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"BALDY" MONSON'S SCALP.

How It Was Won by "Lucky" Baldwin In a Faro Game,

"During the time that gambling was in its glory on the Pacific coast," said an old Californian, " 'Lucky' Baldwin was easily the most daring chance taker of all the notable argonauts. Baldwin did some amazing stunts in that day of all day and all night drinking. when overmellow men, most of them with riches so suddenly acquired that they hadn't had time to stop and figure on how much they possessed, tried to outvie one another in the capers they cut with the Lady Fortune.

"One night in the late fifties 'Lucky, as he was then called, walked into the famous old Alcatraz club on Kearney street in San Francisco after having been religiously shunning his bed for about three days and nights runningand in that shape 'Lucky' was, in those days, ready for anything,

"A famous dealer in the Alcatraz club-the biggest gambling establishment on the coast at the time-was 'Baldy' Monson, so called because his poll was bare of hair as a pat of butter. except for a tiny patch that remained right on the crown of his head. It had been a cowlick, and, with consistent stubbornness, it had refused to go when the rest of 'Baldy's' hair had departed. "Baldwin strolled over to where

'Baldy' Monson was acting as lookout for the fare game, preparatory to tak-Ing hold of the box himself, and draw-Ing Monson's head down 'Lucky' began to count the bairs that the dealer had left on the top of his head.

"'How many have you got left?" Baldwin asked of Monson.

"Eighteen of 'em an Inch or more long, the last time they were counted,' soberly replied Baldy.' There may be some trifling short ones besides in the tuft, but they don't figure." "'Eighteen, ch?' said 'Lucky.' 'Well,

it's just foolishness to be packing suggested the woman with the subaround only eighteen bairs. Turn me scription paper, cheerfully. the king, open, for \$18,000, and if I win your eighteen hairs go with the pothow's that?

"'Baldy' glanced inquiringly at the proprietor of the club, who was standdown near the middle of the box, and ond.

the proprietor or the carb scrawied : cheek for \$18,000 on the Bank of Call-

fornia and handed it over to Baldwin. "'Lucky' snipped the eighteen bairs off 'Baldy' Monson's bend with the razer edged blade of his pocketknife, had the housekeeper at his hotel tie them up in tiny pink ribbon, with a double bow to set them off, and exhibited the tuft in the window of the Bella Union, labeled 'Baldy Monson's Scalp." - Washington Post.

Care of Books.

A lover of books will always take good care of them. He never holds the book by the corner of the cover, never turns down leaves, never lays the book down open, either with the face downward or on its back, and never breaks the binding by opening the book too forcibly. He turns the leaves one by one, taking great care not to soll or tear them, and uses the volume gently. It makes no difference if the book be cheap or worn; he always handles it gently.

Quite Impartial.

Mrs. Hiram Offen-I understand you to say you're a good, all round cook, but of course you must have some favorite dishes?

Applicant-No, ma'am. They're all wan to me. Of'm not the koind to be considerin' whether a dish is chape or expinsive whin Oi'm breakin' it,-Washington Post.

Informing. "Who lives in that big house on the

corner, Dennis? "The Widdy O'Malley, sor, who is dead."

"Indeed! When did she die?" "If she had lived till next Sunday she would have been dead a year."-Kansas City Journal.

Nothing Done.

"You know, they say money talks," "Well, I never was any hand for extravagant speeches," replied the close fisted millionaire.-Syracuse Herald.

"Quick as thought" is not very quick. ing by, and his employer gave him the While a light wave would travel nod. Monson took the dealer's chair around the equator in a second a nerve and began the deal. The king won wave makes but about 100 feet a sec-

AN OLD CHURCH BELL

IT CAME FROM LISBON AND HANGS IN A NANTUCKET CHURCH.

The Story of Its Purchase by Captain Clasby and Its Transportation to This Country-A Very Good Clock and a Very Fine Bell.

