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## OLD CHINESE CLAIM

IT HAS TAKEN FORTY YEARS TO SETTLE IT.

Proceeding Before Gotham Surrogate Reveals Long Delay in Payment to Estate of Gen. Ward, Soldier of Fortune.

New York.-Interesting side lights on the long delay in obtaining from the Chinese government a settlement of a claim made by the estate of Gen. Frederick T. Ward, an American soldier of fortune and commander of the Chinese army, who was killed in battle in the Tai Ping rebellion of 1860, are revealed in a proceeding now before Surrogate Thomas.

Gen. Ward, who was born in Salem. Mass. went to China on one of his father's ships and became an officer in the Chinese navy in 1859, when the Tai Ping rebellion was ten years old. With the consent of the government he formed a force of several thousand deserters, ticket-of-leave men and soldiers of fortune, and in a series of extraordinary battles saved Shanghai from capture and put down the revolt with his "Ever Conquering Legion." He died from wounds received in battle after he had been appointed an admiral and a general, and was buried with the honors of a mandarin. Through the instrumentality of Li Hung Chang the emperor built a temple at Gen. Ward's grave in Sung Kiang, and to-day the American is worshiped by the Chinese as a saint.

After Gen. Ward's death his brother, Henry G. Ward, employed Cyrus D. Lawtonto prosecute a claim against the Chinese government for \$368,287. and in lieu of a fee made the following provision in his will more than 40 years ago:

"I give and bequeath to my friend, Cyrus Lawton, ten per cent. of all moneys received from China belong-Ing to me in lieu of all fees and other charges by him made in obtaining same for my late brother's estate."

Henry G. Ward died July 8, 1867, and his widow, Georgiana, who afterward married James R. Amidon, was mamed executrix. The Chinese government set up a counter claim of 240. 000 taels, which it declared had been given to Gen, Ward for the purpose of purchasing guns and munitions of war and for which he had never made an accounting. For 35 years after Henry G. Ward's death the claim was in process of settlement, and in 1903 an agreement was reached by which the Chinese government paid \$368,287, less a counter claim of 42,309 taels. "This was paid out of the Boxer indemmity fund, the final settlement having been made in 1908.

In the present proceeding Newbury D. Lawton, as executor of the estate of his father, Cyrus Lawton, seeks to compel the payment of ten per cent. of the amount collected in accordance with the provisions of the will. He is represented by Lloyd & Maddox, and Mrs. Amidon, the respondent, is represented by John R. Dos Passos, who scontends that the legacy has been

## Grow Grapes for Raisins.

San Antonio, Tex.—Several fruit growers of the San Antonio section bave combined and obtained the servlices of an expert from California in raising grapes for raisin making.

The expert, who has had years of experience at Fresno and Pomono. where the bulk of the raisin business pof America is carried on, declares that both in soil and climate this section is perfectly adaptable to the raisin industry. The Muscatel, Deheshis, Muscat and Orinoko varieties of grapes are being planted extensively and the growers have faith that their experiment will result in the development of I ing installed in the basement of the church building. the raisin industry here.

RARE POISONOUS SNAKE DEAD.

Three Spoonfuls of Venom, However, Will Last for Years.

New York.-The second specimen ever captured of the South American venomous snake whose poison has proven so useful in the treatment of acute nervous disorders that it is listed in the homeopathic materia medica died at the Bronx Zoological park, where it had been on exhibition since last April, when Prof. E. W. Runyon, who captured it in Brazil, turned its over to the institution.

Since the reptile was brought to this country six extractions of the venom from its fangs had been made, about half a teaspoonful being taken from the creature at each operation. For medical use, this venom is diluted by the addition of one trillion parts of sugar of milk to one part of the venom, so that the supply now on hand will be ample to meet any pos-

sible demand for years to come. Curator Ditmars of the zoo has embalmed the dead lachesis, which he will turn over to Prof. Runyon in accordance with an agreement that should the snake die the professor

should have the remains. The first and only other lachesis ever captured was secured in South America by Dr. Constance Hering, a German scientist, in 1828. Dr. Hering experimented with the creature's venom, and discovered its medicinal

MAY END A GRETNA GREEN.

Bona Fide Residence Requirement of Projected Law.

Wilmington, Del.-To prevent the marrying of so many eloping couples in this city a bill is to be introduced in the legislature requiring bona fide residence in the state for at least one party to the marriages. There is no restriction on marriages now except the age limit, and on this account Wilmington has attained fame as a Gretna Green.

