Queer Conjuring Feats of the

Seventeenth Century.

SOME QUAINT OLD RECIPES.

Little Experiments In Which Boiling

Heads Off Living Animals Was an Incident—How They Killed a Horse

Conjurers in ancient times were not very respectable members of society.

When successful they enjoyed the rep-

utation of having sold their souls to the

evil one, and when of inferior ability

they gained notoriety by being either drowned or burned. The mediaeval magicians as well as the Egyptian

magi and the Chaldean sages were only a strange mixture of chemist, conjurer and charlatan, and as these gentlemen

and charistan, and as these gentiemen were in the habit of using their supposed occult powers to their own advantage they were naturally unpopular. The feats of jugglery performed by these craftsmen were intended for the mystification and not the amusement of the public, and for centuries receiving had for the public to the public of the public to th

conjuring had to it only a black side.

The amateur conjurer of today is not always a popular individual, save with

children and the unsophisticated yokels. To the general public he is merely a bore of greater or less magnitude, whose performance is so obvious as to

whose performance is so obvious as to deceive no one. It is hard to realize that this person is no mere mushroom growth of modern society, but in point of fact his role is one of a respectable antiquity, for he is to be found treading close upon the heels of the magicians and in the days when witchcraft

was still rampant. This is significant of his reputation even in those early times, for had any one taken his tricks

seriously he would doubtless have been run to earth and done to death as a

wizard.
In the middle of the seventeenth

century, in the earliest years of the restoration, a number of tricks were published in one of those facetious

books which seem to have occupied the press to a great extent at this time,

but which owing to their popularity have for the most part perished. The

have for the most part perished. The chief recommendation of the greater number of these tricks is that no apparatus beyond the utensils of everyday life is necessary; also it is suggested to the performer that he can make some small profit out of his entertainment by prevailing on his audience to bet with him on the result of the tricks.

the trick.

"To set a horse's or an asse's head upon a man's head and 'shoulders' access the cost of the land of

seems impossible out of the land of Faery, but we are informed that by

boiling the head cut off a living animal "the flesh boyl'd may runne into oyle," and then by mingling the

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Suspicious Death at Montreal.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—A verdict of manslaughter was brought in by the coroner's jury yesterday against Raoul Poliquin, in connection with the death of Edouard Renaud, a cabman, whose body was brought to the General Hospital in his own cab. The body was covered with blood from a gash on the head, and there was a fracture of the skull.

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Constable Kavanagh detained two
men, Raoul Poliquin and Jos. Phoenix. The explanation was given that
five men were passengers in Renaud's
eab on a trip to Back River, and that
Renaud had fallen from his rig.
Coroner McMahon told the jury that
it was their duty to send Poliquin to
the police court for further examination.

Sue Quebec Bridge Builders.
Quebec, Sept. 10.—On Saturday,
Davidson & Desrineres instituted
eight actions against the Phoentaville
Bridge Co., builders of the Quebec
bridge, the following relatives of the
victims being the plaintiffs: Mrs. Callaghan, \$15,000; Mrs. J. Rowen, \$15,000;
Theo. P. Hardy, \$12,000; Frank
Proulx, \$12,000; A. I. Joseph, O. Bureau, Mrs. Joseph A. Joneas, Mrs.
Alfred Smith, \$15,000.
The body of J. L. Wordby, assistant foreman at the Quebec bridge,
was recovered Sunday.

Rejects Stolypin's Project.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—Premier Stolypin's project for local self-government, resterday was rejected by the Lemstwo Congress in Moscow.

The project proposes to replace the communes by small zensivos, in which persons of all ranks, peasants, priests and landlords, shall co-operate be equal terms, each of these zensivos exercising police functions.

into oyle," and then by mingling the hair beaten into powder with this oil and anointing the heads of the standers-by "they shall seem to have horses" or asses' heads"—a costly experiment and fearsome if successful. But, besides this, one can "make people seem headlesse," and this without bloodshed and by the following simple rectine: "Break arsenick very fine and Good Fishing Season.