Beneath the outlook in a Nantucket church is the belfry, in which swings the "old Spanish bell." Knowing that this is now a Unitarian church, the visitor will be surprised to see a Catholic cross on the bell. If he could read Portuguese and had not previously acquainted himself with the history of the bell he would be still more surorised at the inscription on it. The translation of this inscription is as follows: "To the Good Jesus of the Mountain the devotees of Lisbon direct their prayers, offering Him one complete set of six belis, to call the people to adore him in his sanctuary. Jose Domingos Dacosta has made it in Lisbon in the year 1810." Of course the bell must have an interesting history to account for this inscription. That history is

A plague was raging in Lisbon and the Virgin Mary for the cessation of the plague and vowed to place a set of six bells in the Church of the Good Jesus of the Mountain if their prayers were heard. "The Mountain" is the name of a certain district in the city erable church called as above. Shortly after this the plague ceased, and, accenting this as the answer to their prayers, these devotees of Lisbon proceeded to fulfill their vows. The work of casting these six bells was intrusted to Jose Domingos Dacosta, the best bell founder in Lisbon.

The six bells had been cast, the master's labors had been crowned with success, when Captain Clasby of the Nantucket whaling fleet chanced to visit Lisbon. He had long wished to buy a bell for use in his native town. In company with Captain Cary he visited the bell foundry of Jose Domingos Dacosta. Captain Cary, it seems, was a connoisseur in bells. Dacosta applied the lever to one bell after another as he struck each to ascertain its peculiar tone or tone quality, but each time Captain Cary said, "That will not do.

At last Dacosta raised and struck the bell whose history we are describing. Captain Cary was delighted with the result. "Ah, Clasby," he said, "you need look no further. That's the bell you want. She is a beauty. She sounds on B."

"Well, sir," remarked Dacosta, "we consider that to be the finest bell that we have in our foundry."

At first Dacosta demurred and could not see his way clear to selling the bell, since it belonged to the set of chimes designed for the Church of the Good Jesus of the Mountain and was appropriately inscribed and all, but Captain Clasby would have no other. Finally Dacosta decided, since the bell had not yet been consecrated and since he could cast another to take its place, that it would be all right to sell.

So Captain Clasby bought the bell, and it was brought to Nantucket by home first. In Lisbon, just before he set sail, Captain Cary heard of the declaration of war with Great Britain, for it was now the year 1812. On the way over they were spoken by a British sloop of war. Fortunately the Britisher had been at sea for some time and had not yet heard of the declaration of war. "The commander asked Captain Cary the news, but Captain Cary says he took especial pains not to tell all he knew. If he had told, our precious bell would probably never have seen Nantucket. It might now be either at the bottom of the sea or it might be swinging in the tower of some English church.

The bell was landed in Nantucket and placed in the store cellar of Samuel Cary, where it remained until 1815, when it was purchased and placed in the tower where it now hangs. About \$500 was given for the bell-the society paid about \$350 and the rest was raised by subscription. Even some Friends or Quakers subscribed.

After the bell had been in use a little while the agents of the historic Old South church in Boston heard of it, and they sent a letter to the agents of the South church in Nantucket, saying that they had a very good clock in their tower, but no bell; that they had heard that the South church in Nantucket had a very fine bell, and they would like to know for how much the bell could be bought.

The Nantucketers replied that they had a very fine bell in their tower, but no cleck; that they had heard that the Old South church had a very fine tower clock, and that they would like to know the price of the clock.

The agents offered to pay \$1 a pound for the bell. Since the bell weighs 1,575 pounds, this would have made the price \$1,575, making a net profit of \$1,075 above the price paid for the bell and \$1,225 above the amount contributed by the society. It seems that the old Nantucketers must have had some sentiment after all and were not purely mercantile in their spirit.

If the Nantucketers had agreed to sell, as they might have done, our bell would probably be hanging in the historic tower of Old South church in Boston today. That might have been a great honor for the bell, but it would have been a great deprivation for Nantucket. Moreover, it would now be spending its time in elegant leisure instead of being a very useful bell where It is. The history of this bell is like a veritable parable of human life. The possibilities which occur in the history of the bell remind us of the possibilities which abound in every life. - Cor. Springfield Republican.