In the last ten years the number of licenses issued in this county has increased from 475 to 2,235 a year, and of this number it is estimated that 60 per cent. have been issued to nonvesidents. There is seldom a week that the health department does not receive inquiries about secret marriages performed here, and the police are kept busy stopping runaway

DWARF, 26, HAS MIND OF CHILD.

Extract Made from Gland of Sheep Expected to Help Patient.

New York.-Physicians of the Harlem hospital are watching with interest the experiments which are being made on Harry Needleman, a tailor's son, who has been stunted mentally and physically by the removal of the thyroid gland in his neck when he was six months old. Although he is 26 years old, he is only three feet eight inches tall and, while he has the face of a man, his mind is that of a child Surgeons are administering daily an extract made from the thyroid gland of a sheep, by means of which it is hoped to start again the long-retarded, development of mind and body. Results so far seem to be good. Five one-grain doses of the extract are given to the patient daily.

Church Has Its Own Theater, Atlanta, Ga.-That a local church is to have a theater of its own-and in the church building-was the announcement made here. The novel scheme is being carried out by the young people of a Universalist church on East Harris street, with the approval of its pastor, Rev. L. D. Ellenwood. A model stage equipped with drop curtains, scenery, footlights and all the other properties necessary is now be-

THAT SETTLED MR. CLERKLIE. FIGURES IN ARTISTIC ROMANCE.

Happening That Decided Him on Seeking Another Restaurant.

For years Mr. Clerklie had eaten his frugal but nourishing luncheon in a little restaurant half a block north from his office. He was an easily satisfied person, and what he ordered seemed always to suit him to perfection. The waitresses never knew him to complain.

But one day things went wrong. The butter was rancid, and the bread so moist that Mr. Clerklie, who had decided ideas about hygiene, would not eat it. He did his best, and left the

table early. The next day the same thing occurred, and the day after there was no improvement. He called the waitress to him.

"May I see the proprietor, please?" he inquired. The girl disappeared for a minute

and returned with the news that the proprietor was out. The following day as well as the one after there was no improvement in the food, and no sign of the proprietor. Mr. Clarklie nearly made up

his mind to seek another restaurant. He decided, however, to give them ! chance, and on Saturday at luncheo. again asked for the owner of the place.

"He's gone out." was the reply. Mr. Clerklie became bold.

"This is ridiculous!" he exclaimed. "I come here at noontime every day, and every day he is out. Where is he, anyway?

We expect him back any minute, said the girl. "He has just stepped out to get his lunch."-Youth's Companion.

DUMMY DISHES FOR BANQUETS.

Are Used to Give Impression of Prodigal Display.

Cardboard cakes and other similar delicacies are, it seems, no longer confined to the stage, and at many functions requests for a portion from a particular dish might cause great consternation.

The use of these dummy dishes is increasing very much, for at many of the public banquets for which the tickets are almost ridiculously cheap lt would not be possible for the caterers to supply the great show of delicacies and dessert which are exhibited on the buffets for so little payment, if they were real.

They provide, therefore, a certain amount of real food-poultry and game—and judiciously place dishes of dummy food among the real, to give the impression of a prodigal display.

The waiters alone know exactly what they may safely attempt to carve and what to leave alone; and the most observant guest would have difficulty in distinguishing the real from the counterfelt.

Nothing is more deceptive than the fruit at some functions. What are those luscious hothouse peaches with such a perfect bloom on the dishes? A bite into one of them would bring cruel disillusion.

Around, perhaps, are arranged real bananas, apples and cheap grapes, but the big black hothouse grapes are also frauds.

The caterer cannot help himself. His supporters love a show, hence he must provide it as cheaply as possible.

How to Find the Blind Spot. The "blind spot" that occurs in every eye, no matter how perfect may be the sight, is that precise point where the optic nerve enters the eye, about onetenth inch nearer the nose than the

center.

To discover this spot, take, for example, two rubber tipped lead pencils and hold them together at arm's length, directly in front of you, one in each hand; close your left eye, and fix the sight of the right eye on the lefthand pencil; gradually separate them until about six inches apart, when it will be found that you have lost sight of the rubber on the right-hand pencil. While this is a natural condition in all eyes, still the fact remains doubted by many till it is tried.—Sunday Maga-

The Trouble with It.

An enlisted man at the post at Fort Leavenworth was not long ago ordered to the range for the first time for target drill. Out of 21 chances the newcomer made never a hit.

"Oh, you dub!" exclaimed an officer, standing near. "You've missed the target every time! What's the mat-

"Well, sir," answered the recruit, nonchalantly, "the only reason I can think of at present is that the person who set up my target hasn't placed it in a straight line from here."-Harper's Weekly.

