

BULLET CUT OUT OF HIS SPINE.

After Twenty-Three Years a Missouri-man Hopes to Recover Use of Legs.

Upon his ability to move the big toe of his left foot when his left leg was crossed over the right hang the hopes of physicians that Eugene Ewing, of Lexington, Mo., will recover from paraparesis. Ewing was shot under the left shoulder, just behind the lung, 23 years ago. The bullet lodged between the eighth and ninth dorsal vertebrae and was almost wholly imbedded in the spinal column, causing paraparesis of all the extremities below it. On account of nerve degeneration produced by inflammation from the pressure of the bullet on the spinal cord he has been nearly blind in both eyes for years and the nerves in the parts of his body not paralyzed were affected.

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The doctors say that should the nerves below the location of the bullet have not been entirely absorbed the relief from the pressure will produce at least partial and perhaps complete recovery from the paralysis. Because Ewing was able to move the big toe of his left foot just before the operation they are confident the nerves have not been entirely destroyed.

Ewing was first operated on 20 years ago by 13 surgeons, of whom Dr. Halley was one, and an incision 11 inches long was made in his back, but without success, as it was started about one inch below the bullet. He came to Kansas City about two months ago and Dr. J. N. Scott took an X-ray picture of his back, marking the exact location of the bullet carefully. His recovery will be slow and it probably will be some time before beneficial results can be noticed.

DEMAND FOR HORSEMEAT.

New Jersey Licenses Company to Prepare Food for Europe.

The authorities of Kearny, township, N.J., have licensed the American Horsemeat company to carry on the business of slaughtering horses for the foreign market. The incorporators and stockholders of the company have already put up bonds guaranteeing that they will carry on the business in a manner best calculated to please science, and that they will not sell any of the meat for home consumption.

On the night the license was granted Dr. J. V. Liddy, a graduate of the college of veterinary surgeons and a United States meat inspector, who is to be in charge of the company's operations, explained to the city fathers that the demand for horsemeat has grown so rapidly in Europe that it has become almost impossible to fill the orders. He proposed, he said, to purchase the cheap stock in America and after properly treating the meat ship it to Europe. All the casks and cases, he assured the aldermen, would be plainly stamped, and that no carcass would be allowed to remain untreated for more than 12 hours.

A large order was given to a New York stencil firm. These stencils will read: "Not to be eaten in the United States," "Round steak," "Tenderloin" and "Beef off the hoof." Dr. Liddy says that the slaughter house already has contracts in Belgium and Germany that will keep it busy for two years at least.

PATENT QUESTION SETTLED.

Decision Affecting Sale of Articles Purchased Under Foreign Patent.

A decision was handed down by the United States court of appeals which disposed of the question whether the purchase of an article under a foreign patent and also patented in the United States entitled the purchaser to sell the article in the United States when the purchase was made in a foreign country. The case was that of Edward N. Dickenson against Hugh L. Tinling, appealed from the decision of the United States circuit court of Colorado, which refused an injunction restraining Tinling from selling phenacetin in the United States. The preparation was patented in Germany and protected by a United States patent. The lower court decision was reversed and it was ordered to issue an injunction.

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD LAWYER.

Passes a Severe Examination to Practice Before Kansas Supreme Court.

Master Byron Gilbert, the bright seven-year-old son of Judge W. D. Gilbert, of Atchison, Kan., has been granted a conditional license to practice law before the supreme court of Kansas. The license is to take effect when the lad shall become 21 years of age. This boy is a wonder. He is well versed on all law points and the examination which he passed would have been a greatest one to any applicant. He is the youngest practitioner ever admitted in the history of jurisprudence. His father was formerly judge of the district court of Atchison county and is well known in legal circles.

Ancient Scales Discovered. A pair of scales much like those of the modern pharmacists is among the multitude of objects discovered this year in excavations about 30 miles from Thebes and recently exhibited in London. The scales are finely finished, having a beam about 4½ inches long, with a ring at each end of the three cords, and the pans, about the size of an English penny, are slightly convex.

Narrow Chinese Streets. Streets of Chinese cities are usually only eight feet wide.

PAID FOR INDIAN SCALPS.

Minnesota in Its Earlier History Put a Value on Them.

It is not generally known in latter day Minnesota history that the state treasury once paid out cash as bounties for Sioux Indian scalps, just as this and many other states are now paying for wolf scalps. State Treasurer Koerner, in looking over the 1863 report of State Treasurer Charles Schaff, discovered the following item among the disbursements of that year: J. C. Davis, Sioux scalp, \$25.

This item occurs in the list of disbursements, amounting in all to \$7,870.06, under the head "Suppressing Indian War." The \$25 paid to J. C. Davis for the Indian scalp in question, therefore, had its niche in the cause of suppressing or spreading, the Sioux outbreak. It doubtless strikes the general reader that \$25 is rather a small inducement for securing Sioux scalps. Few hunters-to-day would care to contract for pefts of that kind for that figure. Perhaps that is why more scalps were not presented to the state treasurer for bounties. The above is the only recorded case, so far as a search of the treasurer's reports revealed.

