RATHER SPOILED THE EFFECT

Hard Cider's Interruption of His Brother's Affecting Testimony Was to Say the Least, Unfortunate.

Si Lunkett was brimful of importance one night as he shuffled into the grocery store of Hank Silsby and took his seat on a soapbox and leaned affectionately against the cracker bar-

"I bet none of you fellers ain't heard the latest about Bungeye Jackson," he said, as he looked triumphantly around at the usual circle of loungers. "Whose chicken roost has he bin a

depop'latin' now?" asked Bill Brundage, the skeptic.

"Worse 'n that. Bungeye has went and got religion. Yes, he has, so help me! They been a-holdin' revivals down to his house now for about a week and the finally got Bungeye to leave off stealin' long enough so they could tell him how much his wicked old heart and soul needed new plumbin'. Last night I was down there and Bungeye got up and give his testimony.

"Gwan! "Fact-I heerd him. 'Sisters and brothers, sez he, 'you see before you the remains of what was once a bad man.' Then his feelin's got the best of him and a bucketful of tears splashed down his shirt front. About this time Hard Cider, his brother, came stumblin' in and he was considerable lively from too much of Mike Donavan's Three-in-One, and by the time they got him quieted Bungeye had overcame his emotions and went on with his testimoney.

"Sez he: 'At this moment I am layin' my sinful hand down on this grand old book on the table. Such a book has never been in my house before. And then he busted into tears again as he said: 'Brethren, this book I'm alludin' to is the Bible.'

"'Holy mackerel!' shouted Hard Cider. 'Bungeye, where'd ya steal such a big one?' "—New York Evening

Confederates in the Senate. Immediately following the Civil war nearly every prominent southern senator was a former Confederate soldier. South Carolina sent Hampton and Butler; North Carolina, Matt Ransom; Georgia, Gordon and Colquitt; Mississippi, Walthall and George; Louisiana. Gibson and Eustis; Texas, Coke; Arkansas, Berry; Tennessee. Bate and Harris; Missouri, Cockrell; Kentucky, Blackburn; Virginia, Mahone (a Republican) and Daniel; Florida. Pasco;

West Virginia, Kenna and Faulkner It was a collection of eminent men, strong in debate, winning in manners and character, completely representative of their section. With them sat Vest, once a senator in the Confederate congress; Reagan, postmaster general of the Confederacy, and Vance, the war governor of North Carolina. The senate in that period felt and used its power more conscientiously than it does today. And its average in quality was higher, for the North, too, was represented by a group of leaders equally competent and distinguished .-New York Tribune.

Slay Man-Eating Beasts.

F. S. Little, noted scholar and traveler, will head a party of sportsmen early in the spring in an expedition into the district to the southwest of Kuling, China, where an effort is to be made to rid the country of a number of man-eating animals, said by the natives to be tigers. Reports are that twenty Chinese, besides a large number of cattle, sheep and other animals, have been killed and devoured in the district that the hunters will visit. The country, which is about 1,000 feet above the plains along the upper foothills, has been in a state of terror since last summer. Inhabitants have abandoned their homes and farmers their fields, and Chinese report that at least five different tigers have been seen.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Euclid by Film.

It will be good news to all schoolchildren to know that the terrors of Euclid and his accompanying demons, like "isosceles," "primeter," "obtuse" and "rhomboid." will be greatly mitigated by a film which is now being produced and which will demonstrate by easy pictorial examples some knotty points in measurement. The film will start with simple ideas about straight lines and triangles, the lat-

being folded up or taken to pieces show the problem in hand. Impor-At details about the properties of squares are shown with models which can be built up-to illustrate, for example, how many small squares of a given size a large one will contain .ondon Daily Mail.

Shrew's Triumph.

"Now that woman is on the verge of attaining political power, the shrew has more than ever come into her own," says the Imparcial (Madrid) "and the curious fact is apparent that every man knows how to manage a shrew but the man who has her."

Brainy!

The youngest colonel in the English army recently advertised in London newspapers for a job. Five years of war and much travel he gave as experience and "brains enough to be a colonel," as his qualification.

