

RODDY'S PRIZE BROWN.

[Continued from page 2, Col. 6.] "That trout was a ringer for this one he has entered in the contest, and I'm entering a formal protest against his receiving the prize until due investigations have been made."

"Humph!" mused Sam Pruting rubbing his nose reflectively. "Something to that, perhaps. The fish seemed fresh enough, though being in the fresh water would check decay—for a while."

"What you got to say about this, Pete? Was anybody with you when you caught this trout?"

"I say I caught it all fair and square, on a spinning minnow," Hankins stated with some heat. "Won't you take my word for it?"

Sam Pruting stared at Hankins with a gaze so direct that the fellow's shifty eyes wavered before it.

"I wouldn't take your word for anything, Pete," Mr. Pruting assured him with amiable frankness. "To tell the truth, right now I'm a pile interested in Fred Ames' remarks. He's got me intrigued, sort of."

"That's all a bunch of flap-doodle," Hankins said sourly. "Ames is a sorehead. That's all."

Here Fred spoke up again. "I don't say positively that this is Rod's fish, but there's no percentage in arguing the matter. All the proof we need is inside the trout. Cut it open."

If the fish was killed by a number four Kirby hook with a split buck shot on the snell, and if the bit of line attached to the hook matches this piece I fortunately saved from yesterday, which, in turn, as I can show you, matches the silk on Rod's reel—why then the trout and the credit of catching it belongs to him—or to nobody. If the fish is O. K. inside, I'll apologize to Pete and withdraw my protest against his receiving the prize."

"Rip him open Sam!" exclaimed one of the interested bystanders.

But Pruting was already on his way to the show window after the trout. At the start of the dissection process Pete Hankins modestly faded away from the picture, not venturing to await the outcome of Sam's explorations.

"I sure made a mistake not cleaning that fish," was Mr. Peter Hankins' vindictive regret.

The group crowded close around while Sam plied his knife, and very quickly all doubts were definitely settled. The unfortunate trout had met its end as a result of Rod's number four Kirby hook.

Pruting straightened up, wiping his knife on a piece of newspaper.

"Where's Pete Hankins?" he demanded harshly and indignantly.

"Gone!" was the reply.

"He'd better be gone!" Pruting declared feelingly. "And he'd better stay gone. I'm not hankering to see him inside this store again. Not while I'm running it. Any rough stuff like this he tried to slip over makes me downright peevish."

Muttering and mumbling to himself, telling the world just how peevish he was, Sam grabbed a pencil and proceeded to alter a portion of the exhibition placard. It finally read as follows:

Caught by Rod Ames.—From the Refractory Record.

Medical Value of Calamus Root.

A belief handed down by people of ancient Asia Minor is that the chewing and swallowing of bits of calamus root acts as a prophylactic or a tendency to preserve health.

There is considerable medicinal value in the practice and naught of superstition with which this Kolmus Wutzel of the Pennsylvania German has been credited.

On account of the leaves possessing a delicate, sweet fragrance the entire plant has long been known as sweet-flag.

Centuries ago the Greeks applied little sacks of moistened calamus root to the closed eyes to scatter cataracts. The seeds of the plant resemble hollow canes.

And thus came its botanical term—Agorus Calamus—form the Greek words Kore (pupil of the eye) and Kalamus (a reed or tube).

Kalamus, as employed, is not a true root. It is a rhizome or underground stem, and contains a pungent principle similar to horseradish—a characteristic of decided worth in restoring jaded appetites and overcoming dyspepsia.

As seen in the drug market it is peeled and whitish—due to being dusted with lime powder. It loses most of its strength by age, and should be discarded if it fractures easily. The plant is a member of the Araceae or Indian-turnip family. It thrives profusely in swamps and requires much sunshine for full development.

A 10-quart bucket of peeled, dried calamus is worth about \$3 at present market prices. The demand is often greater than the supply.

Other names for the entire plant are myrtle-flag, bee-wort, swamp-root, sedge-grass, sweet-cane, sweet-root, cane-rush, sweet-grass, hot-root and calamite-leaf.

Marriage Licenses.

Clyde R. Hollenbach, of Kratzer-ville, and Bernice E. Weller, of Winfield.

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Old Pharaoh Giant of Financial World

Herodotus, Diodorus and Plutarch give us a few dazzling glimpses of wealthy men in antiquity. First of them, almost lost in the mists of legend, was the Egyptian Pharaoh Rameses III—also known as Rhampsinitus—who reigned about 3,000 years ago. He surpassed all predecessors in the wealth he possessed and in his fondness for its accumulation. Diodorus estimates this pharaoh's fortune at 400,000 talents, which would be about \$500,000,000 in actual money today.