Hadifax, N. S., Sept. 16.—An unusually good fishing season for the French colony of St. Pierre. Miquelon, has caused great joy. Daily arrivals from the Grand Banks report unlimited quantities of fish, and plenty of bait.

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bloodshed and by the following simple recipe: "Break arsenick very fine and boyle it with sulphur in a cover'd pot and kindle it with a new candle, and the standers-by will seem to be headlesse." Doubtless & strong imagination is necessary for success.

Some of the tricks are such as would account to the standard account of the standard acc Some of the tricks are such as wome nowadays cause the performer to be disliked, to put it mildly. For instance, "have a nut filled with ink and give this unto another and bid him crack it and see what he can find in that," which being done "will cause much learning." This label in all genuine

laughter."
"To keep a Tapster from frothing his pots" must have been an amusement to the wags of the period, and for this "provide in readinesse the skin of a red Hering, and when the Tapster is absent the part with a little on the inside

more a chemical experiment than a trick.

Several tricks are recommended which have animals as their subject and are for the most part brutal to our modern ideas. Perhaps the least objectionable is "to seem to kill a Horse and cure him again," which may be thus accomplished:

"Take the seed of lenbane and give it the Horse in his Provender, and it will cast him into such a deep sleep that he will seem dead. If you will recover him again, rub his Nostrils with Vinegar, and he will seem to be revived." The "seem to be revived." The "seem to be revived." Sounds rather ominous, and it is to be noted that the correct quantity of henbane is not mentioned, so that it might be best to make this experiment on some one else's horse.

"To make a shoal of Goslings draw a Timber logge" sounds interesting, but unfortunately the directions are vague. "To make a shoal of Goslings or a Gaggle of Geese to seem to draw a Timber logge is done by the verte means that is us'd when a Cat draws a fool through a Pond, but handled somewhat further off from the Beholders."—London Standard.

What the Hydra Was.

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There have been many strange things in English history. One of the most curious was recently mentioned by a little schoolgirl.

"The hydra," said this much informed young person, "was married to Henry VIII. When he cut her head off, another one sprang right up,"—Youth's Companion.

ANCIENT TRICKSTERS. GIRL BABY'S

Sight of Eya Destroyed by Disease—
Tried Five Doctors but Grew
Worse—In Agony Eight Months
— Parents Discouraged, Until
They Tried Cuticura Remedies

IN ONE WEEK ALL SORES DISAPPEARED

"Our little girl, one year and a half old, was taken with eczema or that was what the doctor said it was. We called in the family doctor and he gave some tablets and said she would be all right in a few days. The eczema grew worse and we called in doctor No. 2. He said she was teething, as soon as the teeth were through she would be all right. But she still grew worse. Doctor No. 3 said it was eczema. By this time she was' nothing but a yellow, greenish sore. Well, he said he could help her, so we let him try it about a week. One morning we discovered a little yellow pimple on one of her eyes. Of course we phoned for doctor No. 3. He came over and looked her over and said that he could not do anything more for her, that we had better take her to some eye specialist, since it was an ulcer. So we went to Oswego to doctor No. 4, and he said the eyesight was gone, but that he could help it. We thought we would try doctor No. 5. Well, that proved the same, only he charged \$10 more than doctor No. 4. We were nearly discouraged. I saw one of the Cuticura advertisements in the paper and thought we would try the cuticura Treatment, so I went and purchased a set of Cuticura Remedies, which cost me \$1, and in three days our daughter, who had been sick about eight months, showed great improvement, and in one week all sores had disappeared. Of course it could not restore the eyesight, but if we had used Cuticura in time I am confident that it would have saved the eye. We think there is no remedy so good for any skin trouble or impurity of the blood as Cuticura in time I am confident that it would have saved the eye. We think there is no remedy so good for any skin trouble or impurity of the blood as Cuticura in time I am confident that it would have saved the eye. We think there is no remedy so good for any skin trouble or impurity of the blood as Cuticura in time I am confident that it would have saved the eye.

MUST IMPORT WHENE. European Countries Will Need Lange Supply of Grain.

