

THIS COURT HITS HARD

Any Man Who Undertakes to Insult It is Liable to be Taken Away in an Ambulance.

William Jennings, a litigant before Justice Robert M. Bowling, of Kansas City, Kan., was beautifully whipped one afternoon recently for contempt of court and by the trial judge, reports the Cincinnati Enquirer. He appeared before the court and offered to file an affidavit in an attachment suit setting forth that he did not own the wood in question.

"How is this?" inquired Judge Bowling. "Did you not testify when this case was up before that you did own the wood?"

"No, I never said anything of the kind, and any man who says I did is a liar," retorted Jennings, excitedly. "So you mean to say, then, that I am a liar?" said Justice Bowling, indignantly, rising to his feet. "This court will take a recess for 15 minutes, and we will go outside and settle this matter."

"Do I have to fight?" exclaimed Jennings, in some confusion.

"Yes, sir; you do," thundered the judge. "It is a rule of this court, sir." Saying this the judge pulled off his alpaca coat, and in less than two minutes it takes to tell it the two men were out in the street and were at it hammer and tongs. In ten minutes Jennings' eyes were closed, and he was so badly battered that he looked like he had been run through a stone crusher, while the judge, sans hat, sans coat, sans shirt, stood panting for breath, but with the dignity of his court upheld. Judge Bowling did his man up in style. He called a carriage to remove him. As the carriage pulled up to take Jennings away Judge Bowling was heard to say:

"Any man who insults this court will have to fight."

HOW IT HAPPENED.

The Singular Manner in Which a Young Spanish Soldier Gained Promotion.

"There's never any telling what moment a man's fortunes are going to turn," remarked the man who likes to tell stories, relates the Washington Star.

"Of course opportunities are sure to present themselves," commented the off-hand philosopher. "The only question is whether the individual is a man of courage and resource, capable of recognizing and seizing them."

"That consideration doesn't always count. I was in Cuba some time ago when a young fellow was promoted in the Spanish army and proclaimed a hero through his native country."

Wherever he went there was an ovation. He was sung about in the theaters and his photograph was in demand everywhere. He had been sent out to meet an attacking party of Cubans. He didn't want to go at all. He fairly trembled when he confessed to me that it was the first call he had ever had for dangerous duty and that he'd give anything he possessed to be out of the affair. In less than 24 hours the town was ringing with stories of the way he held his ground when all the men he started with had beat a retreat. It was a marvel that he was not captured, but he stayed for several minutes single-handed to face and fire on the advancing foe. The wonder was that he got away at all."

"It was merely one of those familiar cases of a man's suddenly finding his courage in the presence of real danger."

"No. He was riding a mule, and just at the critical moment the animal balked."

EXORCISING A DEMON.

A Sensational Ceremony Last Year in Bavaria Which Recalls the Dark Ages.

Perhaps the most recent instance of this survival of medievalism in one of the chief centers of modern civilization and scientific culture occurred on March 15, 1897, at Munich, Bavaria, where a Catholic priest of St. Benedict's church solemnly went through the ceremony of exorcising a demon that haunted a house at 24 Park street, in that city. It seems, says Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, that the evil spirit had disturbed the pious inmates of the dwelling by groaning, sighing and making such a racket generally that it was impossible for them to sleep, and was seen one night by a child passing through the room in the disguise of an old woman dressed in black, evidently a survival of the race of ugly and ill-tarred hags who have played such a melancholy part in the tragic annals of witchcraft. On receiving this information, the parish priest and his acolytes went at once to the house with aspergills and censers to expel the infernal intruder by the supernal power inherent in holy water and consecrated incense. The event caused considerable sensation in the Bavarian capital.

A Queer Complaint. A Shan prince has written the following letter to the medical officer in charge of one of the cantonments in the Shan States: "Kindly supply me the under-mentioned medicines: a bearer, as I am unwell, being felled down from elephant, and oblige. One dose of smelling-salt, one dose for curing headache, one dose for curing the pain in neck."

Valuable Discoveries of Amber have recently been made in British Columbia, which it is claimed will be able to supply the pipemakers of the world with amber for another hundred years.

Salt as Money. In Abruzzo, not so very long ago salt was the principal medium of exchange, being practically used as money.

