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TENEYCK & VANDERSAAL COMBATS AMONGST THE ANCIENT

During the eleventh century the means of justice among the Franks, was a combat between the accuser and the accused. If a person was accused of any misdemeanor, he was granted permission to take an oath upon his innocence before the Court of State, and thus escape what was known as "Private Vengeance." If, however, there was not sufficient evidence of innocence, the accuser had a right to annul the vow of the culprit by pushing his hand from the shrine, or reliquary (on which it rested during his oath), and challenge him to mortal combat.

If the accuser was a woman, and the accused a man, the laws of battle were as follows:

The man was to stand in a pit, nearly up to his waist, and be armed with a club, hardened at the fire; while the woman, whose motions were not confined, held a kerchief in her hand, in which a stone weighing from four to five pounds was tied.

According to the Augsburg City Laws of 1276, and the Wurtzburg Battle Code of 1447, the man was to have a club twelve inches in length, the thickness of two thumbs at the end; while the woman's weapon was te be two fists longer, and to consist of a stone weighing one round, wrapped

Whenever a woman undertook "wager of battle," she did so at the peril of her life. For, if she should not be the victor, the accused would possess the power of having her sentenced to death in court, on a charge of false accusation. She would then be burned alive in the same pit wherein the man stood. This result was looked upon as "God's Judgment;", for the advantage a woman bad over a man, in position and weapons, usualmade her the victor.

Although the "Judgment of God," or ordeal, was discarded in 1250, Judicial Combat was nevertheless retained. Not, indeed, in cities, where its use was gradually discontinued; nor in the lower criminal courts, but principally in provincial courts of justice, where cases of nobility were tried.

Previous to this, the unconvicted accused was not bound to fight, provided he confessed his guilt. In such a case, instead of forfeiting his life, he was allowed to escape with the loss of a hand, or on payment of a fixed sum of money.

Wager of battle was used in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries in the case of nobles who defied the laws of court. Whoever succumbed in a judicial combat forfeited not his life, indeed, but his claims. In all prevailing modes of this judicial combat, one rule held good. The accused was allowed six weeks' grace, time in weapon. On the day of combat, the weapons and clothing of the antagoon the west side of the river. The the late Bishop I tors enjoined to observe the strictest

Only the seconds were allowed to speak. The combat began at a given signal. A blow previous to the starting signal or after the final signal, forfeited the battle. In cases of disturbance or disorder, the seconds interfered. Each combatant was allowed to call for 'time" twice during the battle. If he called three times, or thrice dropped his weapon, he was deemed to have lost.

Every combatant had four seconds, one advocate, one marshal of arms, one trainer (who instructed in the mode of fighting, but whose voice durat not be heard during the battle), and one monitor, who was posted in arena, but was allowed to communicate with the combatants only through the advocate.

The dress usually consisting of close fitting trowsers, jacket and hood, fastened with a leather strap, and cut from in battle with a woman,) was of wood and leather, covered with white linen, and ornamented with a red cross. Before the fight both combatants drank

past and gone; but the heroism of those women who maintained their

Some time since a young minister, wishing to impress his Sabbath-school with the dignity of life by reference to the fact that men had souls, while ordinary animals have none, struck an attitude, and asked: "Now, children,

Portland, Oregon, is rapidly improving. A local paper says that whisky can be seen from our door. and saleens are going up like magic." ter the delivery of all his discourses. see the lions.

A special correspondent of the Baltimore American, in a letter from Port Deposit dated 22d January, gives the particulars of the rescue of the Roberts family from their perilous situa-tion on Kerr's Island. He says:

In my description of yesterday I gave an account of the situation of W. W. Roberts and family. It seems | ing liquors, and the alertness of revethat there were two families, two brothers, and their families being on Kerr's Island, the rising water encompassed them, and they feared the total from crime, and the bloody details of submerging of the island. Their cries for help were heard upon the shore, but it seemed impossible to traverse the river so closely packed with ice, and no effort was made to save them.

