

WHERE THE CRIME OCCURRED Court Decided That Heaven Had No Particular Relation to the Case on Trial.

Even remote cobwebs, callous to the ordinary flow of legal oratory, suffered a severe jolt in their nooks in the District of Columbia Supreme court building, when a certain dark-skinned emulor of Demosthenes delivered one of his \$25 speeches to a jury, relates the Washington Times.

Be it understood in passing that this Afro-American member of the district bar is known to have three set addresses, each of which he agrees to rid himself of for the acquittal of his client for a stipulated price.

John Doe, negro, was charged with stabbing "a fren." The evidence was all taken and it behooved the Ethiopian Demosthenes, representing John Doe, to impress not only John, but numerous others in the courtroom, who, to use legal terminology, might be placed in the category of "prospective clients."

"When man took Father Time by the forelock and started to meander with him down the halls of Eternity," vociferously began the negro attorney. You could have heard a pin drop.

And then without further mention of the evidence against his client the perspiring orator soared into the higher realms and started a dissertation on the angels and archangels. Older habits of the court realized that the defendant at the bar had paid a \$25 fee to his counsel and anticipated a half hour of irrelevant epigrams and verbiage.

"Leave heaven and get back to Anatolia," the court laconically suggested. "There's where this crime happened." Now every one is wondering whether the \$25 address is being revised.

EASTER LILY FROM BERMUDA Most of Bulbs Have Come From Island Gardens but They Are Now Being Grown in United States.

The Easter lily, the accepted floral emblem of that church festival, was introduced into this country about fifty years ago from Bermuda. The little group of islands have sent us millions of bulbs and received millions of American dollars in return.

Of late years some disease has attacked the bulbs, and on this account and by way of developing our own possibilities, experiments in the culture of Lilium longiflorum, the botanical name of the Easter lily, have been made, which prove that in sections of Florida, Mississippi, Washington, Oregon and California it can be grown with perfect success.

It is when it comes to rheumatism that old superstitions come most definitely to the fore, and there are scores of cures and preventives which have come down through the centuries. One of these which the Belgians have introduced to the fighting men at the front is the wearing of a strip of cat-skin beneath the coat.

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PROMOTION BASED ON THRIFT

Great Bank Has Rule Not to Advance Employee Who Has Not Saved Part of His Salary.

Extravagance and lack of thrift are at the bottom of practically every breach of trust committed by trusted employees and officials. In a certain international bank, known all over the world, a rule established by one of its shrewd founders is rigidly, though almost secretly, enforced. Every young man who enters its service is closely watched. He must not only hear himself properly at all times, but he must save part of his salary. He is not urged or even advised to do so. It is left to himself. If he makes no provision for the future he never occupies a position of trust, handles money, securities or negotiable paper, or is authorized to sign bank obligations of any character.

An employee of this bank once stationed in New York city who spoke several languages and displayed great ability found out while here the existence of this secret rule when he applied for a vacancy which he was in every way capable of filling. He was told in the kindest way that advancement along that line was not for him because they know that he had not saved a dollar in the 22 years of his service. The principle underlying this rule is that the man who cannot take care of his own money is temperamentally unfit to take care of other people's. Experience has taught more than one great financial institution that the man who lays up a competence for himself will not risk disgrace and ruin by stealing from those who trust him.

WHEN HE FOUND HIS TONGUE

Recruit Took Wind Out of Pompous Surgeon's Sails When He Recovered His Wits.

A very pompous army surgeon was sent to a recruiting depot in the highlands to examine a batch of lads who had taken the king's shilling. The abrupt, overbearing manner of the doctor so frightened one nervous recruit that he was unable to answer the first question as to his name and place of birth.

"Why don't you answer?" roared the doctor. "What's your name, I say?"

Still the panic-stricken lad could only stare open-mouthed at his questioner, who exclaimed:

"Why, I believe the fellow's stone deaf!" And, taking his watch from his pocket, he held it to the left ear of the recruit, saying: "Can you hear that ticking?"

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GREAT DESERT IN AUSTRALIA

Suffering Attending Explorations in Continent Have No Parallel in United States.

As a record of human endeavor the explorations of Australia constitute a chapter in history for which the United States has no parallel. The pioneers who crossed the Alleghenies found fertile country beyond; the trappers and traders on our northern boundaries were in country abundantly supplied with food and water; the men who pushed their way across the great plains had forage and water for their animals and wild game for themselves. The forty-niners who crossed the deserts of Utah and Nevada were encouraged by the knowledge of California beyond. Only the Spanish explorers from Mexico and pioneer travelers through the deserts of Arizona and southern California can appreciate the suffering and understand the failure of the heroic Australian scouts, says the National Geographic Magazine.

