

How History Perverts Fact.

A late writer professes to prove beyond dispute that no such person as William Tell ever existed, and thereby knocks the story of the apple into a cocked hat.

Certainly not, we know that all the time. No such man ever lived, and he didn't shoot an apple off his boy's head, and he didn't reply to Gesler who asked why he had concealed another "arrow" in his shirt bosom—"for kill thee, tyrant, had I said mo boy?" as the melodramatic gentleman says in the play; 'cause why, there wasn't any Gesler, and Tell didn't shoot you on other goods, and the apple crop was entirely cut off that year anyhow.

Generation after generation of credulous and creding readers have been taken in regard Tell and a great many other heroes of the past. We have indubitable evidence that Christopher Columbus didn't discover America—America discovered him, but he got a newspaper office first and took all the credit himself. No such man as Columbus ever lived.

Alexander the Great didn't cut the Gordian Knot, but got one of the Dardanelles Brothers to untie it; and he didn't weep because there was no more worlds to conquer, but he laughed and kicked up his heels, and wickedly said, "it's only this world, and the next, and then we're through." Alexander the Great was no great shakes after all. Tom Allen could whip him the best day he ever saw, and we'll bet on it.

Julius Cæsar has gone into history as a victim of assassins. No such thing. He hired folks to kill him just for a sensation, and so the widow Cæsar could collect his life assurance.—Business was dull at the time and he made money by it.

Bonaparte didn't die on St. Helena, because he never went there. He put in a substitute and then fled to Canada, where he still lives, keeping a log-tote near Malden. He frequently visits Detroit, and mingles with the old French families there. Singular how history will lie.

John of Arc was a man dressed up in woman's clothes. We knew of it at the time, but wouldn't let on. He knew she would be famous if he was captured and executed by the English and that reconciled her to his fate.

There was never such a man as Captain John Smith, and he didn't come to America to settle Virginia, but remained quietly in England and died there during childhood at the advanced age of eighty-five. He wasn't captured by Powhatan, and Pocahontas didn't rescue him, for he was released on a writ of habeas corpus issued by the United States Supreme Court.

Shakespeare never wrote any plays. His plays were all written by Boucicault and adapted for the stage by McKean and Buchanan.

Washington didn't use a hatchet on his father's cherry tree—he took his knife and girdled it—and he could tell a lie, if he wanted to, but he did not want to; he knew he would get easier without it. His name was not George Washington originally. There were so many people named George Washington, and so many counties and towns called Washington [including the capital of the nation] that he came to like the name and had his own name changed to George Washington by act of the Legislature. How history does lie.

Two BROTHER SEASONS.—A man in Philadelphia, while drunk, fell over an embankment, and died from the effects of the fall next day. Another man [also in Philadelphia] beat his wife so severely one week ago that she died from the effects of her injuries on Saturday morning, leaving four children. The husband and murderer escaped at the time, but was found roaming the streets on Saturday in a drunken condition, and was daily arrested. He was also drunk when he committed the deed that caused his wife's death. There is food for reflection in the two brief sermons which come to us from Philadelphia by telegraph on the same day.

POOR OFFICE VISITORS.—A great many "peculiar people" call at the post office, among whom may be mentioned the following: The individual who gets a letter about once in six months, but who always struggles to be first at the window; the one who regards his solitary letter as a natural curiosity, turning it over, viewing it from an uphull and down hill point, as if in astonishment that he should get one at all; the man from the country, who inquires for all the folks at his place; the spruce clerk who gets a dozen letters for his employer, and looks as wise as if they were all intended for himself; the indignant specimen who wanders why the d—uce the expected letter hasn't come, and who holds an earnest colloquy with the clerk as to the probable cause of its detention; the bashful young man, with faint traces of down on his chin, who expects a letter from his sweetheart, and who retires in confusion; the big, paroled man, who treads on his neighbor's corns; the seedy customer, who gets a bill for washing, and tries to make you think it's a draft; these, with the hobby who waits an hour on the curbstone to see who goes in and who comes out, are the most prominent of poor office visitors.

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A variety of kinds of best always on hand cheap.

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Roasted and Green, cheap as the cheapest for the same quality.

Meat.

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The best N. Y. State Goshen and Ohio Cheese.

Candies.

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WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1890.

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North and West for Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Montreal, Toronto, St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior, and other points.

Trains leave Philadelphia for New York, as follows: 11:15 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. and 8:45 P. M., connecting with similar trains on the Pennsylvania R. 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