

THINK WE ARE TRICKY.

British Provincial Newspapers Say the Yankee Hates to Pay What He Owes.

Some British provincial newspapers have been commenting, with considerable asperity, upon what they regard as American sharp practice over the Paris Bering award. All are possessed with the idea that the British lion has been fooled and think it is time he began growling. The Newcastle Journal, a Tory newspaper not without influence, the other day made these sage remarks:

"It goes against the Yankee grain either to hand over money illegally obtained or money due by contract or the award of arbitrators. What with being kept out of our Alabama surplus money; paying for the costly Bering sea inquiry and still waiting for compensation for the seizure of British sealing vessels, this country may well regard American arbitration as a kind of 'Heads I win, tails you lose' game, at which we should in future refuse to play without some guarantee against being deceived by a rignarole of phrases and legal verbiage into fresh losses and damages in addition to those which first led to the controversies in relation to the Bering sea fisheries and the Canadian fisheries long ago."

An After Election Correspondence.

"The shortest correspondence on record," said Congressman Covert of New York yesterday, "passed between Amos Cummings and me a few months ago. Shortly after the November election, when Amos was defeated for congress, he was appointed subway commissioner of New York at a salary of \$5,000 a year. When I heard of it, I sent Amos this letter:

"Dear Amos"— Then I drew a picture of a human hand and wrote in red letters across the palm the word 'Shake!' 'Yours, Covert.'

"Two days later I received a reply. It read thus:

"Dear Jim"— Underneath was a human hand stretched in the opposite direction from that drawn in my letter and bearing on the palm the word 'Thanks.' In the corner of the page was an excellent delineation of a champagne glass half filled with wine, and under it the words 'With pleasure. Yours, Amos.'

"But I always believed that Amos' reply was not genuine. You ask me why? Because I never saw him with a half filled glass. It was either brimming over or empty."— Washington Times.

The Effects of a Sermon.

Once, when Cardinal Manning was preaching in Rome, he recognized John Bright among his listeners. On the instant he determined to preach to him and dwelt with as much force and effect as he could on the claims of the Blessed Virgin to our veneration.

Two or three years later he met him and reminded him of this incident. "I remember it perfectly," said John, "and I shall never forget it. I was delighted with everything that morning;—a gratified smile came on the cardinal's face—'excepting your sermon.'"— "Memoirs of an Author," Fitzgerald

New Remedy For Insomnia.

An expert in nervous disorders in Paris recommended to an American gentleman a cure for insomnia which was tried with such success that the patient has prescribed it to many of his friends. It is simply to keep your eyes open when you want to go to sleep and cannot. A person whose brain is too active will sometimes close the eyes and vainly endeavor to sleep. The very closing of the eyes seems to concentrate the mental faculties on business affairs and other distractions. The theory of the French physician is that if the victim of insomnia will fix his eyes upon some gleam of light, some shadow, or even on the darkness itself, he can relieve his mind from thoughts that perplex it and divert attention from himself. Try the experiment when you are sleepless and see how unconsciously your eyes will close and your thoughts begin to take possession of you. Struggle to keep them open and fixed upon an object, either real or imaginary, and before you are aware of it the struggle will have ended and sleep will be victorious.

African Grosbeaks.

The social grosbeaks of South Africa live in large societies. They select a tree of considerable size, and literally cover it with grass roof, under which their common dwelling is constructed. The roof serves the double purpose of keeping off the heat and the rain, and 400 or 500 pairs of birds are known to have the same shelter. The nests in this aerial dwelling are built in regular streets and closely resemble rows of tenement houses.

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