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## HUMORISTS.

# A Novel Engagement Ring—Two Fa-tal Detects—Rules of the Limeklin Club—Showed Them How to Shoot.

#### A NOVEL ENGAGEMENT RING.

He didn't bring the engagement ring to her the night he had promised, because he was out walking with another girl, and the engaged girl had heard of it. So the first thing she did when he it. So the first thing she did when he called on her the next evoning was to take him by the left car and shake him her the pretty soon. Ef I understand about at a painful rate.

"What's that?" he yelled.

"That, sir, is the engagement ringand it will ring just the very same way every time I hear of you walking out with another girl,"- Kentucky State Journal.

#### TWO FATAL DEFECTS.

Mrs. Jenkins: "Dear me, Matilda Jane, it's no use trying to be aristocratic any longer. Eve done everything mortal woman could since your par did so well in lumber, but the obstacles is too great. I give it up."

Matilda Jane: "Why, ma, I think we're getting along splendid, I'm sure. We don't eat with our knives any more, and we got so we dare speak to the butler at dinner. The way you say, 'James, you may go,' sounds like a queen talking. What is the trouble now  $\tilde{r}''$ 

Mrs. Jenkins: "Well, I was reading only a little while ago that the gout and a family feud were necessary adjuncts to aristocracy, and I don't see any prospect of securing either. - Philadelphia Call.

#### SHOWED THEM HOW TO SHOOT.

the privates, angrily exclaimed :

"I'll show you fellows how to shoot !" who owned the gun, he said :

missed. the ranks, he remarked :

"That's the way you shoot." each soldier his personal incapacity, and finally he accidentally hit the target

"And that," he ejaculated, handing the gun back to the private, "is the way I shoot."-Siftings.

RULES FOR THE LIME-KILN CLUB. Judge Chewso, of the Lime-Kiln club, arose to ask for information. He wanted

to know how strong the fraternal ties of such a club could be considered. How far was he obligated ? "Brother Chewso," replied the presi-

dent, "I will read de follerin' for your benefit: "1. All meet heah on terms of equal-

ity, but de member who blacks stoves an' saws wood am not 'spected to be so familiar as to ask de barber airnin' \$17 per week to lend him his toof-pick.

"2. If you find a brudder in distress, aid him. Dar am no pertickler objeckshun to taking a mortgage on his stove in case he wants to borry fo' dollars in cash, but give him a lectle show befo' fo'closin'

\*\* 3. Excuse a brudder's faults as fur as you kin, but arter he has spit on your hose burst on a man named Jenkins, off lustes about three times you can conclude that he aches to be licked.

wrangles an' slander; be ready to give hanging himself while at his work. There are fifty or sixty divers in New dustry, doan' let a man kick yer dog simply because he sits on de stool nex' you in Paradisc hall."-Free Press.

reckon that I may as well sell it to you again. What will you give for it? "Oh, I don't know that the stuff is of any use to me; but seeing its you, sher-iff, I'll give you a dollar for the lot ef

you raly don't want it." The sheriff delivered back the medicine at four dollars discount from his own

purchase, and received his change. "Now," said the drummer, "I've got a question or tew to ask you. Hev you

got a drummer's license about your

"No; I haven't any use for the article

the law, it's a clean case that you've been tradln' with me, and hawkin' and peddlin' patent medicine on the highway, and I shall inform on you --blamed of I don't!" When the Yankee reached the court-

house he made his complaint, and the sheriff was fined eight dollars for selling goods without a license.

The sheriff was heard afterward to say that "you might as well try to hold a greased cel as a live Yankee."-Wit and Humor of the Age.

Hanging in Chains,

One of the last criminals, if not the very last, who, after execution, were gibbeted and "hung in chains" must have been Cook, the murderer of Mr. Paas, at Leicester in 1838 or 1884. Some of the elder of your readers may recall the horrible details of the murder. If I remember rightly, Cook, being in pecuniary difficulties, knocked his victim on the head with a crowbar for the purpose of robbery during a business call, and endeavored to make away with the body by burning it piecemeal in the fire-place of his warehouse or office. So much horzor was called forth by the atrocity of the crime that it was (strangely enough) A Texas military company were out on thought advisable to hang the body of the range recently practising at rifle-shooting. The lieutenant in command the neighborhood of Leicester, in "tersuddenly became exasperated at the poor rorum homacidarum." But the gibbeted shooting, and, seizing a gun from one of corpse proved so powerful a magnet to the lovers of the horrible that people came from all parts to see the ghastly Taking a long aim, and a strong aim, spectacle, until, as I remember its being and an aim altogether, he fired and described to me by the jailer, "it was missed. Coolly turning to the private like a fair under the gibbet." The scenes of riot and debauchery which "That's the way you shoot." He again loaded the weapon and issed. Turning to the second man in he ranks, he remarked: "That's the way you shoot." murderer's corpse had been suspended. In this manner he contrived to miss They consisted of a set of iron straps, about fifty or sixty times, illustrating to framed together so as to encase the whole body, head, arms and legs, with a hidcous resemblance to the human form. At the time I speak of, hard upon half a century ago, these irons were kept in a kind of museum in Leicester jail, together with casts of murderers' heads and other curiosities of the same kind.-Notes and Queries.