The center of the great continent, which their hopes had pictured as grass-covered plains, fertile valleys, lakes and timbered highlands, interspersed perhaps with arid stretches, had turned out to be one of the most extensive deserts in the world, into which streams rising near the coast were lost in a sea of rock and sand.

It is as if the people of the United States should wake up some morning and find that all the land between the Alleghenies and the Sierra Nevadas had been converted into plains like the arid stretches of Utah.

SIR LAUNCELOT TO RESCUE

But Gallant Knight Left Fair Damsel to Her Fate, According to Modern Version of Story.

"That's funny," mused Launcelot, one of the knightly boarders at King Arthur's table. "That's funny," he added, "I haven't rescued a damsel in distress for almost two weeks."

At that moment a piercing, but sweet, scream issued from behind a clump of laryngitis trees.

"Sic 'em, Semper Tyrannus," chuckled Launcelot, and spurred his good steed Yea-Bo. Behind the laryngitis tree he found a fair golden-haired, dark-eyed female bound hand and foot, while a great hulking wretch was tickling her lovely nose with a feather.

"What ho! Ho what," cried Launcelot, and prepared to spit the fellow on his lance.

"Nay, nay, good knight, good knight!" cried the dark, fair one's tormentor. "Do you give me leave to explain. This wench is my wife, and many a time and oft have I warned her it would go hard with her if I came home once more and found her at the 'runnies.' Instead of home preparing supper. And but just now I came home famished to find no supper and my wife at the 'runnies.'"

"Give it to her good. Go to it!" said Launcelot and hid his lance.—Detroit Free Press.

New Type of Boat.

A party which plans an exploring expedition in certain South American rivers has purchased a shallow water motor boat. The craft is 28 feet long, has an eight-foot beam and is equipped with an 18-inch propeller. The latter projects less than ten inches below the lowest point of the keel, is situated in a well or tunnel, and operates at all times in a solid column, which extends upward from the tunnel, draws the water up into the latter and the column to a depth of at least four feet nine inches. The boat has a draft of but seven inches without a load and when carrying 15 passengers draws approximately ten inches of water. The motion of the propeller tends to lift the boat from the water. The boat is so shaped that it produces practically no stern waves. The purchasers believe that it will prove particularly adapted to exploring shallow streams and inlets. It is large enough to carry a good-sized party, together with their camp equipment and all needed supplies, for a considerable period.—Popular Mechanics Magazine

Futility of "No Trespass" Signs. In the American Magazine David Grayson comments as follows on a farmer who covered his land with "No Trespass" signs:

"I did not need to enter his fields, nor climb his hill, nor walk by his brook; but as the springs passed and the autumns whitened into winter, I came into more and more complete possession of all those fields that he so jealously posted. I looked with strange joy upon his hill, saw April blossom in his orchard and May color the wild grape leaves along his walls. June I smelled in the sweet vernal of his hy fields, and from the October of his maples and beeches I gathered rich crops—and put up no hostile signs of ownership, paid no taxes, worried over no mortgage, and often marvelled that he should be so poor without."

When Bread Was First Made. The earliest instance of the preparation of bread as an article of food is found in the Bible in Genesis 18:6. The grain employed was of various sorts. The best bread was made of wheat, which, after being ground, produced the flour or meal. Barley was only used by the poor or in time of scarcity. "Spelt" was also used, both in Egypt and Palestine. The bread taken by persons on a journey (Genesis 14:23; Joshua 9:12) was probably a kind of biscuit.

AZTECS' FEAST OF THE DEAD

Custom of Burning Up an Image of the Departed is Still Common Among Indians of California.

The religion of the ancient Mexicans seems to have been characterized throughout by a peculiar blood-thirstiness, involving constant human sacrifice. The feast of the dead was celebrated after this fashion:

"They took a faggot of ocotl, which in Spain would be called pitch wood, and they dressed it up in blanket or dress. If the dead person had been a woman, they dressed the faggot in her petticoats and put it in front of cooking pots and other household utensils. If the dead person had been a chief and a valiant man, they dressed the faggot in a rich mantle and waist-cloth and labret and gave it a handful of pitch wood. The labret was made of a piece of amber or crystal. This, which they were accustomed to wear when they drank or danced in their native ceremonies, hung down from a hole pierced through the lip. They seated the image on a sleeping mat and they put there much food and they invited the principal men there. Then they put fire to the pitch wood and everything which they had put there burned up."