He Needed Buttons. The surgeons were a trifle startled upon finding that they had incidentally sewed up a sponge in the patient. They hurriedly reopened him and extracted it. When all was neatly sewed up once more they came upon the discovery that they had forgotten a knife. They opened him up again and found the knife, sewed him up, and missed a large wad of cotton. When they had again reopened him, found the cotton, and closed him again, the patient opened his eyes in a weary way. "Doctors," said he, "hadn't you bet-

ter put buttons on me?"

A Danger. "Why don't you read up on scientific

"I started that once," answered Mr. Corntossel. "It didn't pay. I got so interested readin' that I forgot to go out and farm."

farming?"

Church Altar Piece the Chnter of Interesting Love Story.

There is perchance no more romantic episode in art than the love of Fra Filippo Lippi for the little nun. Lucrezia Buti, and romantic, too, is the history of the altar piece painted for her convent church in Prato. Fra Filippo, who had been commissioned to decorate this altar, asked the abbess to allow the timid nun to stand as his model for St. Margaret. The abbess consented (this circumstance itself speaks for the curious manners of the times), and thus in the long hours of posing and tere-artere an intimacy sprang up between the pair. Upon the occasion of a church fete and under cover of the crowd, Fra Filippo carried off the no longer unwilling Lucrezia and she went to dwell in his house, where her son Filippino was born. The affair caused much talk, even in those days, the more so that several of Lucrezia's sister nuns followed her example and Filippo's house became the center of revolt. The pope's intervention and that of the powerful Medici were finally invoked, with the result that Lucrezia and her companions were forged to return to the convent, and by a curious irony of fate they were put to do penance before the very picture which had been the cause of their downfall! This altar piece now hangs in the municipal gallery of Prato and is known as the "Madonna della Cintola."-Helen Zimmern in Metropolitan.

BORDERED ON THE SARCASTIC. Barber's Comment Certainly Not Re-

markable for Tack Bentley had been out late the night before, or rather, he had stayed in late in a little affair at bridge, and about all he had left to show for it in the morning was an old-fashioned away-from-home-made headache. In hope of relief, he had sought his old friend the barber, and the latter had been busy on Bentley's head and face

for the past hour. "By jove! Karl," said Bentley, as the barber rubbed the top of his head. "that feels mighty good, I can tell you. The man who invented massage was not only a genius, but a benefactor to the whole human race. They ought to put up a statue to him. There's nothing like it when a fellow feels seedy. There's only one trouble about it."

"Vot isa it?" asked Karl, hoping that perhaps he might overcome the difficuliy.

"Why, it's all on the outside," said Bentley. "If there were only some apparatus that would enable you to get inside a fellow's head and clear out the pains of the morning after, what a blessing it would be."

"Vell," said Karl, "I t'ink that may be some day dose vacuum- cleaner fellers vill do dot already yet. Vot?"-Harper's Weekly.

Not to Be Forgotten.

Mr. Hammond's face was so ugly as to be almost grotesque, although nobody ever thought about his looks after hearing him talk. "If I hadn't known I was one of the homeliest people in the world I might have been surprised at a remark made by old Pomp, the body-servant of one of my southern friends," he once said.

"I hadn't seen Pomp for 15 years. and as I had grown from a boy to a man in that time, I did not expect him to remember me, but he said: 'Howdy, Marse Hammond, sah!' the moment he caught sight of me.

"'So you remember me, Pomp,' I

"'Couldn't nebber forgit yo' face, Marse Hammond, sah, grinned Pomp. 'hit's so kinder complicated!' "-Youth's Companion.

Remunerative.

"In the sheep raising district of England," remarked an Englishman now living in New York, "there was an old man who used to wander about picking up and selling wool which the sheep scratched off their backs by rubbing against the hedges. The old fellow was somewhat of a butt in the neighborhood, but he stuck to his work, unmindful of jeers, wandering miles over the downs every day-silent, absorbed, untiring.

"Well, how much do you suppose that old boy left when he died? Just guess, now."

"One thousand pounds," opined one

"Five hundred," said another.

The recontour shook his head. "Not a demned cent," he said.

Idea by No Means New. The object of New York's newest club is to eat wisely but not too well. That is, to educate housewives in the domestic sciences. But this idea is as old as the hills and was tried by Boston years ago with more or less failure. Clubs of domestic science are all over the United States now and one can determine their value to society by harking back to the old days of the simple life when eating and the preparation of food was not the main object and the servant problem had not started on its wild career.