---Subscribe for the "Watchman."

Or at Least, Sometimes There Is Something to Be Said on the Other Side.

There is a reverse side to every adage. Early to bed and early to rise may make a man healthy, wealthy and wise, but it does not necessarily fill him like a bottle with the milk of hap-

One of the healthiest, wealthiest and presumably wisest men I know has been beating the birds to the first peep of dawn for 40 years, writes Herbert Corey. But he has a temper that

would corrode copper. Sometimes a controlled and conservative laziness may go farther toward insuring content than the laying up of millions to be spent by the English son-in-law.

"I have kept myself in training all my life," said one of the most important business men in the country to me this morning. "I have to be in the pink of condition to meet the day's strains.'

He began as an office boy. Today he has approximately 50,000 employees and is the actual head of a large industry. Of course he has millions. Everyone has nowadays, so that is no distinction.

He likewise has a fine, upstanding. four-square son who bids fair to become as big a man as his father has been. But he has gone into another business

"I didn't want him in mine." the father sighed. "I have risen early and gone to bed early all my life. I have been forced to go without the theater. to miss concerts, to avoid social intercourse, to give a daily hour to the gym. I have been the bond slave of my business. My day starts at eight o'clock at the office and it ends at six. I have been successful, but-" Nix on those rhymed maxims. They jingle too merrily to be true.

LAUGHS AT ANCIENT SAYING

Here is One Retired Business Man Who Is Not Afraid of "Rusting Out."

The world seems to be full of cheer-

ful oldsters. Hear this: "They tell us," he says, "that if a man quits work he soon rusts out; but I don't find that to be true. I haven't done a stroke of work in four years, but I don't feel a bit rusty yet, not a

"They tell us also that 'they never come back,' and I think that may be true; really I am inclined to doubt whether I could now, at seventy-five. take up my work where I laid it down. time. when I was seventy or thereabouts: but I don't want to take it up.

"I don't think anybody is 'entitled casy to acquire. to anything unless he works for it; but I think I have earned a rest. I worked hard for fifty years; in that time I did about one hundred years' work. So. as I figure it, there is still rightfully in the summer of 1919 to the old specdue me about 45 years of leisure.

"In other words, I should have to live to be about one hundred and twenty before that alleged rust law would properly apply to me; and I hope I shall live at least that long and all the time as free from rust, as comfortable and happy, as I am at the present mo-

Hundreds of Varieties of Figs.

The fig family, Moraceae, is one of he largest in the vegetable world. Botanists have identified and dealso Ficus sycomorus, the fruit of which is consumed with relish by Egyptians; Ficus roxburghii, native of lower slopes of the Himalaya mountains of northern India, produces frui: of very large size, in massive clusters. but of not very high quality; Ficus pseudocarica of northeastern Africa. produces small, dark-colored, sweet. quite palpable fruit, the capriz form of generally to that of the olive.

Karakul Fur.

Karakul, Persian lamb and Astrakhan furs come from the regions Bokhara, in Turkestan. Before war almost all of them were treated at Leipsic, where alone received 750,000 skip yearly value of about \$2,700,

The race of sheep known kul is a native of Turkestan, and special home is in the vast sandy desert plains of Bokhara. The lamb are born covered with an abundant fleece. All of these are being trained for usedown to their hoofs and as far as their ful employment. In addition to haveyes. This fleece is formed of black ing lost their sight, a number of these strands tightly curled against the skin. unfortunate soldiers are without arms If the animal be killed within three or legs. Several ingenious devices days of its birth and skinned at once the fleece remains unchanged. As it grows, however, the curls untwist, and after it once has been sheared the wool grows with scarcely a trace of curl.

Why Dance Party Is "Ball." Ball play in church by the dean and and so the blind man reads. choir boys of Naples was a curious old custom during the "Feast of Fools" at Easter. The boys danced around the dean singing an antiphon. The dean

they caught it while dancing. Later at private dancing parties the dancers threw a ball to each other as. to the sound of their own voices, they whirled around in sets. The pastime consisted in loosening hands in time to catch the ball. Dancing has long survived this strange game, but a dancing party is still called a ball.