The custom of burning up an image together with offerings for the dead was not only found among the Aztecs but is also common among the Indians of California today.—The Southern Workman.

MANY GREAT MEN DIED POOR

Burns' Last Hours Were Tortured With Thought of Paltry Debt He Could Not Pay.

It was old Sam Johnson of diction-ary fame—was it not?—who once wore boots so full of holes that they freely admitted the pebbles!

Burns died with hardly a copper in the house, his last hours tortured with the thought of a paltry debt he could not pay, while among the musical geniuses who have suffered most severely at the hands of Dame Fortune a conspicuous place must be accorded to Mozart and Hayden, both of whom at one period of their lives were on the verge of starvation.

Though in their early manhood Wellington and Disraeli were both gravely handicapped by debt, neither of these great men ever suffered anything like the privations that President Lincoln and President Garfield did. Most men can at least declare there were four walls around them when they were born into the world, but even this poor Lincoln hardly could boast.

General Grant is known in history, of course, as the commander-in-chief of the Northern armies in the Civil war and eventually as president of the United States, but it may not be equally widely known that, in spite of the great offices he so ably filled, he died with hardly a copper in his possession.

One of War's Tragedies.

The closing of Robert college is no the least of the small tragedies of the war. Founded in 1863, it has for half a century steadily increased its influence over the life and thought of the near East. Although situated in Constantinople, it has drawn most of its students from neighboring countries—Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Armenia. While its consistent policy has been to leave politics strictly alone, not a little of the Liberal movement in the near East may be traced to its doors. It is asserted that Bulgaria won her independence through men educated at Robert college; and a number of the Greek and Serbian high officials owe to their early training. Even the Young Turk party, which brought about the revolution of some years ago and so nearly succeeded in its enterprise of liberalization, was largely inspired by men trained there. Whether its work is now finally ended, hinges on the result of the war.

Paper-Covered Novels.

Paper-covered novels have lost none of their attractiveness through the half-century since they were written. The choice of titles is not their least alluring feature. Admirers of Ned Buntline, who did not like his title of "The White Cruiser" as being too colorful, might purchase it on account of its more mysterious alternative designation, or, "The Fate of the Unheard-Of." Almost anybody would like to know the fate of the Unheard-Of. Most of the dime novels were published in square twelves, but this was an octavo, issued in New York in 1853. They filled a want, if not a long-felt one. Their resurrection comes at a time most opportune, for these novels were in many cases the "literature of the trenches" during the Civil war, if the term can properly be applied to writings which were not literature and when trench warfare, in the modern term, was unknown.—Exchange.

Couldn't Go.

"You say you are not going to the family reunion?" "What would I wear?" "Wear the clothes you have on." "Not to a family reunion. This hat I sneaked from Cousin Lucy, this dress I borrowed from Aunt Matilda, and this coat belongs to Sister Jane."

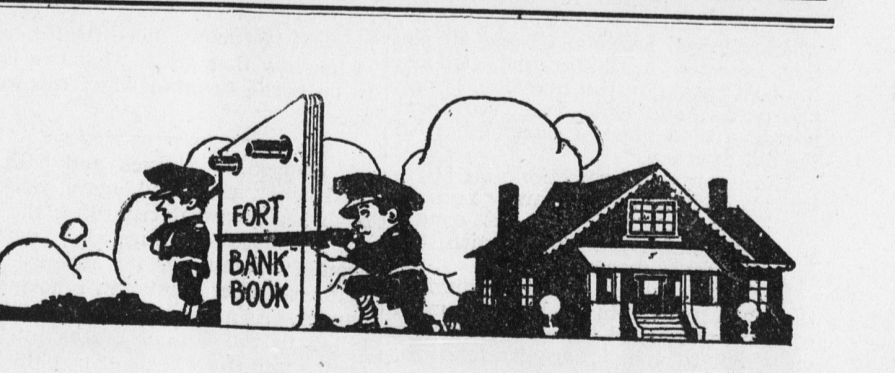
Slight Mistake.

He—You look at me as though you thought I might be a fool. She—I beg your pardon. You can't be such a fool, after all. He—What do you mean? She—Your remark shows that you possess the ability to read one's thoughts at a mere glance.

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