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A hiccough is a quick, involuntary, inspiratory movement of the diaphragm, brought suddenly to a stop by an involuntary closing of the glottis. The muscles that control these two portions of the human anatomy are incessant workers. They wait on every breath without being guided by the will and even work while we sleep. While they do their duty life passes, tranquil, calm and pacific, but if from any cause a disturbing element enters into their bailiwick they rebel, are beyoud the control of the will and, having no guide, as it were, run away, and, like any runaway, have no care for the damage done. The effort to remove certain people in that city prayed to the disturber is the cause of the hic cough, and the following method of treatment arrests these muscles in their wild escapade, brings them back to their duties, and, like the patient servants they are, they resume their work and life becomes as placid as before: First, expel all the air from your lungs very, very quickly. The portion of the body they attend to is, as it were, collapsed, and now commences the next and concluding part of the

Second, commence to fill your lungs with air, but do so very slowly, but steadily. Pucker your mouth, and if possible leave an opening of your lips no larger than a pin, and through this inhale the air. Fill your lungs, raise your arms and throw out your chest, and when you are full these muscles resume their regular duties and the hiccoughs are gone.-Brooklyn Eagle.

MAN AS SEEN BY NOVELISTS

Success serves to sweeten the average man; unsuccess is the heroical test of heroes.—Eden Philpotts.

He who does good on the spur of the moment usually sows a seed of dissension in the trench of time.-Seton Mer-

A woman without illusions is the dreariest and most difficult thing to manage possible. - Author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden.

Have something to say; say it; stop talking; give fools the first and women the last word; the meat's always in the middle of the sandwich.-G. H. Lori-

Happiness falls to our share in separate detached bits, and those of us who are wise content ourselves with these broken fragments.-Beatrice Har-

Noisy fellows are always wedded to their own opinions, weak fellows to the opinions of others. The perfect man, conscious of his intellectual finitude, is content with aspirations.-Harold Begbie.

with men you must take your choice -liberty for your mind and a prison for your body, liberty for your body and a prison for your mind. Nearly all people choose the latter. We know what becomes of the few who do not. -James Lane Allen.

The Birds of Paradisc.

Probably no famous bird has a smaller habitat than the bird of paradise, whose beautiful feathers are so highly prized in the millinery trade. No one knows why the varieties of this beautiful bird are confined to the island of New Guinea and the neighboring coasts of Australia. There are many other islands not far away where the conditions would seem to be equally favorable to their existence, but they are not found among them.

Quite as Satisfactory.

"I want to ask you something Gracie," said the beautiful heiress. "What is it. Duckie?" the duke in-"Would you object if I should request

the minister to omit the word 'obey' from the service when we are mar-"Certainly not. He can just make it love, honor and supply." - Chicago

Record-Herald.

To Get Rid of Rats.

After all other remedies fail, there still remains a way of getting rid of rats, and that is by depriving them of water. They can live for a very long time without food and when hard pressed will not hesitate to eat each other, but no rat can go twenty-four hours without drink. Therefore if every possible means of obtaining water is taken from the rats they will desert the vicinity.

Very Pathetle.

"What can be more pathetic," said the sentimental woman, "than a man who has loved and lost?" "Well," replied the man of experience, "a fellow who has bet on a sure thing and lost cuts quite a figure

in the pathetic line."-Chicago Record-

Herald.

Lachrymal Amelioration. "Poor thing! Did she take her bus band's death much to heart?" "Why, she's prostrated with grief! She can't see a soul except the dress-

His Nomination. Politician - Congratulations, Sarah. I've been nominated.

Sarah (with delight)-Honestly? Politician-What difference does that make?—Detroit Free Press.

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COURTESY IN THE HOME.

It Is Essential to Happiness Family Circle.

There is no place where there is greater need of true, refined, everyday courtesy or where it will be more greatly appreciated than in the home circle. Yet in how many households do we see an entire lack of it.