EARLY TO BED, ETC., WRONG? HIS WANTS EASILY SUPPLIED

Eskimos Have No Hankering After Things Which Other Peoples Look Upon as Necessaries.

Without tea, coffee, sugar or tobacco, and with but few vegetables, the Eskimo of Greenland finds life pleasant and thinks his homeland one of the most desirable in the world. The few who have visited Denmark think the Danes are to be pitied, says Reger Pocock, in the Wide World Magazine. The Eskimo's needs are few, and these his arctic home supply in abundance. In filling these the Greenland seal is the most important factor. Its internal organs are almost identical with those of a sheep, and its meat is a fat. streaky mutton. The skin makes hairy breeches for men, women and children, and with the hair removed and properly oiled, makes soft-soled, waterproof footgear. From it also is made the hunter's shirt, the summer tent, the woman's boat, the hunter's canoe and the harness for the dog

Winter clothes are made from the fur of the fox, dog and bear. Driftwood, always plentiful on these rocky shores, furnishes roof beams, tent poles, canoe frames, harpoons for sealing, and lance shafts for hunting walrus, bear and reindeer. Lamps are made from hollowed rocks and knives from sharp stones. Other things are considered luxuries.

GERMS ON POSTAGE STAMPS

Physicians Have Found Microbes of Disease on Almost Every Specimen They Examined.

Drs. J. Diner and G. Horstman bought postage stamps at 50 different places and tested them for the microbes of disease. They report to the Medical Times that every stamp was infected, and it appeared to make no difference whether they were from a drawer or cash register or exposed on a desk.

Among the germs they found were such deadly ones as colon bacilli, staphylococci, streptococci, pneumococc: and diphtheria bacilli. The editor of American Medicine comments that if postage stamps were as grave a source of infection as these facts might seem to indicate, a very large part of the population would be suffering from infection, as almost everybody is in the habit of licking stamps. The fact is that an examination of the mouths, noses and throats of almost all of us will reaveal the presence of or all of these germs at any

However, licking postage stamps is a dirty habit and one that is quite

Passengers on one of the Hudson riv-

er ferries in New York were treated tacle of a canoe sailing in their wake, all the way across the river, without any means of propulsion. What made the canoe go was a question that puzzled many. The more observant noticed that the canoe did not keep to the smooth water directly aft the ferryboat, but rode off to one side, in the rough waves that the paddle wheels kicked up. They also noticed that the canoe did not hug the ferryboat close. and that often it pursued its mysterious course at a considerable distance. though it traveled just as fast as the scribed more than 600 species, mostly ferryboat. According to a writer in tropical evergreens, frequently of gi- the Scientific American who explains gantic proportions, often climbers or the mystery, the canoe always took a epiphytic. The species Ficus carica position on the forward side of a wave thrives in Egypt, but is of little value; and kept it all the way across. The wave carried the canoe along as the surf carries the Hawaiian on his surf

They'd Met Before.

My first attempt proving a failure, I embarked a second time upon the matrimonial seas. We returned from our honeymoon by way of a little town where my new husband had busiwhich is receiving considerable atten- ness interests. That afternoon, much tion in California. The original home to my surprise, I met an old schoolof the cultivated fig conforms quite mate of mine on the street. She made me promise that we would dine with her the next evening.

"I'm a newly wed, too," she exand I want you to meet

> est delicious dinner was proved to be my first erienced the most emnt of my life when my d, "O, you're acquaint-

Trains Blind Soldiers.

Italy has about 1,500 blind soldiers. have been invented to assist the armless blind soldiers to read. One of these consists of a little pocket battery and a belt encircling the chest and containing small needles. The device plays a record that causes a different needle to prick for each letter

Oranges for Marmalade.