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Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Canada's Gent at Leeds, England, reporting to the Trade and Commerce Department, at Ottawa, says:

The wheat importing countries of Europe are likely to require 536,000,000 bushels this year, as against 448,000,000 bushels this year, as against 448,000,000 bushels the same as a year ago, and in Scandinavia a trifle bigger, but Germany, which last year took 68,000,000 bushels, will this year require 104,000,000 bushels; Belgium and Holland will need to import 63,000,000 bushels, and Italy about 48,000,000.

'Austria-Hungara, instead of having a surplus, as last year, will require to import about 24,000,000 bushels, while the United Kingdom, which last year imported 174,000,000 bushels, expects this year to import 216,000,000 bushels.

WILD EXCITEMENT IN SPAIN.

Queen's Auto Confronted in Read by Large Bull.

Madrid, Sept. 10.—An automobile from the royal stables, in which Queen Victoria was driving Sunday from St. Sebastian to Bilbac, was suddenly confronted by a large bull, which planted himself in the roadway immediately in front of the queen's car and compelled the chauffeur to put on the brakes hurriedly, and stop the machine.

No collision appears to have cocurred, but her majesty is described as having been greatly frightened by the unexpected meeting with the bull.

As the sudden stopping of the royal automobile threw the machinery is a discreter the gueen was compelled.

sent do but rub a little on the inside of his pots, and he will not be able to froth them, do what he can, in a good while after."

"To counterfeit a diamond with a white saphir" is a most useful accomplishment, but the fraud is likely in these days to be discovered and is more a chemical experiment than a trick.

Several tricks are recommended to the sudden stopping of the stop of the sudden stopping of the sudden stopping of the sudden stopping of the stop of the sudden stopping of the stop of the sudden stopping of th Bragg tells me he got mixed up in a scrap yesterday.

Did he get the best of it?

Of course. Otherwise he wouldn't have said anything about it.

It used to be a popular fallacy that sense came with age and wis-dom with experience.

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For Baby's Bath you must have a soap, pure enough to clean the skin, and as delicate as the petals of a rose. Such a soap is

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BIRD FLIGHT

Some Curious Facts About the Size

of Wings and Bodies.

In the attempt to discover some universal law of bird flight scientists haveversal law of bird flight scientists have-disclosed concerning a number of spe-cies a most puzzling paradox, perhaps the most mysterious of the enigmas that the subject presents. It is that in a number of birds and insects the size of the wings decreases in proportion to the increase in size of the body of the flying creature. The Australian crane, for instance, weighs over 300 times-more than the sparrow, but in propor-tion has only one-seventii the wing.

more than the sparrew, but in proportion has only one-seventii the wing-area of the smaller bird.

This curious fact is equally striking if we compare birds with insects. If the gnat were increased in size until it was as large as the Australian craneand if the wings of the insect were-enlarged to maintain the proportion they now bear to its body they would be about 150 times larger than the orange's.

be about 100 times larger than the crane's.

It requires 3.62 square feet of wing: area per pound to float the bank swallow, but to sustain the tawny vulture, a monstrous bird in comparison, requires only .68 of a square foot of wing surface per pound of body. The elbatross, weighing eighteen pounds, has a spread of wing of eleven feet six inches, while the trumpeter swan, weighing twenty-eight pounds, has a weighing twenty-eight pounds, has a spread of wing of only eight feet. The stork weighs eight times more than the pigeon, but in proportion has only half as much wing surface.- Every

body's Magazine. PALFREY FOR DINNER.

It Was Not Horseflesh, However, That Dr. Johnson Ate.

Dr. Johnson in his journal mentions the interesting fact that he had on a certain day had "palfrey for dinner." Now, these three words have caused not a little trouble to the critics, and for this reason, that they know not what palfrey really is. It has been suggested that palfrey is a clerical errer made by the doctor himself for pastry, but the doctor wrote so legibly and there is so much difference between the words palfrey and pastry that this position is not at all tenable. Palfrey is defined in Johnson's cele-

brated dictionary as "a small horse fit for ladies," and some have thought that the doctor (whose feats as a trencherman were notorious) may have-broken a record on the day in question and disposed of a small horse. All these and other conjectures are wrong, and we will proceed to give the correct explanation,

The word paifrey (sometimes pam-frey by the interchange of I and m) is still in use among the rustics of Scotstill in use among the rustics of Scot-land and the north of Ireland and means young cabbages when they first come to table in the spring. Such cab-bages have not begun to "close" or be-come solid in the center. They are generally spoken of as "early painfrey" and are considered a luxury. Dr. John-son probably picked up the word from his friend Boswell or from some other Scotch acquaintance. — London Notes and Oueries.

