

HENRY HAD COURAGE.

"He said," Carle admitted defiantly, after being pressed to helplessness, "that I'd better have it out. Said it wasn't possible to save it."

"That's too bad," sympathized Mrs. Carle. "I'd have it done right away—today."

"Yes," said Carle, casually. "No use putting it off."

When he returned home that evening Mrs. Carle met him tenderly. "Did it hurt you much?" she inquired.

"Huh," asked Carle, blankly. "Why, your tooth—you had it extracted, didn't you?"

"Oh," murmured Carle, as though recalled from a long distance. "No—I didn't. I have been too busy, Emily, to think of myself. I didn't have any time. I'll go tomorrow."

"Well?" inquired Mrs. Carle, the following evening. "How do you feel, Henry? Was it painful?"

Carle paused in the act of removing his overcoat and gazed at her reproachfully. "I wish, Emily," he said, "that you would recollect that I am a business man and not free to follow my own whims and inclinations. You may be able to consult your own pleasure, but you needn't think I can drop a \$20,000 deal for the sake of a mere tooth!—"

"But the dentist said for you to have it out!" persisted his wife inexorably. "It wouldn't take half an hour! You're just trying to put it off, Henry Carle, and I must say that I am surprised at you!"

"No such thing!" cried Mr. Carle, with immense indignation. "A baby wouldn't mind having a tooth out nowadays with their modern methods! If you think I am afraid of a trifling unpleasantness—pooh! I'm as hungry as a bear!"

"Henry," said Mrs. Carle, the following morning as he left for the

city. She spoke very distinctly. "Remember, you are to go today and have that tooth out!"

That afternoon Carle phoned her had to stay down town to dinner with a client and that Mrs. Carle was not to sit up for him. She had got as far as asking, "Did you have—" when the receiver at his end hung up with a click.

At the breakfast table the next morning he got in ahead of her. "No, don't start telling me about that tooth!" he said, with infinite and weighty sarcasm. "I am quite aware, my dear, that I possess a molar which has to be extracted, according to the dentist, in whom, by the way, I haven't any too much faith! I intend, however, to abide by his decision—I can't afford not to when a man is such a pirate in his charges as Jenkins—and I shall have it done today."

"You are a coward," stated Mrs. Carle, distinctly and unpleasantly. "I never thought my husband would be—"

The front door banged heavily after Carle. Twice that morning Mrs. Carle got him on the telephone to make inquiries. The second time he was so violent that she did not wait for him to finish, but hung up the receiver. She gathered that he was engaged in settling the fate of LaSalle street, Wall street and possibly Europe, and if she thought—

Immediately before noon Carle's office door opened abruptly and looking up he beheld on the threshold his wife. Carle was alone, feet on his desk, cigar in mouth, magazine in hand, an aura of immense leisure surrounding him. He turned pale.

"Henry," said Mrs. Carle, "at great inconvenience to myself, I have come down here to accompany you to the tooth extracting bee. If you can leave Wall street and your numerous clients for a short time, I should like you to come with me—at once!"

Carle got on his feet hurriedly and before he knew it was in the fatal chair.

They were telling him to wake up before he was sure that anything was happening to him. Everybody was quite cheerful and casual and acted as though nothing had occurred. In the outer office he met his wife, a little anxious and pale.

"Well?" she asked. Carle smiled at her in a superior way and shrugged into his overcoat. "Why, Emily," he said, "you really act as though you were nervous!"—Chicago Daily News.

CONFISCATE THE EDITION.

Newspaper Issues Often Suppressed by the Austrian Censors.

"By order of the royal press court" this issue of your paper is hereby confiscated for printing news which the court considers should not be made public. A policeman, with a sword dangling at his side and holding in his hand an official document with an imposing seal on it, enters the managing editor's room and delivers the decree.

It is the famous Austrian press censorship and confiscation machine, called for short the "confiscation apparatus," at work. Down below the big presses are thundering along on the last few thousand copies of a big circulation. It is 3 o'clock in the morning—too late to "make over" by tearing out the offending article or news item, putting something else in its place and reprinting the entire edition.

From the numerous rooms which make up the editorial sanctum there rolls one "Donnerwetter!" and "verdammt!" after another. The managing editor orders a small sheet, not much larger than a handbill, hastily printed, that will tell the subscribers why they will not receive their paper that morning.

This is a scene which has taken place frequently in Viennese newspaper offices lately. One afternoon recently the editions of five evening papers were confiscated. Probably no interesting stories of news that never reached their readers as the Viennese.

From an American viewpoint of a free press the Austrian press laws, press censorship and "confiscation apparatus" is about the most absurd and antiquated institution in existence. Apparently it was created largely for the purpose of keeping the truth from the public.

In Austria books, pictures, illustrated catalogues, price lists, handbills, advertisements and advertising literature, newspapers, periodicals and publications which appear occasionally, signs and signboards, posters—in fact, everything that conveys meaning to the mind by means of type, pictures or symbols is subject to censorship. Until recently even private calling or "visiting" cards were subject to censorship. The printer had to lay a proof of a card before the "press court" before he could deliver the order.

Any district or superior court may constitute itself a "press court" to pass upon and order the confiscation of any newspaper in its jurisdiction.—Vienna Cor. New York Tribune.

