revenue office. Following the high mark of 1907 there was a decline for a couple of years and it appeared that the great areas of legislatively dry territory were having some effect upon the traffic. Then the tide changed the other way and for the fiscal year that ended on the 30th, of June reached the enormous total of 134,600,193 gallons of whiskey, an increase over the preceding year of more than 8,000,000 gallons. The consumption of beer increased from 59,544,775 barrels in 1910 to 63,216,851 barrels in 1911—making a total combined increase for the year 121,848,823 gallons. Not only is the aggregate consumption greater but the per capita consumption increased also 1.3 gallons, being now 22.29 gallons per capita."

Figures are always disconcerting. There is no argument favorable for the open saloon, because of the increase of liquor consumption. Prohibition, legislative enactment to enforce right living, may not have its effect in a single generation to cause men and women to become total abstainers, but the condemnation of the saloon has been a move towards a national sobriety, as it has taken away the place of public regard, that because of its being granted, hence, had recognition as a place of equal meeting for those who were and were treated.

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were the consumers is all important. Certainly no drinker in this day can hold desirable employment, if his habits are known, for every firm or corporation is demanding sobriety of employes, and it is a supreme test in many places. With the growth of this requisite in men and women, sobriety, the increase in the consumption of ardent spirits must be a class too far gone to be reclaimed, or who refuse to help themselves or others from the drink habit, for a habit it is, that even drinkers will acknowledge as unprofitable and sinful.

Temperance people have their best work to secure best results in an educational movement to show the young the evils of drink, instead of passing sumptuary laws that too often antagonize, with harmful results.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial Free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c, per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Little One. Fig--Talk about your green servant girls. My wife told ours to put a little nutmeg in the custard she was making this afternoon. Fog--And did she do it? Fig--Oh, yes; she put a little nutmeg in, all right. I came near choking over the blamed thing--Boston Transcript.

DIGESTION AND ASSIMILATION. It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

President Taft commuted the court-martial sentence of dismissal in the case of Lieut. Robert G. Rutherford for a loss of 50 numbers in rank.

A chauffeur was mysteriously murdered near Cary, Ill.

WOMEN Women of the highest type, women of superior education and refinement, whose discernment and judgment give weight and force to their opinions, highly prize the wonderful corrective and curative properties of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Throughout the many stages of woman's life, from girlhood, through the ordeals of motherhood to the declining years, there is no safer or more reliable medicine. Chamberlain's Tablets are...

MADE THE GUESTS PAY.

Demanding Tips For the Servants at the Court of Napoleon III. "Before we left Compiègne at the conclusion of our visit at the court of Napoleon III," writes Mme. de Hegemann-Lindencrone in Harper's, "when we were taking our morning tea we were interrupted by the coming in of the major domo, who handed us a paper. We were not prepared for this visit, as we had been told by one of the guests who had been here before that every one was expected to remain in their rooms until this important personage had made his rounds in order to collect the pourboire. I say pourboire because what one generally gives separately is lumped into one sum. This paper, which he handed to us almost at the point of his halberd, proved to be a *visa scritto* receipt for 600 francs--our pourboire!"

"We were rather a subdued party in the train. The conversation mostly turned on the subject of pourboires. The hussier decided the exact amount that each ought to give. For instance, he knows an ambassador ought to give 2000 francs. For a minister of state 1000 francs suffice. Unofficial people like ourselves cannot be expected to be out of pocket more than 600 francs. As for the poor nobility of France, they escape with 500! Some were of opinion that it was pleasanter to give en masse in one big sum than to give in dribbles, others thought it more satisfactory to hand one's offering personally to the different servants, but we all with one voice voted the officious beadle an imposition."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Rodney J. Diegle, sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio Legislature, is alleged to have made a confession implicating prominent men in a bribery scandal.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

For bowel complaints in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced with water and sweetened is pleasant to take. No physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by all dealers.