Women who are in the habit of making orange marmalade—this is just time of year for doing it-will be inhad a ball which he threw to them, and terested to know that the crop of bitter oranges in the Seville consular district is very full and of magnificent quality, though only about 75 per cent as plentiful as that of last year. Most of it goes to the marmalade manufacturers in Dundee, but about 10,-(no balf chests are available for other

RED MEN FLOURISH

Idea That Indians Are Dying Out Is Erroneous.

Probably the Race Is Scarcely Less Numerous Today Than When Columbus Landed on the Shores of America.

Despite popular belief that the civilization forced upon him by the white man means his ultimate extinction, the North American Indian, reviving from a long period of decadence, has shown such substantial increase in populatich in recent years that he probably is scarcely less numerous today than when Columbus discovered America. Startling as this assertion may be

to those who have pictured American forests in the discoverer's time as swarming with red men, it is freely advanced by experts of the government's Indian bureau, who maintain that the Indian necessarily formed an exceedingly scant population which probably at no period materially exceeded the total of 333,702 Indians reported by the bureau for last year.

"The Indian no longer is to be thought of as a dying race," declared Dr. Lawrence W. White, an Indian authority of the bureau. "In support of that statement it is necessary, in the first place, to disabuse the public mind of the tradition handed down by discoverers and early colonists that American forests in their day swarmed with the dusky figures of the red man. As the Indian neglected agriculture almost completely, it is highly improbable that this country, considering its latitude, could have supported more than several hundred thousand of his race."

"On the other hand," Doctor White continued, "the Indian in the present day, after periods of sharp decrease following as a natural reaction to sudden contact with the civilization of the white man, is seen to be making substantial gains in population.

"While many estimates or guesses of the Indian population were made during the past century," said Doctor Whi'e, "ranging from less than 100,-600 to 400,000, the first reliable census was made by the Indian bureau in 1870, when the population was placed at 315,712. So figures demonstrate that in the last 50 years the Indian population has made a substantial net gain."

Pointing to statistics which show an excess of births over deaths of 1,522 in 1916, and almost as great an excess in 1917, normal years which were not affected by the epidemic of intluenza, Doctor White declared these figures "fully reflected the generosity of a government that has increased its Indian health from \$40,000 in 1911 to \$350,000 in 1917 and subsequent years." They demonstrate, he said that with the schools, hospitals and other advantages now provided for them, the Indian, he he tribesman or freedman, is "not a dying race, but rather a flourishing one." Had he been treated as other nations have treated savage tribes, Doctor White concluded, there probably would not be a "vestige of the race within our republic

London's Slow Library Methods. Before war started Germany was planning a library large enough to hold 10,000,000 books. Although this would have been the largest library in the world, it is by no means certain that it would have been the most useful. Students and business men, too, find the New York public library much more generally helpful than the British museum library, though the latter possesses three times as many books. Comparatively few Londoners, says a contemporary, can spare the time to visit Bloomsbury and sit vacantly for an hour under the great dome of the reading room while the books required are being sought.

He Was Accommodating.

It was during the evening rush hour on a Central car in Indianapolis a few nights ago and every available inch of standing and sitting room was taken while men passengers were even clinging to the steps. The car stopped at a corner for two men who were waiting to board it and the conductor shouted out: "Just move up front, please-there's plenty of room.",

From the platform where he was wedged in so tightly he could not move, there piped up a sarcastic boyish treble: "Sure, come on in-you can stand on the other half of me."-Indianapolis News.

The Last Straw.

Her home was one of the most beautiful in Irvington and was furnished from top to bottom in the best taste. The house was surrounded by a lovely yard with a terraced lawn. But the door was the masterpiece, mahogany with exquisite wood carving.

Imagine her surprise when one of her flippant young worshipers called out to his frend who had neglected to shut the precious door on entering: "Say, Jack, go back there in the hall. You forgot to put the board back in the hole."-Indianapolis News.

Frightened Lad.

We were taking a curve in the road slowly when we ran into a boy. He was not hurt, but was very much frightened. When we asked him why he was so frightened when he wasn't hurt, he explained: "You see, pap is sick and he hasn't enough money to pay for repairs, and I thought I broke the flivver."-Exchange.

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