TO AID OUR SHIPPING.

Extension of Weather Service to the Caribbean Sea.

Ten or Twelve New Stations Are to Be Established—It Will Be for Benefit of All the Nations.

The most radical extension of the weather service yet made will be operated immediately by this government by the establishment of a complete system of weather stations on the Caribbean sea for the benefit of all the nations whose interests lie in that region. Between ten and twelve new stations will be organized and the corps to inaugurate the new service and man the stations will be dispatched to the field in a few days.

While under the general supervision of Chief Moore, of the weather bureau, there will be a central station located probably at Kingston, Jamaica, but possibly at either Santiago or Guantanamo, Cuba, instead, which will constitute the headquarters. There are three stations now in operation. Havana, with which weather warnings are even now exchanged every day between the two countries, surprising as it may seem, and Kingston and St. Thomas. The location of the new stations is contemplated to include Barranquilla, Columbia, St. Kitts, (southeast of St. Thomas), Trinidad, Curacao, Martinique, San Domingo and the Bahamas. There will be several stations on the north coast of South America. It has been found that tornadoes, which are especially to be looked for, beginning around the equator, frequently either cut a slice off the corner of South America in their progress north or cut over past the Windwards, in either of which directions the earliest information will be secured by the new service and rushed ahead with a gain of many hours.

The work will effect a complete chain of agencies for weather intelligence that embraces the entire section from Central America east to the Caribbean islands and from the southern coast of North America to the north coast of South America. It will be begun at the earliest practicable moment. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Chief Moore, of the bureau, having in view the frequency of tornadoes there in August.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD.

Survivor of Wreck of Bourgogne Tells of the Death of a Young Lady of New York City.

A man who survived the sinking of the French liner La Bourgogne was the bearer of the last message of H. J. Knowles' daughter to her father at New York.

"Tell him," she said, "that I died bravely and a good girl, and that I will meet him in Heaven."

H. J. Knowles is connected with the Equitable Life Insurance society. Both his daughter and his wife sank in La Bourgogne.

The messenger, whose name is not given, called on Mr. Knowles and told of the awful struggle for life of the cowardly sailors who pushed helpless women beneath the waves.

"I tried to save her," said the young man, "but I couldn't. In that great crowd of hulking brutes, each intent upon saving his own life, I could not help but be impressed with the sublime heroism displayed by this girl. I don't care to give my name. It would be no credit to me to be chronicled as a survivor where this little girl met a watery grave, though God knows I tried to save her."

Mr. Knowles thanked him brokenly and the man went out.

AGILITY OF SEAMEN.

"Abandoned Ship" Drill Develops Remarkable Results—Done in Four Minutes.

A naval officer thus describes the realistic "All hands abandon ship" drill: "Two minutes after the word has been passed every ship's boat had swung from its davits into the water, and a minute later every boat is thoroughly provisioned and watered. Within four minutes, and often in muck quicker time, every man of the ship's company, from the commanding officer down, is occupying the station in the boat called for by his ship's number, and then the command 'Sheer off!' is given. The boats are hauled away a couple of hundred feet from the deserted vessel, and she rides without a human soul aboard her, often when the drill is gone through in midocean, in a sea that the landsman would account terrific. Then the word 'Board!' is passed, and within eight minutes at the most all hands are not only on board again, but every boat has been relashed to the davits, all of the provisions, water, instruments and other gear have been removed and the ship's company is in a fair way to get to sleep again."

Largest Fire Engine. The Holt—the engine of which the Liverpool fire brigade is justly proud—the largest land fire engine in the world. Her total weight is five tons and her pumping capacity is 1,800 gallons per minute, and she can throw a spray considerably over 100 feet. She is drawn by three and sometimes four horses. The Holt operates with three 4 1/2 inch hoses working and three three-inch hoses feeding the tank.

Book Made of Marble. At the Strozzi palace, in Rome, there is a book made of marble, the leaves being of marvelous thinness.

Marrying Age of Frenchmen. The average marrying age of a Frenchman is 30 years.

SAVED BY THE QUEEN.

Victoria's Great Grandchildren Were "Royal Highnesses" by Her Decree.