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But it is quite possible that other bounties for Indian scalps were paid and not itemized, appearing in the published report with lumped with other Indian war expenditures. At least, if the recollection of two pioneers of Le Sueur county is correct, there was \$100 paid for one scalp in that county and \$200 for another. The adjutant general was called up by these pioneers the other day to settle a dispute on the question, and that official called to his assistance Judge Flandreau, who in pioneer days was Sioux Indian agent and one of the active men engaged in putting down the Sioux outbreak. Judge Flandreau finally got State Treasurer Koerner enlisted in the work of tracing up bounties for Sioux scalps. But the above is the only case which appears to have been itemized in the published reports.—Minneapolis Times.

CONVINCING ARGUMENT.

Was Ponce de Leon the Discoverer of America?

A cattle king of Volusia county had come up to town to celebrate a bit with the boys.

He was so roughly dressed that the attendants at Bettelini's were inclined at first to demand security for his meals, but when he showed a roll as big as your two fists, and claimed an acquaintance with Charley Dougherty, what he said went. Whether the open sesame was Charley Dougherty's name or Uncle Sam's on the long green is a matter of conjecture. Each is good enough, so let that pass.

The cattle king was dead anxious for a discussion, and knew he was getting loaded with something, for he looked very studious and his lips were moving incessantly. At last he seemed to have it, for a look of triumph came over his face. We were ready to go. The servants all stood in a row, waiting for a fee. Mr. Feheveray couldn't go to the coffee house—he was too busy—but he followed me to the door, and in hearing of all the Estevys, the whole newspaper staff and the servants—male and female—he said, triumphantly, as he shook my hand:

"Why, Christopher Columbus did."

"Christopher, I never hear of no such man," and the cattle king laughed a great haw-haw. "Christopher Columbus! Humph!"

"Well, who did discover America if he didn't?" asked the waiter.

"Why Ponce de Leon. Ain't that big hotel over in Augustine named after him? If Christopher Columbus had discovered America the hotel would have been named Hotel de Christopher Columbus."

The waiter was inclined to argue the point, but the cattle king pulled his roll and offered to bet the waiter \$5,000 to five dollars that Christopher Columbus did not cover America, and that Ponce de Leon did.

The waiter was confronted with two horns of a dilemma—to admit that he didn't have five dollars or be convinced. He was convinced.—Florida Times-Union.

An Old Indian Relic.

Not long ago, while searching for old Indian relics at Webber Pond, Me., Guy Vickery had the good fortune to unearth a large carved stone, which was probably an Indian god. The image is about 30 inches tall, and will weigh fully 35 pounds. It is made out of a flintlike stone, and the outlines of the chisel, or whatever stone instrument was used in carving, are plainly discernible. Several of the features are very clear to make out.

A Boston man who has spent years in making a collection of Indian relics pronounces it a good specimen of the work of the ancient tribes of Indians.

Easier.

"Have you heard what poor Glimmer's mental condition is?"

"Yes. His case is more hopeful now. He has given up trying to discover what makes some songs popular and is at work on perpetual motion." Washington Star.

DINING ABROAD.

The American Was Looked Upon by Foreigners as a Curiosity.

An amusing account of a dinner in Buda-Pesth is given in What to Eat. An American physician was invited to dine at the house of a prominent journalist. He was introduced to an Austrian who, the host whispered proudly, spoke English fluently.

"I saw that Mr. Feheveray was not at his ease, for his English and reputation were at stake," says the doctor.

"Our Magyar friends immediately wished us to speak English to each other, and a circle was formed around us, as if we were two prize fighters ready for the fray. I said:

"How do you do, Mr. Feheveray?"

"Most well," he answered, bravely.

"Where did you study English?"

"In myself," he said, with great effort.

The young woman the doctor took out to dinner had come in from the country especially to meet him. She was much disappointed to find the gentleman from America was white.

She filled him with all manner of questions. Dinner began with chicken soup, "and," continues the narrator, "of course, my neighbor asked:

"Did we eat soup in America?"

"Next came roast goose that melted upon the lips like butter; green peas were the wheels of its chariot.

"Did we have geese?" my neighbor asked.

"Plenty of them," I said.

"Were they as good as those in Hungary?"

I wanted to say much better, because the kind I meant asked no questions; but I controlled myself and said instead that they couldn't compare with Hungarian geese. Spring chicken, fried in olive oil—the chicken better than the goose—was the third course.

"Did we have chickens?" queried my interlocutor, "and what did we do with them?"

"That depended upon their age," I said. Dessert, which has no namesake this side of the Atlantic, followed.

Fruit and wine, the ladies also partaking of the latter, closed the dinner, but not the mouth of my inquisitive neighbor.

"Did the girls dress differently from the boys? Did we have bathtubs?"

"Yes, and we took a bath once in awhile."

"How large a city was America?"

"Considerably larger than Budapest."

At this point our hostess, rising, afforded me a blessed release from the witness stand. The gentlemen were going to the coffee house to read the papers, and the ladies would follow in an hour. I was told. Mr. Feheveray kept at a safe distance from me all the time. I saw him handling a pocket dictionary, and knew he was getting loaded with something, for he looked very studious and his lips were moving incessantly.

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