"Do you think it is an advantage for a young singer to go abroad to study?" "I dunno as it's any advantage," answered Mr. Cumrox. "But it's mighty considerate of the home folks and the

Approval.

They All Do. "What kind of a bunch did she serve

last night?" "I thought it was all right, but she apologized for it just the same."-Detroit Free Press.

neighbors."

LUNEARTH AN OLD LEDGER.

Order for Sword from Gen. Winfield Scott Found in Records.

Chicopee, Mass.-An old ledger dating back to 1836 has been unearthed to the attic of the Ames Sword Company, ( and is a striking commentary of early times. From a glance through the nazes of the ledger one would think the whole country was being armed for war. The early struggles of Texas as an independent state can be traced bit by bit by orders recorded in the book.

One of the most famous swords

turned out, by the firm was one designed for Gen. Winfield Scott. The order was sent by the Mexican war hero December 11, 1843. The sword was of the very finest steel and was heavily finished with gold mountings. The famous-old Washington Light infantry of Charleston, S. C., presented one of its captains, Henry Ravenel, with one of the Ames swords February 22, 1837. Capt. James Armstrong, one of the family of famous American sea fighters, purchased a navy sword September I, 1837, while two years later the citizens of St. Augustine presented Lieut, W.R. Hanson, U.S.A., with

a sword costing \$150. Orders for swords from foreign countries are noted in the ledger and large quantities of ordinary swords were sent to Texas and Mexico. Several noted bells are also included in the list of orders. The ledger covers a period of eight years.

HIS STOMACH A JUNK SHOP. Human Ostrich Swallows Many Indi-

gestible Things.

Ottawa, Ont.—As showing the extent to which the human stomach can be made the receptacle of articles not of the ordinary food list, Dr. Burgess, medical superintendent of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, Montreal, reports a remarkable case that recently came under his care. The patient, who had been an inmate for nine years, was so secretive about his abnormal taste that it was entirely unsuspected by his attendants. The ar-

ticles taken from his stomach were: Three bundles of broom fiber, one piece of whalebone, eight inches long; one piece of insulating tape, seven inches long; one bundle of hair, one four-inch nail and a piece of wire, bound with string; one three-inch nail with a piece of cloth attached, one piece of wire, four inches long; one button hook, six pieces of tobacco pipe stem, 21 tobacco tags, 39 small pieces of wire, four screws, one paper fastener, one booteye, two prum stones, one piece of twisted picture wire, nine pieces of glass, nine pieces of iron, one steel spring, one iron nut, one piece of stone half an inch square, another piece an inch long, half an inch wide and half an inch thick; 27 plus, five one-inch nails, 52 two-inch nails, seven 212-inch nails, 32 three-inch nails, one five-inch nail, one horseshoe nail, four tacks and four hairpins.

\$30 FOR A SQUAW'S KISS.

Farmer Had Come to Town to Have a Good But Cheap Time.

Tacoma, Wash.-Joshua Galloway, aged 54, came at long intervals, from his farm to Tacoma for a little relaxation. He earns his money by the hardest kind of work and therefore parts with it sparingly in his enjoyments. Anything cheap appeals to him, so when he saw Mary Dick, an Indian squaw, sitting on a box in the rear of a Pacific avenue saloon, he bought her a drink and then playfully tapped her copper-colored cheeks and

begged a kiss. Mary complied and then they had another drink. When Joshua undertook to pay for the last one he found that his wailet, containing \$30, had mysteriously disappeared. Mary excused herself and has not been seen

since. "Well, you don't object to paying \$20 for a kiss, do you?" asked Desk

Sergeant Raymond. "Well, I don't know. She was a pretty little Endian girl, but that was all I had, and I will have to walk back to the farm," said Galloway.

STORK BEATS GRIM REAPER.

French Race Suicide Scare le Finally

Paris.-Has the French birth rate taken a turn upward at last? For the first time for very many years the last statistics show a considerable increase.

These cover the first six months of 1908, as half-yearly returns are now: made. Compared with the first haif of 1907 the corresponding period of last year denotes a remarkable improvement. In the first six months of 1907 the death rate showed an excess of 55,007 over the birth rate.

If that proportion continued the French people must necessarily die out. But the corresponding period of 1908 has turned the tables. In those six months births exceeded deaths by 11,066. The difference is due not only to the fact that the death rate was lowered from 457,000 to 390,000, but also to a net increase of births, which rose from 402,000 to 411,000. Sociologists who have long raised the alarm of depopulation rejoice, and cry that the tide has turned at last.

