

SWEARING IN ENGLAND.

Lord Byron, recounting his famous hero's first adventure in England, says:— "I had not understood a word of English, save their alphabet."

It is not pleasant to know that the use of a specially repulsive imprecation is accepted abroad as indisputable proof of an Englishman's nationality, but it is true nevertheless.

Swearing lost caste in Anne's reign; at least the *Tattler* assures us it was eschewed by all well-bred men, and left to bullies, who, hoping sound and noise might pass for sense and courage, delighted in "oaths," "thunder," "furies," and such rumbling expletives, and adorned their conversation with oaths and blasphemies, by way of tropes and figures.

It divides the lovers of these excrecences of talk into two sects, the high and low, the low swearer being generally a plebeian, the high swearer a cholerick coxcomb.

The man of phlegm is sensible of the emptiness of his discourses, and will tell you that "I fackins, such a thing is true!" or if you warn him a little he may run into passion, and cry, "Ods bodikins, you do not say right!"

But the high affects a sublimity in dullness, and invokes hell and damnation at the breaking of a glass or the slowness of the drawer.

The *Tattler's* assertion that swearing had gone out of fashion is, however, contradicted by the story of the Duchess of Marlborough calling upon Murray, afterwards Lord Mansfield, and not finding him in, refusing to leave her name.

"I could not make out, sir, who she was," said his clerk, "but she swore so dreadfully that I am sure she must be a lady of quality."

the converts made by Xavier and Ricci is not stated, but Schaal is said to have baptized—between the years 1650 and 1664, when he was thrown into prison, where he died—100,000 Chinese with his own hands.

Christmas in Italy. Among the arrangements for the celebration first stands the *Presepjo*. This is not a mere representation of the manger where the new-born Jesus was laid between an ox and ass, according to Catholic tradition, but a view of Bethlehem and the country around extending sometimes as far as Jerusalem.

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CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eight hundred and forty-five thousand three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents, (\$845,388 96), be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Department of Police for the year 1871, as follows:

Item 1. For salary of Mayor, five thousand (\$5000) dollars. Item 2. For salaries of two clerks, at fifteen hundred dollars each, three thousand (\$3000) dollars.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Section 1. The Select and Common Council of the city of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four hundred and forty-one thousand six hundred and twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, (\$441,622 50), be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of that department for the year 1871, as follows:

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS TO BE MADE IN THE APPROPRIATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1870.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the items of appropriation made to the Department of Police for the year 1870, amounting to the sum of sixteen hundred and thirty-five dollars:

Item 1. For fuel, stamps required by act of Congress, office and other expenses, two thousand (\$2000) dollars. Item 2. For salaries of Chief Clerk, fifteen hundred dollars; paying teller, twelve hundred dollars; stock clerk, twelve hundred dollars; transfer clerk, twelve hundred dollars; and warrant clerk, twelve hundred dollars—six thousand three hundred (\$6300) dollars.

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INSANE DEPARTMENT. Item 1. For marketing for insane department, two thousand five hundred (\$2500) dollars.

CHILDREN'S ASYLUM. Item 1. For marketing and supplies for matrons' and nurses' tables, nine hundred (\$900) dollars.

PLICE GENERALLY. Item 1. For flour, corn and corn meal, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) dollars.

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Item 78. For incidental expenses, two hundred (\$200) dollars. Item 79. For relief of out-door poor.

Item 80. For First poor district, First, Second and Twenty-sixth wards, seven thousand (\$7000) dollars. Item 81. For Second poor district, Third and Fourth wards, seven thousand (\$7000) dollars.

Item 82. For Third poor district, Fifth, Seventh and Eighth wards, eight thousand five hundred (\$8500) dollars. Item 83. For Fourth poor district, Sixth, Ninth and Tenth wards, seven thousand five hundred (\$7500) dollars.

Item 84. For Fifth poor district, Eleventh and Twelfth wards, six thousand (\$6000) dollars. Item 85. For Sixth poor district, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth wards, six thousand (\$6000) dollars.

Item 86. For Seventh poor district, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards, seven thousand (\$7000) dollars. Item 87. For Eighth poor district, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards, six thousand (\$6000) dollars.

Item 88. For Ninth poor district, Twenty-first and Twenty-second wards, three thousand (\$3000) dollars. Item 89. For Tenth poor district, Manayunk and North Penn, three thousand (\$3000) dollars.

Item 90. For Eleventh poor district, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-seventh wards, two thousand four hundred (\$2400) dollars. Item 91. For insurance on buildings, fifteen hundred (\$1500) dollars.

Item 92. For new boilers, piping, gas-fitting, plumbing, lighting, and water for extension of insane department, fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars. Item 93. For board of resident physician, two thousand five hundred (\$2500) dollars.

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AUCTION SALES.

M. THOMAS & SONS, AUCTIONEERS, NOS. 119 AND 121 S. FOURTH STREET. ELEGANT DIAMOND JEWELRY, WATCHES, GOLD CHAINS, ETC., ETC.

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