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In his active tongue no one could have made more graceful speeches than M. Blanc, but when he essayed compliments in English he was not quite so successful.

"Have I changed in the five years since we met in Paris?" asked an elderly woman who, dressed above all things to be thought younger, much younger, than she was.

"Madame," said the courtier, his hand on his heart, "you look like a rose of twenty years!"--Youth's Companion.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success," writes Mrs. M. I. Harford, Poolesville, Md. For sale by all dealers.

Tennyson's Carelessness. Tennyson, like Thackeray, seems to have been careless about his manuscripts. Some weeks after leaving his lodgings in Mornington place, Hampstead, he wrote to Coventry Patmore from the Isle of Wight telling him that he could not find a "book of elegies--a long, butcher ledger-like book," and that he had some obscure remembrance of lending it to Patmore. "If so," he concluded, "all is well; if not, will you go to my old chambers and institute a vigorous inquiry?" Patmore, not having the book, went to Mornington Place, but was assured by the landlady that no such article had been left there. He hastened, however, on going to his friend's old rooms, "up two pair of stairs," to search, and there in a small cupboard where Tennyson had kept bread and tea and butter he found the lost "book of elegies"--the manuscript of "In Memoriam."--London Spectator.

President Taft began at Beverly the preparation of his speeches to be delivered...

ARAPAHOE ITEMS.

Pamlico County, Sept. 5.--Arapahoe is just as lively as ever.

The farmers are in good spirits harvesting their crops.

We are having a few showers occasionally.

Mr. Roy Taylor, formerly of Georgia, was here last week visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nunn and family. He has just returned from a northern trip, having traveled through New York and other northern cities and also made a trip to Niagara Falls. He and Mr. J. C. Nunn of Arapahoe will depart for Omaha, Nebraska on October 1st. They will engage in railroad business there.

Mr. Lee Sadler who has been teaching school here and closed about two weeks ago, returned to his home at Lowland today. He will start for Lynchburg, Va. in a few days where he will enter school for his third year. We regret for him to leave.

Mrs. Camille Banks is visiting at her old home at Olympia this week.

Mrs. Emily Sutton and children of Vanceboro who have been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cora Brinson of this place returned home this morning.

Mrs. Tabitha Brinson of Olympia is visiting relatives in Arapahoe now.

Mr. C. E. Brinson and Mr. G. A. Banks made a trip to Goose Creek today to try to secure cotton lands.

Miss Janie Holtos of near this place and Mr. James Lupton of Lupton were married at the home of the bride in the presence of several invited guests. They will make their future home in New Bern.

Rev. D. H. Perry filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

We have been having some striving revivals in our town. The Free Will Baptist have had a good meeting since our last writing, with twenty souls additions. Dr. St. Clair conducted the revival. A revival at the Christian Church was begun the next week lasting ten nights, with exactly twenty-seven additions. Rev. J. J. Walker was the preacher.

Mrs. Julia Simpkins of Luken is visiting relatives here this week.

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The case of Porter Charlton, who confessed that he threw his wife's body into Lake Como, Italy, will be taken up in Hudson county, New Jersey, this month.

ATTACKS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

A severe attack on school principal, Chas. B. Allen, of Sylvan, Ga. is thus told by him. "For more than three years," he writes, "I suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidneys. All remedies failed till I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me completely." Such results are common. Thousands bless them for curing stomach trouble, biliousness, and for new health and vigor. Try them. Only 50c at all Druggists.

Dye Before You Patch.

"Never patch a garment just before it goes to the dyer," was the advice of a young woman in a dyeing establishment. "Unless the patch and the thread it is sewed on with are exactly the same kind of material as the garment they will come out of the dye pot different shades. Here is a blue skirt that was brought to us cream colored. The cloth had worn through in several places, and the owner had patched the tiny holes so palatially that the patches could not be detected in the original color, but after the dyeing they showed up a darker blue. The amount of dye (any material will take depends upon how much cotton, wool or silk it contains. It is so hard to determine that exactly that any garment that has to be mended can be mended much better after dyeing."--New York Sun.