Archaisms in the Authorized Version. In the real authorized version of 1611, King James' Bible, are a good many archaisms which the printers have since modernized, such as "ought him a hundred pence," "yer" for "ere," "biles" for "boils," "fet" for "fetched," "gin" for "grin" (a trap), "moe" for "more" and "all to" should be one word at Judges ix, 53, "all to brake his head," where, however, the printers have resisted the temptation to substitute "break." In Psalm cxlv, 3, "Great is the Lord and marvelous, worthy to be praised," there should be no comma after "marvelous," which is an adverb qualifying "worthy." This correction has been made in recent prayer books.—London Saturday Review.

Immigrants and Literacy. Scandinavians lead the world in point of literacy. Among every twenty German immigrants over fourteen years old is found one illiterate. Of immigrants from other nations it is claimed there is found an illiterate among every twenty-three Dutch, thirty-eight Irish, fifty-two Welsh, fifty-nine Bohemians, seventy-seven Finnish, 100 English and 143 Scottish, but the proportion among those who come from Scandinavia is one in 250. Among the Lithuanian immigrants and those from southern Italy half of them read no language.—Argonaut.

One Letter Names. O is a village of France, in the commune of Mortree, at a distance of fifteen kilometers from Argentan, itself at a distance of thirty-five kilometers from Alencon. This Norman hamlet has at last accounts twenty-three inhabitants and the proud memory of the extinct marquisate of O, which dates back to the crusades. The last marquis, superintendent of the finances of Henri III., lived a spendthrift and died a pauper. Another instance of single letter geography is Y, the arm of the sea which penetrates the Netherlands.

A Wonderful Parrot. The world's record parrot is owned by Baron Alfred de Rothschild, and he paid for it a record sum. She sings with effect quite a number of songs in a voice like a banjo's twang. She speaks 200 words of German, can answer reasonable queries, smartly rebukes those who ask silly ones and is careful to remind her interlocutors that her full title is "Laura from Africa, please."

Breathe Well and Keep Well. To breathe well helps to keep well. To live longer and better make it a habit to take some breathing exercise each day. Are you aware that ordinarily you use only one-tenth of your lung space? Is it any wonder that diseases of the respiratory tract are contracted so easily?

Possible Definition. "Why do they call lawyers' papers briefs?" "Because by the time they get through with them their clients are short."—Baltimore American.

Fraud and deceit are ever in a hurry. Take time for all things.—Franklin.

CUT THE ARMY RED TAPE.

Willich Knew His Men and They Knew Him and That Settled It.

"There are times when the so called 'red tape' of the army gives way under the stress of circumstances. At the battle of Chickamauga General Willich, who was commanding a brigade, incurred the displeasure of General Rosecrans, the commanding general, by some slight omission. General Willich was sent for and informed by the general commanding that he must consider himself under arrest for the present.

"You may leave your sword here," added Rosecrans, "until your case is tried."

"Yes, general, I will consider myself under arrest," was the reply, "and just as soon as this engagement is over, I'll come and fix up the matter."

"But, sir," said the astounded Rosecrans, "I want you to consider yourself under arrest now."

"Of course I do," responded Willich promptly, "and just as soon as this fight is over I'll see that the matter is arranged."

"But, sir," expostulated the commanding general, "I can't let you go into this fight. You are under arrest. I will assign an officer to your brigade."

"You send an officer to command my boys!" cried Willich indignantly. "He can't command them! They don't know him! They know me—I can teach them. None of my boys would know how to fight or what to do unless I was with them. My boys belong to me. Yes, me, General Willich! I command the brigade, and I must fight the brigade!"

General Rosecrans gave it up. General Willich was requested to return "and fight his boys," which he did most successfully. And that was the end of the matter.—Washington Star.

BECOMING A BRITON.

Easy For Aliens to Acquire Citizenship in England.

A large number of aliens become British subjects every year by taking advantage of the naturalization act. The process of taking out naturalization papers in England is delightfully simple. An application can be put through in a couple of weeks if good and sufficient reasons can be shown, while the average time elapsing between application for a certificate of naturalization and the granting of permission to file the oath of allegiance to the king with the home office, which automatically confers British citizenship, is only about eight weeks.

The naturalization act of 1870 requires that the applicant shall have resided in the United Kingdom at least five years and shall intend, when naturalized, to continue to reside here. The lease of a house or an apartment is sufficient to establish legal residence. The landlord's word is taken as sufficient proof. The applicant has merely to fill in a blank with the details of his residence and other information and have the facts as to his residence verified by one British subject, while the applicant's respectability and loyalty must be vouched for by others. He then files the application with a £1 fee at the home office.

A special Scotland Yard detective is assigned to inquire into the case and examine all the statements on the applicant's memorial. Three months is allowed him in which to make his report, but a few weeks usually suffice. If the application is passed another fee of £2 is required. The applicant then has permission to file his oath of allegiance, which concludes the process.—London Tit-Bits.

A Puritan Jury. That the Puritan spirit of nomenclature produced some very odd results is very generally known. The London Chronicle recalls that James Brome, in his "Travels Over England, Scotland and Wales," published in 1700, gives a copy of a "Jury Return. Made at Rye, Sussex, in the Late Rebellious Troublesome Times."

The names of the twelve good men and true were: Meek Brewer, Graceful Harding, Killin Plimpe, Earth Adams, Weepnot Billing, More Fruit Fowler, Hope-for Bending, Return Spelman, Fly Debate Roberts, Stand Fast on High Stringer, Be Faithful Joiner and Fight the Good Fight of Faith White.

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