### A Diver's Work.

"What different sorts of work do divers do?" a New York Sun reporter asked a diver.

"Well, they lay sea walls, blast rocks, build piers for bridges, repair vessels, tear up wrecks, search for dead bodies, recover things that have fallen overboard, and do anything that is to be done under the water.

"Is it a dangerous business?"

"It is and it isn't. It is easy for a diver to be killed, and yet few do get killed. George Seaman cut his hose by accident while at work on the sloop Troubler not long ago. He died, of course. If one's hose bursts or gets cut a man's gone. His wind's stopped. The Governor's Island, not long ago, and a diver died in Boston a few years ago, and "4. Speak well of each odder; avoid was said to have committed suicide by

### FASHION NOTES.

Ruby and topaz jowels are the most fashionable this season.

Necklaces of a single string of pearls are fashionable for young ladies.

Dark cloth walking and calling costumes are trimmed with bands of beaver or black Russian fur.

Snake necklaces with diamond and ruby clasps are fashionable, but very few women care to wear them.

Some dainty new handkerchiefs of finest cambric are embroidered above the hem in a design of wild roses.

White silk greundine with cords of pink, blue or crimson chenille is a fashionable material to combine with white uilk.

Little misses not yet in their teens wear the poke or old-fashioned "calash." These are in felt, with soft velvet crowns, in full velvet, plush, or Ottoman satin.

The large protruding capote is the shape most generally adopted by New York women of fashion this winter, on all occasions when the Fanehon is not admissible.

The straight high dog collar is affected ladies with long, slender throats. by These dog collars are generally of dark velvet, stiff, with gold, silver, steel, or pearl embroidery.

Ladies who adopt plaided costumes avoid the corsage made of the vari-colored material, and join to the plaided skirts a Jersey bodice of a monochrome color, matching exactly one of the shades of the plaid.

### A Boy's Battle with an Alligator.

While Captain R. B. Johnson, of Clinch county, was helping a party of twenty-five or thirty men haul for trout in a mill-pond the other day, his little son, Joseph, had a most thrilling experience. Master Joseph carried a bag, or corn sack, in which to deposit the fish when caught. When loaded with as many as he could carry he would take them out and make a deposit and return for more. In making one of these trips, while wading through water about three feet deep, and some distance from the fishermen, a monster alligator, said to be of unusual size, rose suddenly right at the boy and seized him by the thigh. A desperate struggle ensued the boy battled for his life and the alligator for his prey. It so happened that the bag, which hung by the boy's side, was caught in the alligator's mouth with the thigh, and it proved a sort of shield-lessening greatly the incisions made by the brute's teeth, and this, perhaps, prevented a shock to his nervous system which might have made him succumb without the struggle which saved him his life. By an effort -one of those superhuman efforts which come to men only when facing death-the boy tore his bleeding flesh from the alligator's jaws. The monster grimly held to the sack a moment with the delusion, perhaps, that he still had his prey, affording the boy an opportunity to escape

He had hardly extricated himseli from the jaws of death before the fishermen, alarmed by the struggle, were at hand, and another battle ensued. Thirty men, armed with gigs, poles, pocket-knives and such other instruments of war as were at hand, charged upon the monster. Being in three feet of water the gator had considerable advantage, but those men had their blood up and were not to be outdone. They poled and punched and harpooned him until the brute was almost outdone, when one of the party made hold to seize him by the This was a signal for a general astail. sault. In less time than it would take to tell it a number of the more during had him by the tail and legs. There were too many of them for the 'gator to slap around with his tail, a peculiar mode of warfare, and he had to give up the fight. A harpoon was plunged into his mouth. and then it was safe to approach him with pocketknives. Soon his head was severed from his body and the victorious party marched out of the pond with the monster's head on a pole. — Valdorta (Ga.) Times.

Wotel Items

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### THE SILENT MAJORITY.