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Rejected Compulsory Happiness.

In 1889 the inundation of the Yellow river caused great suffering in China. The inferior people not only "groaned and murmured," but died by the hundreds. In order to raise funds for the relief of the survivors the prefect of Hangchow levied a tax on each cup of tea sold in the tea houses of the great city. The anxious official intended that tax after the manner of the Bostonians of 1773. In spite of the humane object of the assessment, the citizens put a boycott on tea, and the proprietors of the tea houses cried out in protest.

The prefect issued a second proclamation, in which he assured his people that happiness was their sure reward if they cheerfully contributed to this excellent cause. This agreeable assurance had no effect on the boycotters, and the tax had to be removed. Perhaps this is the only instance on record where a cityful of people were lured to resist a compulsory "happiness."--Youth's Companion.

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DON'T EXPERIMENT

You Will Make No Mistake If You Follow This Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are all symptoms of kidney trouble, and you should seek a remedy which is known to cure the kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use. No need to experiment. It has cured many stubborn cases in this vicinity.

Can New Bern residents demand further proof than that contained in the following testimonial?

James E. Askin, James City, N. C. says: "While in the army I received a severe strain and after that I was subject to attacks of kidney trouble. My back ached a great deal and as time passed, the trouble grew much worse. I tried many remedies but seemed unable to obtain relief and finally hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I obtained a box. They gave me more benefit than I had ever received before. They not only stopped the pain in my back, but strengthened my kidneys and improved my health.

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The statement of Dr. David Jayne Hill, Ambassador to Germany, is not held in Washington to explain anything.

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When Surgery Was Cruelty.

The extreme clumsiness and cruelty with which operations were performed even subsequent to the fifteenth century would scarcely be credited had we not authentic descriptions of them by the operators. Thus Fabricius of Aquapendente (1573-1647), the eminent professor at Padua and preceptor of the famous Harvey, describes what he considered an improved and easy operation in the following terms: "If it be a movable tumor I cut it away with a red-hot knife that sears as it cuts, but if it be adhered to the chest I cut without bleeding or pain with a wooden or horn knife soaked in aqua fortis, with which, having cut the skin, I dig out the rest with my fingers." When the surgeons of Edinburgh were incorporated it was required as a prerequisite that they should be able to read and write, "to know the anatomy, nature and complexion of every member of human body and likewise to know all ways of the same, that he may make few-words in due time."

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President Markham, of the Illinois Central Railroad, ended hopes of an immediate settlement of the labor difficulties of the road.

GOOD FOR BILIOUSNESS.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone, of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Sample free.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Her Act. "Well, have you heard the news," asked a friend brightly. "My wife and I are going on the vandeville stage. A clever friend has written an act for us and we are going to put it on next week."

"Good work, old man," we exclaimed enthusiastically. "What is it--a song and dance act or a society sketch?"

"Neither--it is a monologue." "A monologue? I thought you and your wife were both in the act."

"We are. But--do you know my wife?"--Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Physical Difficulty.

"Is it anything serious, doctor?" asked a youth of a doctor after the latter had examined him.

"No, no; not at all," replied the medical man. "Nothing serious--just a little stiffness in the back of your neck my lad. But you must keep an eye on it."--London Telegraph.

Came Partly True.

"Before marriage I used to dream of life in a fine house, with sixteen servants."

"Dreams never come true."

"They do, partially. We live in a flat instead of a house, but we've had the sixteen servants."--Washington Herald.

THE CODE DUELLO

It Had Its Origin in the Barbarous Wager of Battle.

QUEER COMBATS IN FRANCE.

One Fatal Affair of Honor Was Fought Out in Balloons, and Another Was Decided With Billiard Balls as Weapons--A Duel Between Women.

