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TO PROTECT HIS OFFICIAL BIGNESS.

The well conceived and ably written article which appeared in a recent issue of the Raleigh Post, describing the dangers which seemed to surround Governor Russell, and the plans which had been perfected to preserve the body of His Official Bigness from these threatened dangers, has a turn of humor and a touch of sarcasm which will be thoroughly appreciated by every one who really knows Governor Russell, his own self importance, and the little concern with which the outside world regards him.

The picture which the Post draws of His Official Bigness closely guarded in his office in the State Capitol, with pickets surrounding the building, all the roadways and footpaths mined with the wires reaching to the hand of the Governor seated in his room, all this has a realistic touch, which is most enjoyable, and yet with all its sarcasm there is a vein of truth which permeates through it all, for the entire article shows the cowardly spirit which animates Governor Russell, and it is possible very many of the situations mentioned by the Post, might really be put into force by the governor, to preserve him from the imaginary dangers which in his conceit he thinks, threaten his position.

What a humiliation must every North Carolinian feel when he or she stops for a moment to think that such a Governor as Daniel L. Russell has been forced upon them; that it is possible that a man could be found within the boundaries of the Old North State who could universally inspire such contempt when made Governor of this State!

When has it been necessary in the history of North Carolina for its Governor to provide fire arms and keep them within his reach while in his office at the Capital?

How long has it been since the newspapers and their representatives, when on strictly professional duties, have been denied an audience with a Governor of North Carolina, and if admitted, were subjected to abuse and insults?

Truly the history of this State would have to be searched long, and then no parallel case could be found like the one of the present gubernatorial incumbent, who enveloped in his own bluster, self esteem and blasphemy, seeing nothing but himself, and hearing only the tones of his own voice, attempts to force a respect from those about him, but which nothing in the man himself can inspire.

The State, the people, the public welfare, these need protection from His Official Bigness, Daniel L. Russell, for nothing is likely to harm or even steal such a Governor as the one who now assumes to act in this capacity at Raleigh, in the State of North Carolina.

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Easily Broken.

"Some of the summer young men," remarked Miss Cayenne, pensively, "remind me of Dresden china." "Yes, and they are beautiful!" "Yes, and they get broke so easily!" - Washington Star.

The ship's bell.

The ship's bell is the mariner's clock. The nautical day begins and ends at noon, when eight bells is struck. The bell is struck half hourly, day and night, one stroke being added for each half hour until eight is reached, when the count begins at one bell.

In the United States navy the ship's bell hangs usually under the foremast, or just forward of the foremast. The captain's orderly keeps the time and reports to the officer of the deck the hour in terms of "bells." The officer of the deck then bids the messenger of the watch strike the bell. There is some what more formality at eight bells than at other times, for then the hour is reported to the captain and the bell not struck until he has said, "Make it so." Here is the routine on board a man-of-war at 8 o'clock in the morning: The orderly says to the officer of the deck, "Eight bells, sir." The officer of the deck replies, "Report to the captain eight bells and chronometers wound." The orderly then goes to the captain and says, "Eight bells and the chronometers wound, sir." The captain replies, "Very well, make it so." The orderly goes to the officer of the deck and says, "Make it so, sir." The officer of the deck says to the messenger of the watch, "Strike eight bells," and if everybody has been prompt the messenger strikes eight bells at exactly 8 a. m. - Boston Post.

Curious Biblical Fragments.

While the Trellis written Bible was undoubtedly intended for the use of the grown up scholar, in whose case a fair acquaintance with the sacred volume could be assumed, we have another species of Biblical fragments, representing the "Reader Without Tears" of the old world. They are written in large, distinct letters and contain as a rule the first verses of the book of Leviticus, accompanied or preceded by various combinations of the letters of the alphabet which the child had to practice upon. Sometimes it is the fragments forming the conclusions of books, or more correctly, of whole groups of books, such as the end of the Pentateuch, the end of the prophets and the end of the Septuagint, that yield us important information, for in some cases they possess appendices or colophons that give the date of the manuscripts as well as the names of the owner and of the scribe.

Occasionally we come upon a good scolding, as when the colophon runs: "This pentateuch (or psalter) was dedicated by N. N., in the year —, to the synagogue —. It shall not be sold, it shall not be removed, it shall not be pawned. Cursed be he who sells it, cursed be he that removes it," etc. - London Globe.

The Only Thing to Do.

There was a time when the Illinois Central railroad was being constantly snooted. This story illustrating the avidity of plaintiffs is related by the Louisville Courier-Journal. Emily A. Stors, the famous Chicago lawyer, was approached by an old man with a note one day. The note had been found among the effects of a deceased relative. "What the nature of the note?" asked Mr. Stors. "I don't know, sir," replied the old fellow. "Have you any idea who wrote it?" asked Mr. Stors. "No, sir," answered the note bearer. "Well, do you know anything about the note at all?" asked Mr. Stors. "Nothing at all, sir," answered the old man. "Well," remarked Mr. Stors thoughtfully, "the only thing I can see to do in the premises is to sue the Illinois Central railroad."

Government Secret Codes.

Every government and almost every department has its secret codes of signs, figures or words devised by some clever code composer for use in the transmission of messages of supreme importance and with regard to which secrecy is of vital consideration. One which is said to be the cleverest of all those now in use is employed by the United States state department. It is called the "sphinx." The "sphinx" was devised by one of the officials in the state department and is susceptible to changes as the combination lock of a safe. Hundreds of messages have been sent by it, and it defies all attempts to unravel its meaning by those unacquainted with the key.

Her Huge Secret Society.

A well known Washington woman was doing the cathedral cities of England last summer. Throughout her tour she wore a tiny American flag pinned to the waist of her traveling dress. A good many of the English people whom she met did not understand or pretended not to understand what the flag stood for.

"You belong to some secret society, I perceive," said an English woman to whom she was introduced, pointing to the diminutive starry banner.

"Yes," responded the Washington woman amiably. "There are 70,000,000 of us." - Washington Post.

Diplomatic.

"Henry," she said disconsolately, "you didn't give me a birthday gift." "By Jove, that's so," said Henry, "but you see you always look so young that I can't realize you ever had birthdays."

Then she was happy, and he smiled the mean, subtle smile of a man who has saved money. - London Tit-Bits.

Wooling in England is, as a rule, the preliminary to a happy union. The latest statistics show that the average annual number of applications for divorce does not exceed 575, which is certainly small, considering that the number of Englishmen and English women who marry each year is 450,000.

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