To show how far money would go a thousand years before Christ, it is only necessary to mention that a fat ox could be bought for \$1 or less; that a bushel of wheat would bring 12 cents in the market; that a day's wage was from 12 to 20 cents.—New York Times.

How Vanderbilt Earned First Hundred Dollars

Cornelius Vanderbilt, later to be the commodore, was a strong, big, healthy boy who worked on the farm and tended his father's boat. He was a great lover of horses and when he was six years old raced bareback with other boys. He played truant to go sailing and swimming and gallivanting across the countryside and sometimes he talked of running away to sea.

On May 1, 1810, he sought \$100 from his mother, to buy himself a harbor boat, a prahu, and become a boatman. She promised him the money if he would plow and plant a certain rocky eight-acre field by May 27, his sixteenth birthday. He persuaded the neighborhood boys to help him and on the morning of his birthday he got the \$100. About seventy years later, he had increased the \$100 to \$100,000,000.—Meade Minnigerode, in Collier's Weekly.

A Walk With Thoreau

To take a walk with Thoreau, one must rigidly adhere to the manners of the woods. He could lead one to the ripest berries, the hidden nest, the rarest flowers, but no plant life could be carelessly destroyed, no mother bird lose her eggs.

First he would give a curious whistle and a woodchuck would appear—a different whistle and two squirrels would run to him. A different note yet and birds would fly and even so shy a bird as a crow would alight on his shoulder. The children must be mute and very motionless till each pet was fed from his pocket and had departed. Thus the children were introduced to his family, as he called them.—Mary Hosmer Brown, in "Memories of Concord."

The Insult

The old lady entered the room where her husband lay on his bed of sickness. She was trembling with suppressed wrath and indignation.

"What's the matter?" asked the old man.

"Why," she said, "I just went into the vicarage to tell them you weren't any better, and they wanted me to bring you a bottle of wine."

"Have you brought it?" asked the sick man eagerly.

"No, not me, indeed," was the indignant reply. "I heard the vicar's wife say it had been in the cellar since 1900 and when she offered it to me I just walked off without a word. We don't want the nasty stale stuff."—London Tit-Bits.

Conscientious Borrower

One morning Mrs. R— answered a knock at her kitchen door. There stood Helen, three years old, who lived in the other half of the duplex.

"I want to borrow a match for mother; she said that she would bring it back when the grocer boy comes," announced the child.

In a few minutes Mrs. R— was summoned to the door again. There stood Helen, holding a burned match between her thumb and finger.

"Here is your match. Many thanks. Mother did not use it all. She was busy, so I thought I might as well bring it back to you."—Indianapolis News.

Persians Fond of Tea

Tea drinking is a universal social habit in Persia. One of the social institutions of great attraction is the teahouse, some of which are furnished quite elaborately, while others are rude in their surroundings. Business men often make appointments here, and it is very common for loafers to seek out these teahouses. The common pipes, cigarettes and the kalkan, or water pipe, are much used. In the water pipe the smoke passes through the water and is drawn into the lungs. Lemon juice and other flavors are sometimes mixed with the water.

Ancient Stone Unveiled

The "Brus Stone," which dates from 1304, and was lost for 150 years, was recently installed permanently in the staircase of the town hall at Annan, Scotland. At the ceremonies the unveiling was by Sir Robert Bruce. The stone was originally part of the ancient "Castle of Brus" at Annan. After its disappearance for a century and a half it was found ten years ago in a North Devon garden.

Have You Called Mexico?

It is announced by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation that telephone communication between the United States and several of the principal cities of Mexico opened Friday morning, September 30, at 8 o'clock. It is now possible to talk from any Bell system point to Mexico city, Pueblo, Tampico, San Luis, Potosi, Victoria, Saltillo, Monterey, and Nueve Laredo. The total length of the circuit between Washington and Mexico City is 3357 miles.

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The Mexican long distance lines have practically all been built within the last year or two and are of thoroughly modern construction. Telephone repeaters have been installed at intervals to strengthen the voice-carrying currents as they become weak from covering long distances, and the lines have been designed with a view to providing such additional circuits as the growth of the traffic may require.

Free Trip to Philippines.

Regular Army authorities have just opened recruiting for the Philippine Islands. It has been rare during the past five years for any vacancies to exist for enlistment of men in these parts for the trip to the Philippines. This is regarded as an opportunity which will only be open for seizure for a very short time.

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