The husband comes in tired and surly, hurries down his meal, gives the cat a kick and departs without one kind word or gracious act to any one. The children are noisy and quarrelsome. The mother, tired and nervous, has only sharp, recriminating words for her husband, the children and the servant. The whole atmosphere appears surcharged with the very quint

ing elements. Let a visitor come in to make a neighborly call, however, and how quickly everything is changed. Both husband and wife welcome him with the sweetest of smiles and courtesy. When the visitor departs, he is bowed out with the most charming grace and

essence of disturbing and dishearten

in silver tones invited to call again. This is eminently right and proper but why should not the same consideration prevail among those who are bound to each other by ties of family relationship-"our own, whom we love best?" Why should not the wife, the child, the servant, whom you meet every day in the most intimate relations -why should they not, I ask, be vouchsafed some courtesy as well as the guest who calls for a brief bour? "Charity begins at home," we are told, and I think courtesy should too. No one, be he man or woman, can stand weeks and years of continual

fault-finding or habitual discourtesy. You bow to your next door neighbor when you meet her in the street and give her a kind or cordial word. Why not be respectful to members of your own family? Try it. You will find you will be happier for it. Your home will become an ideal one, and every one will be influenced to good by the light which will radiate from it.-Pittsburg Press.

THE JIMSON WEED.

Probably a Legney to Us From South America or Asia.

Once upon a time the name of James town must have been very sharply shortened. Within the memory of many people now living James was pronounced "Jeems;" in fact, we be lieve that that was the accepted pronunciation of our Virginian forefathers. But "Jim" must have been the diminutive of "Jeems," as well as of James; at least we judge so because what is popularly known as "the jimson weed" really is the Jameslown

Nor is there any reason to suppose that this contraction was made jeeringly or sneeringly. More probably it grew into use "jess so," and we find Intelligent Americans to whom it has never occurred that there is any connection whatever between Jamestown and Jimson. All the same, the authorities say that "Jimson" is "short" for the name of the place where the English made their first permanent settlement in what is now the United States and where the Old Dominion's first capital was located.

The jimson weed, however, is not a native plant, but probably came to us from South America or Asia. It is a question how it got to Jamestown, but we believe it is conceded that it is not indigenous to Virginia. If it was deliberately and designedly imported, it must have been because of its medicinal value; certainly not for its odor, which is vile; certainly not for its flowers and leaves, because they do not compare in beauty with those of scores of native plants. And, while this weed is now recognized as having some medicinal value, it may not have had that reputation "then" with Europeans. The Chinese, however, use it to some extent medicinally and may have done so from time immemorial, that country being little given to the acceptance of new ideas or new remedies.-Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Unchangeable.

"I'd like to exchange this," said a woman who the other day entered a retail bookstore.

The clerk unwrapped the bundle and glanced at its contents. "I'm sorry, madam," he said, "but we can't do it.'

"Why not?" she cried. "You've always exchanged books for me hereto-

"I know," replied the clerk politely, but firmly, "but we can't change this. It's 'The Leopard's Spots.' "-Philadelphia Press.

Claddagh Wedding Rings. The Claddagh wedding rings are ab-

solutely different from the ordinary plain gold finger band which a cynic once declared to be "the sign manual of a man's impertinence and a woman's folly." Those used by that pic turesque colony, the Claddagh fisher folk, are in the form of two clasped hands holding a heart. It is a quaint, pretty and symbolical design, and, oddly enough, the very old specimens are thought to be the most valuable.

And Then Not Do It. "Many people are entirely too hasty. A man ought to think two or three minutes before he opens his mouth at

"It altogether depends. He ought to think two or three years before he opens his mouth to sing."-Phaadelphia Ledger.

Schoolboy Definitions. These are two schoolboy definitions illustrated by sentences: "Frantic means wild; I picked some

frantic flowers." "Athletic, strong; the vinegar was too athletic to use."-Little Chronicle.

Have for Dessert? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

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