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WAGES FOR HENS

Novel Lawsuit Between Two American Neighbors

A unique lawsuit has been settled in Omaha, in which the court officially placed the wages of a hen for hatching out a setting of goose eggs at 37 cents and sum against the owner of the eggs. Soren Lund and Louis Naugle were neighbors. Lund had seventeen goose eggs. Naugle had a hen that wanted to "set." The two men arranged that Lund's hen and the goslings should be divided equally between the two. Four of the eggs were not good and thirteen hatched out.

BREEZY BRIEFS FROM BRITAIN

"Perilous are learning English games," and Major Malesworth Sykes at a meeting of the Persian Society "but at present they are only able to play rounders very badly."

Stout residents of Cornforth, Durham, have protested against the narrowness of some of the gateways on the local paths, and the parish council have decided to widen them.

A talkative defendant, who was repeatedly asked by the judge at Clerkenwell County Court to be less voluble, said at the end of the case: "I have not been allowed to say a word."

Just as Edward Creswell, an old age pensioner, was about to enter the Burghfield Post Office, near Reading, to draw his pension he staggered and fell to the ground dead.

Oldest Farmhouse Burned. Mountstephen, Ulster, one of the oldest farmhouses in Devonshire, has been totally destroyed by fire. Nearly all the family plate and valuable antique furniture were destroyed.

Deadly Flannellette. The seven-year-old daughter of a baker at Headley, Hants, was putting some coal on the fire when her flannellette nightdress caught alight, and she was fatally burned.

Workhouse Boarder. It was reported to the Maldon (Essex) Guardians that a man who had a pension of £1.75 per week had been living in the workhouse as a boarder for twenty years at 85 cents a week.

Pensioners Live Long. Miss Laura Duphaigne, a pensioner of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, who has just died, was elected to a pension of £100 a year in June, 1862. She has received from the society over \$5,000.

Midnight Baptisms in the Ice. Thirteen converts to Mormonism, five of them servant girls, were baptised at midnight by immersion in the river at Wattbach, near St. Gallen, Switzerland, after the ice had been broken.

Bleeding in Fashion. "I have had quite an epidemic of the cases where doctors have reverted to the old-fashioned method of bleeding," said Dr. Waldo, the City of London coroner.

Baby Cigar Smoker. William Lippe, of Waterbury, Connecticut, who is four years old and has been a constant cigar smoker since he was twelve months old, was declared on a medical examination not to have suffered either mentally or physically by the habit.

Horse in a Well. While some land was being ploughed at My a horse fell down an old well, the planks which covered it having rotted through. After five hours' strenuous work the animal was hauled to the surface alive, about seventy men being employed in rescuing it.

Who Shall Whip the Boy? In the Court of Criminal Appeal Lord Reading had to decide who should birch a boy who was ordered twelve strokes for stealing. He said that the sheriff or his subordinates were the persons to inflict the punishment.

Tramp Who Wanted. A bulky tramp admitted to the casual ward at Kingston-on-Thames proved to be quite a thin man when he prepared for the usual bath. He shed three overcoats, three jackets, five waistcoats, one pair of trousers, three pairs of pants, nine shirts, a chest protector, and no fewer than fifteen neckerchiefs.

All Due to One Dog. A dog attacked a man in charge of a wagon and two horses at Aldeburgh, and while he was beating it off with his hip the horses ran away. These caused a butcher's horse and a dealer's pony to stampede. All the runaways galloped the length of High street until three men sprang at their heads and stopped them.

Tactless Texts. When three teachers were leaving a Sunday school in North-West London the scholars were asked to bring each of them a written text of their own selection as a party gift. The choice of one little boy fell on the words: "Be sure your sin will find you out," while another wrote, with a slight perversion of the Scriptures, "All ye like sheep have gone astray."

Cockney Sportsman. Harry Carter, who was fined at Stratford, E., for trespassing in search of game at Duckhurst Hill, and carrying a gun without a license, said he bought the gun for 50 cents, and hearing that there were two wild ducks on the River Roding, he went to see if he could shoot them. He did not succeed.

Prohibit Flannellette. Dr. Robert A. Fawcous, house surgeon of Guy's Hospital, giving evidence at an inquest on a child whose flannellette clothing caught fire, said he thought the law should prohibit children under five wearing flannellette.