A Good Medicine.

Laughter not only gains friends, but it's a good medicine keeps the eyes bright, the heart light and increases the number of red corpuscies. Perhaps that is the reason one sees so few fashionable people laughing. They are cultivating blue blood.

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A man who was very ill was visited by his doctor, one of those lugubrious creatures, about as cheerful as a tombstone. He assumed the properly dejected air and inquired of the sick man where his friends were in case they need be notified and asking if he an attempt has been made to punctu-ate hysterical dashes take the place of the periods and commas that once prevailed." had any last request.
"Yes, one," the patient answered fee-

bly.
"What is it?" "I wish I had another doctor."

A Curious Embrocation.

Rattlesnake oil is preserved and prepared very carefully for use as a liniment in some parts of the world. Rheumatism and sore joints are the allments in which it is chiefly employed. The fat is taken from the dead reptile and laid upon a cloth in the hot sun, from which the filtered oil drips into a. jar. From fear that the reptile may be bitten itself the clear oil is tested by dropping a portion of it into milk. If it floats in one globule it is regarded as unaffected. If it breaks into beads and curdles the milk it is judged to be poisonous and thrown away.

Proof of His innocence A southern negro was brow the courtroom, accused of singlibor's chickens.

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The Foor Cat.

A young wife called her husband on the telephone to tell him a tale of woe. In tear choked accents she said: "That you, dearie? Well, you know that lovely chicken ple I made you—that horrid old cat came in and ate it up before I could stop it."

He answered, "Never mind, darling; I'll get you another cat."

His Symptoms.

"Maybe that boy of yours will be famous some day," said the friend.

"I shouldn't be surprised," answered Farmer Corntossel; "he does i. e to wear curious clothes an' say things that sounds more surprisin' than sensible."

Her Discharge.
"Why did you leave your last place?"
"Sure, I worr discharged for doin'
well, mum."
"Discharged for doing well? Why, where were you?"
"I worr in the horspital, mum."—London Answers.

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week. My stride winds it, it never runs down, and it keeps, after all these years, fairly good time."

The Address on the Letter.

"It is not spelling alone that has been smitten by the hand of the destroyer," lamented the postman. "Punctuation has also gone by the board. When I first began to handle United States mail ten years ago the directions of any power of the states.

tions on envelopes were punctuated according to schoolbook rules. Abbre-viations were finished off with a pe-

riod, names were followed by a comma, and so so. Now the envelope that is properly punctuated is a rarity. Sometimes, just out of curiosity, I take time, to look carefully through a bunch of

letters. Out of, say, twenty, more than half will be entirely destitute of punc-

tuation marks. In the few cases where

the courtroom, accused of stealing a neighbor's chickens.

"Mister George Washington Shintopp, did you steal those chickens?" asked the judge pointedly.

"No, sah, jedge. Ah is too 'spectable for dat."

"But it is stated on good authority that a bundle of feathers was found in your back yard the day before Christmas."

"Dat 'sinneration, jedge, des proves mah innocence, coz how could de fedders be found in mah back yard de day befo' Chris'mus when mah wife didn't pluck dose chickens until de day after Chris'mus?"—Cirele.

A Queer Argument.

It is often urged that elequence and affectation are mallenable, but I make that the peculiar pronunciation of certain words—if that constitutes affectation—is a pardonable fault, of which many eminent orators are themselves gullty. In vast cathedrals and large halls where the acoustic properties are of an unusual order it is clearly manifest that some pronunciations are preferable to others, for some words by the very composition of their syllables are not so far reaching in their sound as others, so that if a ruse is adopted to gain the desired effect surely it is detrimental to no one.—London Academy.

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