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### THE FIRST BOYCOTT.

English Weavers Leagued Against the Scotch in 1527.

The trade boycott is by no means of as recent origin as some people suppose, nor is it of Irish extraction. Among the early boycotts which strongly suggest the modern institution is one that hails from north England and is chronicled in Brand's "History of Newcastle." This had its inception in a dread of Scotch competition. On Aug. 31, 1527, in the corporation of weavers in Newcastle a number of regulations were adopted, among them that "no member shall take a Scotchman to apprentice or set any of that nation to work under a penalty of 40 shillings." More than this, to call a brother "Scot or man-sworn" involved a forfeit of 6s. 8d., "without any forgiveness."

The canny Scotch doubtless did not delay to pay back the English in kind, but it is nearly two centuries later before any record appears of the extent to which this commercial feud raged between the two peoples or as to the reprisals that were made by the "blue bonnets over the border."

In 1752 a sort of covenant was entered into by the drapers, mercers, milliners and other tradesmen and shopkeepers of Edinburgh to cease all dealings with commercial travelers from England, then called "English riders." The language of this covenant runs: "Considering that the giving of orders or commissions to English riders or clerks of English houses when they come to this city tends greatly to the destruction of the wanted wholesale trade thereof, from which most of the towns in Scotland used to be furnished with goods, and that some of these English riders not only enhance the said wholesale trade, but also correspond with it and sell goods to private families and persons at the same prices and rates as if to us in a wholesale way, and that their frequent journeys to this place are attended with high charges, which consequently must be laid on the cost of those things we buy from them, and that we can be as well served in goods by a written commission by post (as little or no regard is had by them to the patterns or colors of goods which we order them to send when they are here), therefore, and for the promotion of trade (i. e.), we hereby voluntarily bind and oblige ourselves that in no time coming we shall give any personal order or commission for any goods we deal in to any English dealer, clerk or rider whatsoever who shall come to Scotland."

To this document, with its naive pretense that it is for "the promotion of trade," is added an obligation to have "no dealings with any people in England who shall make a practice of coming themselves or sending clerks or riders into Scotland." The penalty for violating this agreement was set down to be £2 2s. for every offense.—Indianapolis News.

### The Best Judge.

The trust and dependence which characterized the Rev. Mr. Brown's attitude toward his wife's judgment in all practical affairs were sometimes touching, but occasionally they were amusing.

"I'm sorry you've been troubled with the toothache," said the family dentist when Mr. Brown appeared in his office one day. "I gave you the first minute I had free after receiving your wife's telephone message. Let's see—which tooth is it that's troubling you?"

"M-m—it's not aching just at present," said Mr. Brown after a moment's hesitation, during which he made a cautious investigation with his tongue. "Didn't Mrs. Brown mention to you which tooth it was? I always rely on her in such matters."—Youth's Companion.

### Herbert Spencer's Courage.

Who but Spencer would have been content to fail as an engineer, an inventor and a journalist and yet keep his ambition and vitality unimpaired? Who but Spencer would have projected a work which could not pay, a work which would consume his life and be judged only by posterity and after thirty-six years of incessant labor complete it? The world will pardon much arrogance and many crude judgments for the sake of such a spectacle of devotion and courage.—London Spectator.

### A QUIANT SWISS CUSTOM.

Picturesque Ceremonies Accompanying the "Passing of Winter."

The land of the Switzers is rich indeed in folklore. Who has not heard of the ringing deeds of William Tell? And so thoroughly do these hardy mountain folk enter into the spirit of these old stories and quaint customs that the traveler finds monuments erected to the memory of this traditional hero, while even in such up to date cities as Zurich, that so impresses the American tourists on account of its imposing buildings and busy stir, the entire population abandons its industry in order to take part in a symbolic festival every spring. It is the "passing winter," or, to use the picturesque native expression, "sechselauten"—6 o'clock ringing feast—the beginning of which is announced by the cathedral chiming the hour of 6. The real celebrations begin at 8 o'clock, when the national and cantonal flags are hoisted on the staff of the cathedral. A pretty sight is that of the procession of more than 1,000 children, in appropriate costumes, escorting the triumphal car bearing the Goddess of Spring, attended by her maidens, while behind her is drawn amid dancing clowns the captive Boegg, representing winter, being a huge figure made of wood and covered with cotton wool stuffed with crackers and gunpowder.

Winding through the streets on either side of the river Limmat, the procession makes its way to the lakes. Here the Boegg is raised on high poles and a bonfire built up around it. During the afternoon the city guilds parade in quaint costumes, and many merry jokes are played, until at the first stroke of 6 the torch is applied to our friend Boegg, and winter's reign is a thing of the past. The flames leap up and are reflected in the lake, while from surrounding boats fireworks add to the liveliness of the scene. The guild houses, of which Zurich has many handsome examples, are thrown open to visitors, and the evening is devoted entirely to pleasure and entertainment.—Springfield Republican.

### Women of Today.

At a "coming out" ball in a metropolitan city a few years ago the debutante and her grandmother both danced in the cotillon. They were both slender and graceful, both beautiful dancers. To the casual observer they differed in these respects: The debutante had auburn hair, the unlined face of the "undead girl" and talked haltingly. The grandmother had white hair, lines in her face and talked fluently. That they should both be dancing aroused no particular comment. Today numerous American women play tennis until forty—play golf and quieter games until sixty. Not long ago a New York society woman who is close upon sixty was told by her physician that she must not hereafter walk over twenty miles in a day. Plenty of English sportswomen "follow the hounds" until past fifty years of age.—Appleton's Magazine.

### His Hardest Task.

It is not work, but nervous strain, which kills. Physical labor is nothing compared to mental, as even the Boston elevator boy found whose experience is reported in the Watchword.

"Don't you ever feel sick going up and down in this elevator all day?" asked the old lady passenger.

"Yes'm," answered the elevator boy.

"Is it the motion of the going down?"

"No'm."

"The motion of going up?"

"No'm."

"What is it, then?"

"The questions, 'm."

### She Let Him Off.

One night Green came home very late and found his wife evidently prepared to administer a Caudle lecture. Instead of going to bed, he took a seat, and, resting his elbows on his knees, seemed absorbed in grief, sighing heavily and uttering such exclamations as "Poor Watkins! Poor fellow!"

Mrs. Green, moved by curiosity, said sharply, "What's the matter with Watkins?"

"Ah," said Green, "his wife is giving him fits just now."

Mrs. Green let her husband off that time.—Liverpool Mercury.

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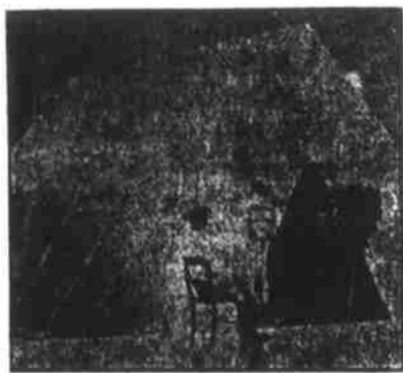
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