Towards evening, however, information of their peril was received at Havre-de-Grace, and a great interest in their behalf was excited. Measures for their relief was discussed, but it late, the conduct of the United States was to late in the day for making any were made for an endeavor in the morning; and, so early in the morning, while the skies were yet gray with place. Transforming a muddy, illinflux of light, a party of nine brave tempt to bring the imprisoned families places. The creole and Russian populato the shore. They were men accustomed to the rivcallings were the shooting of ducks during the fall and winter, and sailing and fishing the rest of the year.

grapuells and rope were hauled along the shore to a place opposite the the ton, has been discovered there. ed with great anxiety; many endeav- rest of mankind is now made by a ored to dissuade them from the at- monthly steamer from Portland, Oreshoved their boats into the ice and began the seemingly hopeless task. In leat a telegraphic communication. my description of yesterday I endeavored to portray as far as words can convey the vivid impressions of vi- on all sides. They are affected for sion, the manner in which the broken ice was packed and jammed together what we say and do, even by what we by the current. It may be readily think and feel. May flowers in the imagined that it was an arduous en- parlor breathe their fragrance through deavor to push the boats between the the atmosphere. We are each of us as abrading masses. A constantly in-silently saturating the atmosphere creasing crowd of people stood on the about us with the subtile aroma of our bank watching the struggles of those character. In the family circle, bebrave men against the vehement op- sides and beyond all the teaching, the position of the grinding messes. After daily life of each parent and child three hours of strenuous exertion they mysteriously modifies the life of evfinally succeeded in reaching the island, ery person in the household. The where they found nine persons, three same process on a wider scale is going men, two women and four children, through the community. No man who had been suffering great priva- liveth to himself and no man dieth to tions, and were filled with dread at himself. Others are built up and

their perilous condition. which to practice with the prescribed toil they succeeded in getting back to their places and thrown down by our in the shape of a will." news of the attempt had spread over the country, and when they got back to the shore some hundreds were gathered upon the bank on that side, who filled with admiration at their courage, cheered them repeatedly. A subscription was made, and Dr. Virden, of Lapidum, handed the leader of the party a purse of \$50. I am glad to say the reply was consonant with the noble self abnegation that marked the whole enterprise. He simply said: "We did not risk our lives for meney; give it to the unfortunate family."

A sea captain just arrived in San Francisco from New Orleans, exhibits an Irish setter dog, to whom he accredits one of the most remarkable exploits in canine intelligence. The dog was the property of the first mate, and was early noted for extraodinary sagacity. When the sailors took hold of the maine brace to haul it in, the dog immediately seized the end and ran the length of the deck with it, as one piece of gray woolen cloth. The ran the length of the deck with it, as shield (which, however, was not worn if "lending a hand" to get the officer's order executed. A planter took a fancy to the dog, and prevailed on against him. the first mate to present the animal to him. He carried it along with him G—the worse for drink?"

"Well, John, did you ever him. He carried it along with him G—the worse for drink?" St. John's wine, to thwart all evil arts. six hundred miles up the Mississippi The days of judicial combat are river, and endeavored to show the setter every kindness. But one night the dog escaped, and running along dearest rights through the only legal the river bank leaped aboard a boat means allowed them, is a vivid page in and was towed back to New Orleans. But the ship had sailed, and a schooner captain, into whose hands the setter The ship from which the dog was tended to go "to some secluded spot taken was lying on the other side of and breathe away his life in sighs!" to wel comes in. The dog, while looking whether they were to be medium or over the side of the vessel one afterwhat is the great difference between a noon, seemed to take special notice of monkey and a boy?" "The tail, the the ship on the other side. After a noon, seemed to take special notice of been heard from. the house, and minister was satisfied. swam to its old home, and was taken aboard by the delighted sailors.

A wag of a student declared that a

A SHOWING OF SEALDOM.

A glimpse at Alaska, as given by a corespondent of the Alaska Herald, is well worth showing. At Sitka, as a type of the country it seems to have started in a civilizing course with, including the blessings, leaves out the There is a very stringent law curses. against the importation of intoxicatnue officers generally rains the prospeets of smugglers. The consequence is that the country is singularly free the doings of the rum fiend in the newspapers of civilization read there like the legend of "Jack the Giant The territory, in a general Killer." sense, being under military rule, the comfort and security of the people depend more or less on the judgment of the officer in command. In which be it said, they have been fortunate of troops being unexceptionable, and attempt to rescue them. Preparations peace resting in all the borders. The authorities are also doing much in the way of making Sitka a habitable darkness still lingering before a full constructed, beaver-like huddle of men set out to make the hazardous at- clean broad streets and habitable stealer. Their names were John | tion, too, in place of being a degrad-Mahan, John Leithiser, Charles W. Herbert, William H. Dobson, Albert Reasin, John Kurtz, John Tepish, ing citizens, devoted to their religious Grafton Day and James Cameron, matters, but in secular affairs controlled by no interest except in the comer in all seasons and weathers, as their mon one of self. And so in every sense, the country seems prosperous and in a favorable condition for future development. In this latter regard it Two eighteen-foot boats, together is safe to say it is assured, if the re-with an adequate supply of ice hooks, port recently started be true, that gold bearing quartz, hundreds of dollars to island. Their proceedings were watch- Communications with this land and the tempt, but nothing daunted, they gon, and the dwellers cry loudly for a steam route to San Francisco, or at