The idea from which the code duello was developed came down from the north with the barbarians who overran the Roman empire. They brought with them the ordeal or wager of battle or judicial duel, which sprang from their idea to fight it out and let the guilt or innocence of the accused be determined by the result of the battle.

Strangely enough, the judicial duel was considered a fitting mode of settling disputes between man and wife. To equalize as much as possible the inequality of such a contest the man was put in a pit in which he was buried up to the girdle, while one of his arms was bound to his side. Sometimes a barrel took the place of a pit. For a weapon the man had a baton or stick, the woman a kind of sling with a stone in it.

The story of the duel in the modern sense may be dated from 1527, when Francis I. gave the lie to the Emperor Charles V., a proceeding which promised to lead to a combat of exceptional interest, but which never took place because mutual friends reconciled the pugnasious monarchs.

By this time the judicial duel had been gradually abolished, and the private duel, fought before witnesses, who seconded the principals in the encounter, came in. Sometimes the seconds also mixed it up, and instead of a duel there was a quartet or a sextet. The day of dueling has passed long since in England and America and only lingers in France as a sort of harmless comedy.

Several duels have been fought between women, and there are two or three instances of duels between a man and a woman, in which the man did not always get the better of it.

One of these duels between women was that between two Frenchwomen, the Marquise de Nesle and the Comtesse de Polignac, in the eighteenth century. The two titled women were rivals for the affections of a certain duke, and an incident occurred which brought on a bitter quarrel between the two jealous grande dames.

As a result of this the marquise challenged the comtesse to fight her a duel, and the challenge was accepted. Pistols were chosen and the Bois de Boulogne selected as the place of meeting. When the women had taken their places the comtesse called out to the marquise, "Do you fire first, madame, and, mind you, don't miss me; don't imagine for a moment that I am going to miss you!" The marquise fired, but missed and hit a neighboring tree. The comtesse smiled. "Your hand trembles with passion, madame," cried she. "You are lost!"

The comtesse aimed deliberately at the head of the marquise and fired. The marquise fell with a great cry as if one who had received a mortal wound, but the bullet had only cut away a minute piece of her shell-like ear. All Paris laughed--even the duke.

Two duels have been fought from balloons. The most interesting was that between M. de Grandpre and M. Le Pique, which took place on May 3, 1808. Why they selected balloons is not clear, but possibly because ballooning was one of the crazes of the day.

Each duelist, with his second, got into a balloon in the field adjoining the Tuileries, and in the presence of a great crowd the cords were cut and up shot the balloons. The combatants were armed with blunderbusses. At about 800 feet from the ground Le Pique fired, and Grandpre immediately responded. The latter's shot was effective and penetrated Le Pique's balloon, which rapidly descended, and Le Pique and his second were dashed to death on a house-top, while Grandpre and his second descended safely some seven leagues away.

A duel with billiard balls took place in France Sept. 4, 1848, between two young men named, respectively, Lafant and Melfant. They quarreled over a game of billiards and decided to fight a duel with the balls with which they were playing. They drew lots for the first throw, and Melfant won. "I am going to kill you at the first throw," said Melfant, and, aiming the mallet, he hurled it at Lafant, striking him in the center of the forehead and killing him almost instantly.

Among curious American duels was that fought at the Oaks, the famous New Orleans dueling ground, between M. Pedesclaux, a crook, and a retired French cavalry officer, in antebellum days. The duel was fought with both combatants mounted on magnificent stallions and armed with broadswords. It was a fierce battle, in which the French officer was killed.

A FIERCE NIGHT ALARM.

Is the hoarse, startling cough of a child, suddenly attacked by croup. Often it aroused Louis Chamblin, of Manchester, O., (R. R. No. 2) for their four children were greatly subject to croup. "Sometimes it severe attacks," he wrote, "we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy, Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup and for coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble." So do thousands of others, so may you. Asthma, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Whooping Cough, Hemorrhages by before it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold by all Druggists.

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