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When the Court Laughs.

A musical clock from Germany, found by the Customs officers concealed on a ship, entertained the Tower Bridge Court the other day. It was supposed to play the National Anthem, and an exhibition of its powers was given by request.

Unfortunately, it persisted in giving a medley of Irish airs in funeral time, in which stray notes of "Kathleen Mavourneen" were mixed with equally stray notes of "Killarney" and the "Minstrel Boy."

"That's the worst rendering of the National Anthem I have ever heard," said the Magistrate. When put back into its box the clock continued to play in jerks, and the witness had to wait until it ran down before he could proceed with his evidence.

Following the boat race, a game of "Sieve-O" enlivened an up-river police-court. A police officer saw some boys and young men trying vainly to throw marbles into two sieves, which stood at an angle of about thirty degrees. But the prisoner was an expert at it. He could show them how it was done. He charged the boys a penny for two throws, and was offering watches as prizes to those who succeeded.

The magistrate told the prisoner to set up his sieves and show him if marbles could be thrown into them. The man did so well that the magistrate remarked presently:

"At that rate you would be giving watches away all day." But he added: "Pay five shillings."

Then Caruso "Obliged." There was a gramophone case in the courts the other week, and the judge asked what airs the instrument would play, and whether such great artists as Melba, Caruso, Tetrazzini, could be induced to perform.

The answer being in the affirmative the judge said: "Don't have a common song; play something nice." So Caruso was set to sing "Queen of the Earth," his honor listening with great attention.

A Jack-in-the-Box caused much laughter in the Probate Court one morning when Sir Edward Carson released the spring and Jack popped up. There were a lot of other toys on the table, and when the judge asked what should be done with them, Sir Edward suggested caustically that they should be sent to the Athenaeum Club.

Then he produced a bundle of toy-books, and read some verses from them to the judge and jury. In his best House of Commons voice he recited this charming verse:

"Little Tommy Tomkins
Ran down the lake;
Never let his hoop fall,
Then ran back again."

When the laughter evoked by this pretty wit had subsided, Sir Edward gave the court another tit-bit:

"Elsie Tomkins, grown so fine,
She won't get up to feed the swine."
The case was one of alleged senile decay, or second childhood, and a disputed will, and toys of all sorts, including dogs and dolls, a rabbit and a ball, were produced as evidence before the court.—Answers.

Fluid Fuel From Straw.

Before very long every farmer may make his own fluid fuel for lighting, heating, running farm machinery and other purposes.

This has no reference to alcohol, but to a substitute for gasoline derivable from straw and other farm wastes by destructive distillation. The United States department of agriculture is now making experiments looking to the development of a simple and inexpensive apparatus for the purpose, which will render the farmer independent of the oil monopoly for all time to come.

The apparatus in question, complete in itself—a "farm unit" as the experts call it—will consist of a retort, a "scrubber" and a condenser. It will cost only about \$250, and will be so constructed as to be fool-proof. This implies that anybody can run it and keep it in order. All that need be supplied is heat and straw for other vegetable waste), and the machine will do the rest.

As yet the experiments have been restricted to straw, but they will presently be extended to include corn stalks and leaves, cotton stalks, sugar cane refuse and other material.

The most important application of the idea now in view is in the west, where fuel is scarce and where the straw discarded by threshing machines is customarily burned to get rid of it, there being no accessible market for this waste product, so enormous in total quantity. If by the aid of simple mechanical apparatus this straw can be made to yield a fluid equivalent to gasoline it will solve a great economic problem.

The process of destructive distillation yields a gas, which in the condenser is converted into a liquid. It may even be transformed into a solid; and the experts think that possibly it may be utilized to best advantage in this shape.

It has gone far enough, however, to convince the investigators of the practicality of the idea. They have even run a motor car with straw gas contained in a huge bag attached to the car.

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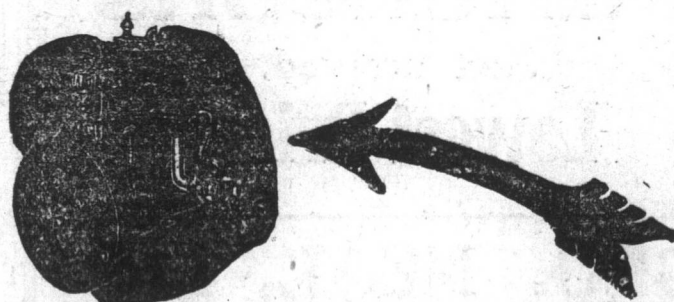


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