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Miscellaneous.

Origin of Buck Beer.
Translated from the German by J. J. Sprenger.
Bavaria has been noted for its superior beer from time immemorial. A strong beer already existed between the court brewery and monasteries as to who should produce the best article. Distinguished visitors from foreign lands who shared the hospitalities of the Court of Munich were, besides the choice wines of the country, also regaled with a noble beer. The Duke, who was accompanied by his well-meaning wife, took heed of its strength.

It so happened that a certain Knight of the Court of Brunswick declared, upon a certain occasion at the Royal Court of Munich, that he had never drunk a kind of porter of Brunswick was a much stronger beverage than Bavaria or any other country could produce; so strong, in fact, that the most inveterate drinker could not venture to drink more than two or three goblets without becoming dizzy and giddy.

The Duke passed an enquiring glance towards his Butler, a stately personage at the end of the hall, which seemed to call upon him to defend the reputation of his favorite beer. The Butler comprehending the meaning, remarked: "By your favor, Sir Knight, and with the permission of my Lord, the Duke, I will take the liberty to propose to you a wager."

The Duke nodded assent, and the Knight desired smiling that the Butler name his wager. "I may be," continued the Butler, "very foolish, but my Lord's mummie is a very delicious port, yet you must bear in mind that you have never tasted our best beer. Should it please you (grace during the first day of May next, on your return from France) to try a small quantity of our mummie, the like of which shall not be found in all Christendom. I dare say you will relish it. You may then drink three goblets, while I will empty the largest bowl of your Brunswick mummie as I should drink. He of us who can, after the lapse of one half hour, stand upon one foot, and thread the finest needle, shall be declared the winner, and be entitled to receive from the other, a large punchon of the best Tokay wine as a forfeit. Am I happy in my bettings and pleasant, the wager was accepted and closed, and as the Knight departed, the Duke patting his Butler upon the shoulder, gently remarked: "Be careful that the Knight does not unhorse you."

Early in the morning of the 1st day of May following, the Knight, who was at the Ducal Castle, and was kindly received by the Royal host. At the close of the banquet the Butler appeared with a litter upon which, covered with green birch branches, were borne two kegs, each decorated with a small figure of the bear, and placed them before the Knight, who could hardly conceal a suppressed smile as he gazed upon the huge bowl before the Butler. At a given signal six trumpets sounded in the castle park, and the Knight, who had now with both hands slowly raised to his lips, closed his eyes, and suffered the liquid to glide down his throat as gracefully as though he were merely pouring it into another vessel. As the Knight finished, he presented the mummie to the Butler, who had nobly performed his part by reversing the bowl to prove that it was well drained. The needles, selected by one of the Ladies of Honor, together with fine silk thread, were prepared upon the table. But a few minutes were wanting ere the specified half hour should have elapsed when the Knight was seen to leave the banquet hall to breathe the fresh air in the castle park. The Duke, who had reached the courtyard when he was observed by one of the servants to fall violently backward, and lie prostrate and helpless upon the ground. The Duke immediately repaired to his assistance, exclaiming, "For God's sake! Fly, my Knight! who has thrown you upon the sand?"

"A Buck" answered the Knight with lively tongue and guttural voice, unable to articulate more than these few words. "The Duke, who had been watching the while between the two stood the Butler upon one foot, carefully threading his needle. The Duke laughing heartily, cried out, "now I've her the name—your beer shall be called Buck's."

The Duke's exclusive privilege to sell the Buck Beer from the 1st of May till Corpus Christi day in each year, and further, that he might bequeath this privilege to his sons. The name became extinct with his grandchild, however, when this privilege became vested in the Court Brewery at Munich forever.

An Affectionate Hen.
A lady in Vermont relates the following curious incident concerning the affection of a hen. Last year the hen selected one from her brood of chickens, attached herself closely to it; it appeared to be happy only in the object of her love; unhappy when it was not in her sight; roosted always with it, and has continued this manifestation of affection until the present hour. This year the chicken that was produced in her nest, she refused to brood, and she still faithful to her first love, employs herself with the greatest solitude in helping the daughter to provide for the wants of the little family of grand-children.

Great Tornado in Wisconsin.

Full Particulars of the Damage—Complete List of the Killed—Wonderful Exhibition of Invisible Power—Seventeen Persons Killed—One Hundred Wounded—Loss of Property, \$200,000.
From the *La Crosse (Wis.) Democrat*, July 11.
The great tornado which we reported on Wednesday a storm of wind swept over a portion of the village of Viroqua, the county seat of Vernon county, and covered a large tract of a large number wounded, and that a large portion of the village was destroyed. The storm, which was the result of a large number of clouds, was first started by a team, drove to the 'Mills' on Cook Creek, put up with Andrew Anderson and the night reached 'Viroqua' at nine on Friday morning, arriving home Friday afternoon, having in twenty-three hours driven seventy miles, and witnessed the most terrible effects of wind we ever saw in this country, the particulars of which we hasten to lay before our readers.

VIROQUA.
The county of Vernon (the late Bad Ax) adjoins La Crosse county, the latter being situated in the southwest, thirty-five miles from La Crosse, in the county seat, and contains about one hundred and fifty square miles of land, the center of a valuable farming district largely under cultivation. The village of Viroqua is situated on the high table land, the buildings were not large, but were in good taste and repair, and the streets were well paved and characterized by an air of ease and refinement desirable to behold.

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THE FIRST HOUSE STRUCK.
The first house struck was that of Wm. Vought, which was blown down, and the contents scattered in all directions. The house was a two-story building, and the wind, which was blowing from the west, struck it in the side, and it was blown down, and the contents scattered in all directions.

LIST OF THE KILLED.
J. G. Barstow and wife, whose house was crushed like an egg shell, and themselves so injured that they both died in an hour.
A three year old child of H. G. Weeden was found dead in the ruins of his house, which was demolished.
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