An interesting writer has lately pointed out that the children of the duke of Connaught, who is himself third son of the queen, will no longer be "royal highnesses," merely nobles, and should these children have children, they will be obliged to content themselves with the common-place prefix "Mr." It is this fact, says the Boston Herald, that has induced the queen to issue letters patent under the seal, declaring that the children of the eldest son of the prince of Wales shall have and at all times hold and enjoy the style, title or attribute of "royal highness." Hitherto these children of the duke of York had no right to be so termed. They were just plain princes, and their children would fare no better than their cousins of Connaught. This state of affairs results from the queen of England living to see three generations of her direct heirs, and it doubtless set her to thinking how Grandpapa Wales would like having an untitled grand-grandson with no place in the royal procession. Until the issue of these letters patent, little Eddie, David and Baby Victoria were nothing but commoners in the eyes of the law. It seems odd to Americans that this decree of the queen's should have lifted quite a weight from the shoulders and York's hearts; but what say the Connaughts of being left out in the cold with their plain "your graces" and "Mr.?" They haven't been benefited, and what is to become of them 100 years hence?

LONG DISTANCE STEAMING.

Our Modern Warships Have Demonstrated That They Are Good Ocean Travelers.

The recent performances of the United States battleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta in steaming from high up along the North American coast around Cape Horn to the West Indies have very properly called the admiration of the whole world says Cassier's Magazine. Until quite recently much more had been heard of the failures and of the most tempted to believe that the courage modern naval vessel was so delicately constructed and so complex a piece of machinery as to be scarcely fitted to withstand in due measure the rough usages of war or the knocking about of a protracted sea voyage under the pressure of high speed and with all kinds of weather. When several years ago the United States cruiser Columbia crossed over from Southampton to Sandy Hook, at the entrance to New York harbor, in a little less than seven days, racing successfully against one of the crack ocean liners, her performance stood unparalleled in naval history. It bordered, in fact, on what had long been considered impossible. What the Oregon and the Marietta have done, however, is a worthy counterpart of that earlier magnificent performance, and admirably demonstrated what may be accomplished by good engineering, even when subject to the exacting conditions of naval restrictions.

MAPS OF VALLEY FORGE.

A Remarkable Fact Concerning Their Recent Discovery—Traditions of the Camp.

It is somewhat remarkable, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, that the only known maps of the Valley Forge encampment during the winter of 1777-78 were made known to an American as late as last summer, when Judge Pennypacker's possession and made originally by a French engineer with the American army, include not only careful drawings of the Valley Forge encampment, but plans also of the battlefields of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

It is understood that the plat of the Valley Forge encampment modifies materially the traditions concerning the camp, showing the location of troops where heretofore no troops have been supposed to have had their encampment. The careful Hollander also contributed so heartily to the American cause appears to have contributed the last chapter to the history of the cause by preserving these maps until they fell into the right hands.

All Visited the Pawnee's. A Paris paper tells this characteristic incident that happened in Paris in the '90s: Said Pasha, who was on a visit to the capital, wanted a dozen and a half of snuff boxes to distribute among as many people whom he delighted to honor. He applied to the members of a celebrated firm, who undertook to provide him with the required number at the rate of 4,000 francs each. "We have only a half dozen ready, your highness, but the present you have disposed of these we shall deliver another half dozen." And they did. They failed, however, to complete the third half dozen. They could only furnish five. And the reason? Because one of the recipients among the second half dozen had gone out of town before the jewelers could get at him.

Birds at a Great Height. A writer in a German periodical states that birds have been seen at a height of 15,000 yards. Their distance was estimated by the time it took them to cross the moon's disk.

Bulletin Financier.

Vendredi, 29 juillet 1898.

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PROVISIONS.

A LA BOURSE.

Marché de la Bourse pour l'ouverture.

Old Mass Pork: \$91 50

Short rib sides: \$6 15

Extra short sides: \$6 10

Spices: \$5 90

Beans: \$4 40

Peas: \$4 40

Onions: \$4 40

Potatoes: \$4 40

Apples: \$4 40

Oranges: \$4 40

Lemons: \$4 40

Strawberries: \$4 40

Raspberries: \$4 40

Blackberries: \$4 40

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