

A PRECIOUS ROGUE.

HE WAS EXCEEDINGLY CLEVER IN FEIGNING EPILEPTIC FITS.

His Disposition Expedient to Maintain His Standing—Carefully Watched by Experts For a Long Time—Finally Detected To a Simple Manner.

Dr. Robert Safford Newton tells an interesting story of an impostor who successfully feigned epilepsy for a great number of years, in spite of the fact that he was watched by the most skillful neurologists.

"How to feign epileptic fits forms a necessary part of the education of many criminals in Europe and America. In England, where it has been successfully worked for a great many years and is well known to the police, the feigning of epilepsy is called 'throwing of fits' and 'dummy chucking'.

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"One morning he was taken up and sent to the hospital. Here a young doctor set for himself the task of watching this clever rogue. He had every symptom. He would froth at the mouth, blood would stream from his tongue that he had bitten in his convulsions, and there seemed nothing wanting in real epilepsy.

"One day, just as Craig was going through the preliminaries before falling—the looking dazed, the slowly attempting to fight off the coming spasms, the clinching of the hands—the young doctor who was watching him observed that, instead of closing the hands with the fingers over the thumbs, as would have been the case necessarily in true epilepsy—for the thumb, having the contracting force first—Craig shut his hands with the fingers on the inside of the thumbs.

"The miter worn by the Jewish high priest was a kind of diadem, resembling a turban in shape. On the front was a gold plate, fastened by a blue ribbon and engraved with the inscription, 'Holiness to the Lord.'

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GUVINOR'S DAY.

Evening's not a day at the county fair. No my old-time comes I'm there. As we heard the speech at the governor's side, how he told the farmers about their trade, Richmonded the wheels again in July.

English Customs Are Slowly Reaching Them—The Mother's Rule.

The Armenian girl is little troubled with education, beyond household duties, spinning and needlework—and at this last accomplishment she is always an expert, especially at embroidery—unless, indeed, she attends one of the excellent Armenian mission schools carried on in many towns, where she will learn English, French and possibly her own language, for Armenians not infrequently adopt the vernacular of the country wherein they live.

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NOT HIS QUARTER.

The Grocer Was by No Means as Slow as He Seemed.

"I picked it up on the floor, just at the edge of the steps," he said. "It must belong to you. A quarter of \$1,000, sir, it is the principle of the thing that I look at. I want nothing that is not mine. There is the money."

"You put dot quarter back in your pocket right away. Dot vos not mein quarter. You put him back in your pocket, and ven your wife come over vor dose groceries you will remember dot my derms vos spod cash every time."

Mrs. Jason—Don't swear like that, Ray, just because the boys hit you with a snowball. Don't lose your temper.

To Foretell a Probable Rumor.

"From Ohio, eh?" said the hotel clerk, looking knowingly at the name on the register.

A Fellow Feeling.

Her Query.

An Easy Arrangement.

What She Preferred.

Winter Etchings.

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SKETCHES BY M. QUAD

A Question of Ownership.

"Yes, I know, but that ain't the question. Fustly, the ole woman ain't yere to cook nuthin, and, secondly, nobody knows jest who owns this claim."

"I hear a noise," replied Mr. Gallup as he sat up in bed, "but it may be a robber, a cat, a rat or one of the blinds blowing in the wind."

"Samuel, I'm dying!" she moaned.

A Case of Paralysis.

"I was dun engaged to dat woman once, but she gimme de shake kase I wasn't educated. I want to paralyze her now."

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Atlantic & N. C. RAILROAD TIME TABLE NO. 2. In effect 7.30 M. Wednesday, 27th 1899.

Freight & Passenger UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE The Steamer NEW BERN is scheduled to sail from New Bern as follows: MONDAYS - WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS Sailing hour 5:30 p. m.