Jones, who was a peaceable man, married a very strong-minded woman, and sometime after, a friend, who had been abroad, was asking Brown about him.

"Alas, poor Jones," said Brown, he has joined the silent majority."

"Good heavens, he ain't dead, is he? When did it happen? I never heard of it before."

"Oh, no, he is not dead."

"Well, if he ain't dead, how could he have joined the silent majority?" "Poor man, he's married."-Merchant-

Traveler.

### WHAT SHE WAS.

The other day a rather green-looking young fellow-though he evidently lived in the city-went into a dry goods store and walked up to one of the lady clerks and the following conversation occurred ; "I want to get four yards of wide rib-

bon for a girl."

want?"

"I don't know. I just want four yards of ribbon, that's all."

"Yes, but we ought to give her some color that will suit her. Is she a blonde blocked with his multitudinous acquisi or brunette?"

"She ain't neither; she's a hired girl." -Ecanseille Argus,

### ELI PEREINS' LIVE DRUMMER.

Sheriff Wiggins, of Dallas, Texas, made it a prominent part of his business to ferret out and punish commercial travelers who traveled in Texas without a license; but one morning he met his put up at each sale. match-a genuine Yankee drummer.

"What have you got to sell ? Any-thing ?" asked the sheriff, as he met the Connecticut man on the streets.

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- "And you will sell me a case?"
- "Sartenly, sir; glad to." Then the sheriff bought a case.
- "Anything more?" asked the drum-

mer.

"Yes, sir; I want to see your license for selling goods in Texas. That is my duty as the high sheriff of Dallas county."

The drummer showed him a document, fixed up good and strong, in black and white. The sheriff looked at it, and pronounced it "all right." Then turn-

York, but you seldom hear of an accident.

"Do whales, or sharks; or sword fish, or marine animals of any sort, attack divers?

"Not in these waters. There may be such experiences in [the tropics. I've read of such things, but we've done lots of work at sea around here and we have never known of such a thing. The other way a diver might die besides having his hose cut or burst, is by having a vessel roll over on him while he is under it, but they generally manage to get away."

### A Sale of 17,000 Pictures.

A letter from Paris says it has often been a mystery to the world what becomes of the thousands of pictures painted in Paris during a twelvemonth and exhibited at the annual Salon and other galleries. Some explanation, at least, is now forthcoming. There has re-cently died in the Rue de Rivoli a certain M. Borniche, who turns out to have had in his possession no fewer than seventeen thousand modern pictures. M. Borniche was a retired timber mechant, and had made a great fortune. He seems to have been possessed by a perfect mania for "All right, sir. What color do you canyas. Quantity with him went before quality. He offered, therefore, a valuable market for young and struggling artists, who, it is said, rarely appealed to him in vain. All his houses being tions, M. Borniche was about to build a great gallery on some land near the Boulevard St. Germain, wherein to hang them for public exhibition, but death interrupted the carrying out of this project. The 17,000 pictures are now to be sold at the Drouot. A beginning will be made with 8,000 during the winter. Four sales are to be held per week, and 250 pictures

### Fattening Girls.

Throughout the Empire of Morocco there are villages where the eldest members of the adult population follow professionally the pursuit of fattening young girls for the matrimonial market of Barbary. The Moors, like the Turks, give a decided preference to "moonfaced" wives over lean ones, and are more solicitous as to the number of pounds which their wives weigh than about the stock of accomplishments which they possess. The fattening process begins when the girl is about twelve years old. Stiff maize porridges kneaded up with grease is daily fed to her in the form of boluses.

Mrs. Peter Bangarts, of Racine, Wis., aged eighty-two, recently joined her husband in the sale of a small house they ing to the commercial traveler, he said: 'I don't know, now that I've hought this stuff, that I shall ever want it. I the next morning was found dead.

### The Young Ostrich.

He is covered with speckled brown downy feathers except on the head and neck and legs; he is as wild, shy and active as the young antelope fawn, and, only a day old, is as large as a full-grown Leghorn hen. Uneasy and restless, in constant motion and with inquiring eyes, he no doubt waits impatiently the companions who are to join him in his feather-producing career.

Preparatory to any nourishing food, he had placed before him when about twenty-four hours old a tray of small gravel stones and crushed sea-shells; subsequent to this tonic he had a handful of chopped alfalfa. This lays the foundation for a meal of cracked corn and water, and when this had been eaten the bird is considered on the straight road to distinction as the first ostrich hatched in America.-Anaheim (Col.) letter.

### A Good Friend to the Chinese.

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