At a conference held in connection with the application to the British Board of Trade for permission to dredge St. Ives Bay for tin, it was stated that there was in the bay at present \$100,000,000 worth of tin.

SAD CONDITIONS LONDON EAST END

Only Four Per Cent. Comfortably Off—Overcrowding is Rife and Death Rate Enormous

(By C. W. Peachey in "Everyman") The population of the East End proper reaches just over a million, of which but 4 per cent. are comfortably off. Sixteen and a half per cent. only are in receipt of a weekly income exceeding 30s., 48 per cent. receive between 21s. and 30s., whilst the remaining 35 1/2 per cent. are compelled to maintain an existence on anything between 3s. and 4s. and a sovereign a week per family. One hundred and twenty-five thousand never receive more than 15s. per week per family. In St. George's-in-the-East 50 per cent. of the population belong to this latter class. The whole area of East London is so squalid and poverty-stricken, with the partial exception of North Bow, that those who have managed to retain some security of livelihood have been migrating to the outer suburbs for many years; while of those who remain 25 per cent. are driven to the parish for relief. The proportion would probably be greater but that no relief would be forthcoming. As it is, one in three of the population dies in a charitable institution of some kind—workhouse, lunatic asylum, or hospital.

With poverty existing on such a colossal scale it is to be expected that overcrowding is rife, especially when ground rent at the rate of £20,000 to £30,000 an acre is taken into consideration. The law demands 400 cubic feet of space for each person. Professor Huxley, at one time medical officer in East London, claimed 800 cubic feet, well ventilated, as necessary; whilst the War Office allows barracks space of 600 cubic feet for each soldier. Yet in London, and largely in the East End, there are 300,000 living in families in one-room tenements, where they eat, sleep, give birth, and lay out their dead, whilst 900,000 are living in less than 400 cubic feet required by law. Mr. George Haw gives 40 per cent. of the population of St. George's-in-the-East as overcrowded, having a death rate of 26.4, compared with 13.2 at St. George's-in-the-West. Three months since the medical officer of Shore-ditch reported the infantile death rate of that borough to be 128 per 1,000, as compared with 91 for all London, and gave as the causes insufficient nourishment of mothers, improper and insufficient feeding, and infection. In the West End, 13 per cent. of the children die before reaching five years; in the East End, 55 per cent. In the West End the average age at death is fifty-five; in the East End, thirty years.

FAMOUS MEN GOING BLIND. C. A. Pearson, English Newspaper Magnate, Now Almost Sightless

"Though not yet quite sightless, I can no longer read at all except with my finger-tips, and am dependent upon guidance except in quite familiar surroundings." That is an extract from a recent letter which bears the signature 'C. Arthur Pearson,' and it reveals the pathetic climax of one of the most remarkable careers of our time.

"For years Alfred C. Harmsworth and C. Arthur Pearson, who are today aged forty-eight and forty-seven respectively, ran a neck-and-neck race, and at one time it looked as though the latter would outdistance the former," says the Christian Commonwealth.

"A consensus of opinion amongst the intelligent blind has just been taken, and," says Lord Portman, "we are rather startled to find the almost unanimity with which they agree on one point. Their deprivation does not distress them in the least. They scarcely spare a thought to the circumstances. What they dread is possible penury and helplessness." They certainly ought to be relieved of that anxiety.

Suffocated in Hay. A peculiar accident occurred at Coconell, near Monaghan, by which a farmer named Thomas Knox was killed and his daughter injured. They were engaged at a potato pit adjacent to a pile of hay, a portion of which had been cut away. Without warning the pile of hay fell in the direction of Knox and his daughter, completely burying the former. Miss Knox was only partially covered, but was unable to extricate herself and her screams attracted the attention of some neighbors. When Mr. Knox was reached he was dead.

Performing Horses Dies. The death occurred of a wonderful performing horse, Alpha, which belonged to Mr. R. D. C. Shaw of Great Hale. The animal, which had performed before several members of the royal family, could play the national anthem on a harmonium, could write its own name on a slate with chalk held in its mouth, and could do difficult sums in the first four rules. Another horse, Littel Beta, also belonging to Mr. Shaw, accompanied Alpha on show, and together they could play "Home, Sweet Home," with bells fastened on their feet.

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