We are touching our fellow-beings good or for evil by what we are, by mysteriously modifies the life of evstreighened by our unconscious deeds Renewing their labors, after severe and others may be wrenched out of

ed with brandy, wine, etc. On one occasion, Rev. Mr. Perkins,of the Sons of Temperance, dined with the Bishop, who, pouring out a glass of wine, de-sired him to drink with him. "Can't do it, Bishop. Wine is a

mocker. "Take a glass of brandy, then." "Can't do it, Bishop. Strong drink

is raging." By this time, the Bishop, becoming somewhat excited, remarked to Mr. announcement that "the old year is Perkirs: "You'll pass the decanter to dead," and that one said, "To-morrow the gentleman next to you?"

"No, Bishop, I can't do that. "Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips.

A minister in Aberdeenshire sacrificed so often and so freely to the jelly god that the Presbytery could no longer overlook his proceedings, and summoned him before them to answer for his bad conduct. One of the elders, and a constant companion in his social hours, was cited as a witness

Well, John, did you ever see Mr.

"Well, I wot no; I've money a time seen him the better o't, but I never saw him the waur o't." "But did you ever see him drunk?"

"That's what I'll ne'er see; for before he's half slockened I'm ay blind A lover once wrote to a lady who

fell, took it with him to New York. had rejected him saying that he inthe river, and here is where the mar- which the lady replied by inquiring

It was Daniel who said "Many tail, the tail," came from all parts of few moments it leaped overboard, shall run to and fro, and knowledge be increased." He clearly referred to reporters in this remark, and this suggests the idea that Daniel was in that long strings of teams loaded with certain dull preacher was a revivalist line himself. It is certain at all events -as there was a "great awakening" af- | that he was allowed to pass in free to

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A hop in your walk is a halt, but a dance upon nothing is a halter. One finger by itself may be a numb, but ten fingers are a number. A deal of gold may be a plumb, but a dealer in lead is a plumber. You may sometimes put sauce into a cup, but you should always put a cup into a saucer. You're a fool if you're a walker in a pond, you're a philosopher if you ponder in your walk. A cough makes you wheezy of the chest, but of the chest you can easy make a coffer. A steel is what makes a blade sharp, but houses into a dignified village, with a blade that makes a sharper is a

Among other things that Wells & Fargo's firm is not responsible for as carriers is one couched in the following language in their regulations: 'Not for any loss or damage by fire, the acts of God, of Indians, or any other public enemies of the govern-A garter was pumped up at the

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knees and cried : "O Lord! bless my brother Tom. He lies, he steals, he swears; all boys do; us girls don't. Amen. Major Zeb Crummet in his lecture, "New Fangled Notions," says-"It requires more brains to run a popular local newspaper than is usually carried into the White House under the

States. O, the snow, the beautiful snow; such a hunky thing you know; blueing your nose and chilling your toes; as whirling along streets it goes. No silly praise, not any for Joe, for that coldest of frauds, the beautiful snow.

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The late Bishop Doane, of New a blooming, blushing school-girl called Jersey, was strongly opposed to temperance, and his side-board was leaded for "papers for a week back." The ed for "papers for a week back." The idea suggested was that she wanted them for a panier.

A ragged newsboy paid a delicate compliment to a pretty young lady who bought a paper of him. "Poor who bought a paper of him. "Poor little fellow," said, she, "ain't you very cold?" "I was, ma'nın, before you passed." There is only one paper in Illinois that did not thrill the world with the

the old year dies." Americans read more newspapers than any other people, but do not read more books. Probably because the average newspaper is better than the

average book When a new town is started on the plains, Chicage drummers camp out and wait for the new stores to be completed, to sell the owners a bill of

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