Ring Gem Imprisons Man. West Chester, Pa.-While he was

pushing a bulky letter in a mail box on the street in West Chester, a \$590 diamond ring on Jesse L. Jones' finger caught in the slot of the box. It held him there a prisoner until an employe of the postoffice opened the box, pried loose the framework and liberated the imprisoned hand-a hard half hour's

## KEEPS RIVAL IN JAIL

BUT IT COSTS BELLEVILLE, ILL. MERCHANT \$1.50 A DAY.

Competitor Happy in Cell-Takes Plenty of Tobacco Along and Is-..... Willing to See Other Man Pay Costs.

Belleville, Ill.-The board and lodging of Harry Joseph, a prisoner for debt in the Belleville jail, is being paid for at the rate of \$1.50 a day by Harry Rosenberg, who had put him

They are rival clothing merchants at Lebanon, Ills Rosenberg sued Joseph for \$2,000, alleging that Joseph slandered him and said things about ; him which injured his credit as a merchant.

Refore the case went to trial there was an agreement by which Rosenberg accepted a judgment of \$50 against Joseph. But he didn't get the money. Joseph refused to pay, alleging that he did not have any property above the value of \$100, which was exempt,

from judgment under the law To make matters werse for Rosenberg the court decided that as Joseph had no deivable assets the costs in the case, and inting to \$25,30, would have to be paid by the plaintiff.

So, instead of being \$50 ahead as a result of the litigation, Rosenberg was out money.

"Isn't there any way I can get even with him?" he asked his lawyer. "Yes, you might use a capias ad

satisfaciendum on him." "Is that a single-barreled or a double-barreled weapon?" "Single, I think, I'll look it up," said

the lawver. Rosenberg told him to go ahead Too late he learned that the weapon was

double-barrefèd. Under the authority of an old statute the capias was served on Joseph. This provides that in a case where a debt is contracted through a violation of the law the person to whom the money is owed can have the debtor imprisoned for a term not to exceed one year. But he must pay the debtor's

board to the state. Joseph was taken to the Belleville jail and locked up. He kissed his wife and baby boy good by and took with him a plentiful supply of smoking tobacco, books and magazines.

As he was being taken into the jail

he wald: "All right. I'll stay here as long as Rosenberg pays the bill. Business is had anyway, and I might as well loaf in jail."

Joseph's imprisonment has presented a strange legal tangle to members of the Belleville bar. It is the first time the statute has ever been enforced in St. Claire county and law-

yers, are talking of nothing else. Joseph himself is not asking for legal advice. "I'll stick and make Rosenberg spend his money on me," he

"What could I do?" said Rosenberg to a reporter. "He wouldn't pay me, "Yes, I've got to spend money for his board. But when I get mad I don't. care for money.

"He talks had about me. I sue him. We compromise. He owes me \$50 and he hangs the costs on me, too. Wouldn't that make anybody mad. "I can't get my money. I put him

in jail. Yes, I pay his board. That's the only way I can keep him in jail." "Well, he's got me, all right," said Joseph smiling. "Jail isn't such a nice place, but I can stand it. I wasn't in business for myself. I opened a store in Lebanon for Harry Shapiro of St. Louis. That made Rosenberg mad. He didn't want competition in the

clothing business. "I got mad, too, and I said something about him and he sad me arrested. Maybe it was slander. I don't

"We settled for a \$5th judgment. When I told him I could not make good he offered to take \$20. But I

wouldn't give him one cent. "I den't know how long I'll have to stay in jail-maybe six months. All right. I'll stick till Rosenberg gets tired of paying my board. I've got it. fixed so my wife and children will be cared for."

WIRELESS WAGES INVISIBLE WAR

Inventor Says He Can Ruin Enemy's Ships Without a Sacrifice.

Los Angeles, Cal.-Propelling and controlling submerged torpedoes by wireless telegraph, hurling instruments of destruction against hostile battleships without the sacrifice of a man on the part of the naval power equipped with the new terror-all this is made possible by the invention of a citizen of Los Angeles, Carl Abrahamson. Abrahamson is engaged in his laboratory at San Diego perfecting the details of the wireless terror for the use of the United States navy de-

Nearly a month ago Abrahamson, in the presence of two attorneys, and two naval experts from Washington, conducted experiments with his invention which cleared up every doubt as to its ability to do what the inventor claimed

Postal Employes Are Honest. Columbus, O. - James Brady, the other day received a \$10 bill through the mail that was not placed in an envelope and did not have any wrapper or covering on it. The bill was mailed at Hamilton, O. A string had, been tied through the bill and a tag. with the name and address of Mr.

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