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know Norway well, that there is another king besides Oscar. His name is Ivar Tofte, and he keeps what is called a "station" in the Gudbransdal, a valley beyond the Romsdal, on the way to Christiania, hired. Where there are no railway routes in Norway there are these "land skyds," some fast and some slow. Here a certain number of horses and carioles, stolk joerres, or trilles, must be kept for the use

Old Ivar Tofte traces his descent straight down from Harold Haarfager—Harold the Fair Haired—and says he is really king of Norway. This Harold's date is so remote picture, and after contemplating it for that it is "wrapt in mystery," but the chronologers give it as from 860 (?) to 933. In his own district Ivar Tofte is considered king, and disputes have been brought to him to settle just as if he were king, disputes which would not be taken to the real sovereign. It is asserted that on one occasion King Oscar and Ivar Tofte met, and Tofte, patting Oscar on the back, ex-claimed, "Ah, old fellow, if every one had

his rights I should be where you are and you would be somewhere else." Tefte is not without evidences of his royal lineage. He possesses a glorious service of gold plate, besides other relics of bygone splendor, and rumor has it keeps the best store of aqua vitæ in all Norway. Aqua vitæ is the national spirit, and it is only here and there in recognized shops it or whisky at most of the hotels, for the sale of spirits is very rigorously legislated for in the two kingdoms. And as for pub-lic houses, so called, there is none. Ivar Tofte is a very good natured old man, and by no means averse to discussing his royal lineage with chance customers, nor does he by any means conceal the

people a great deal during the recent jubi-lee celebrations.—London Modern Society. CAPTURE OF A PIRATE.

fact of his being the rightful king of Nor-

way. He has been in the minds of the

Frank R. Stockton, in his sketches of 'The Buccaneers of Our Coast" in St. Nicholas, tells of the capture of a huge Spanish merchantman by Bartholemy Portuguez and his small crew. Mr. Stockton thus relates the misfortune that befell

the victors: They cast anchor at Cape St. Anthony, on the west end of Cuba. After a considerable delay at this place they started out again to resume their yoyage. But it was not long before they perceived to their dis-may three Spanish vessels coming toward them. It was impossible for a very large ship, manned by an extremely small crew, to sail away from these fully equipped ves-sels, and as to an attempt to defend themselves against the overwhelming power of the antagonists that was too absurd to be thought of even by such a reckless fellow as Bartholemy. So when the ship was hailed by the Spanish vessels he lay to and

waited until a boat's crew boarded him. With the eye of a nautical man the Spanish captain of one of the ships perceived that something was the matter with this vessel, for its rigging and sails were this vessel, for its right and sans were terribly cut up in the long fight through which it had passed, and, of course, he wanted to know what had happened. When he found that the great ship was in the possession of a very small body of pirates, Bartholemy and his men were immediately made prisoners, were taken on board the Spanish ship, were stripped of everything they possessed, even their clothes, and were shut up in the hold. A crew from the Spanish ships was sent to man the vessel which had been captured,

and then the little fleet set sail for San Francisco in Campeachy.

An hour had worked a very great change in the fortunes of Bartholemy, and his men. In the fine cabin of their grand prize they had feasted and sung and had gloried over their wonderful success, and now in the vessel of their captor they were shut up in the dark, to be enslaved or per-

haps executed. Careless Eating.

We cannot impress too strongly upon those who have the control of children the necessity of care being exercised in the manner in which food is administered. Often an otherwise careful mother, per-haps preoccupied with conversation or anxious to be free to do something else, to attend to her other household duties maybe, will give her child such large and frequent mouthfuls that after it has grown to the self feeding age the practice is con-tinued and the habit becomes confirmed. Perhaps children are inclined to ent too fast. It is certainly a common fault and one which may be avoided by deferring the self feeding and letting the mother by patient deliberate feeding aid the child in forming correct habits. And again, this duty should never be left to an ignorant and thoughtless nurse, who may have rea-

sons of her own for haste.

Care in this matter may seem to cost too much time, but the result will be worth all the expenditure. One of the many arguments against the presence of very little children at the common table is adduced by the fact that so many adults, even persons of culture, have wrong habits in eating, coupled with that of the imitative tendency of the little ones. Haste in eating is naturally accompanied by haste in feeding on the part of the mother or nurse, which is frequently the cause of the after habit in the child in taking too large a quantity in its mouth and swallowing it too fast .- New York Ledger.

Clean Mistaken. "This watch"— began the man.
"Yes," interrupted the watchmaker,
seizing it and rapidly opening it. "I see.
It wants thorough cleaning, and"—
"Why," roared the man, "that's the
new watch my wife bought here yesterday,

and I want to exchange it for a larger "'Oh—ah—um—yes. Certainly, sir,"
mumbled the watchmaker.—London Fun.

Utilizing the Pigs. A coasting steamer was wrecked near Sydney. The captain tied life lines to some pigs which formed part of the cargo. These, on being thrown overboard, quickly swam ashore, taking the lines with them. Communication being thus established, every person on board was rescued.

Two New England states only have expressed a preference for any flower—Vermon* for the red clover, by act of the legisla* are, and Rhode Island, by vote of its school children, for the violet.

FOR SALE Notes of hand and receipts

ALMUST CAME TO BLOWS.

guage and Theatrical Tempers. The other morning there dropped into the gallery of a photographer who has long made a specialty of taking the pictures of theatrical celebrities a big strapping western man who came to see his friend, the photographer. The young woman behind the counter, who knew the caller, had just been reading in a newspaper a savage "roast" of his nawhere many very old Norwegian families live. A "station," I should explain, is a house where horses and carriages can be paper to the westerner to read, expecting to get some amusement out of his comments. The Chicagoan was in the midst of his reading, bristling with framed portrait of the actress, taken picture, and after contemplating it for

a few minutes said: "My wife is certainly a remarkable woman. That picture was taken all of five years ago, yet she is younger looking and handsomer today than it is." Just then the westerner finished the

Chicago story. "Well, I don't think," he exclaimed loudly and emphatically, throwing the paper down upon the counter. "What right have you, sir, to think anything about it?" demanded the ac-

tress' husband angrily. "Who gave you control over my thinker?" retorted the astonished west-

"Think what you please to yourself, but you shan't insult my wife, sir," shouted the husband. "Your wife? Where is she? Are you

a lunatie? "No, sir, but you are a big bully," cried the husband, dancing with wrath. The little woman behind the counter, who had been convulsed with laughter, tried to explain the mistake, but the indignant husband refused to listen. Nothing but an apology would satisfy him, and he made a dramatic exit from the gallery, saying that the westerner would "hear from him again." He

went home and wrote a letter to the photographer saying that he had been insulted and threatening to withdraw his wife's custom if the apology was not forthcoming. The photographer was obliged to write several letters before he could calm the troubled waters. Meantime the Chicagoan went home. firm in the conviction that he had narrowly escaped hitting a crazy man .-

THE SECRET OF LONGEWITY.

Nineteen Commandments Which, if Kept, May Insure One Hundred Years. Sir James Sawyer, a well known physician of Birmingham, England, has been confiding to an audience in that town the secret of longevity. Keep the following 19 commandments, and Sir James sees no reason why you should not live to be 100:

1. Eight hours' sleep. 2. Sleep on your right side.

3. Keep your bedroom window open 4. Have a mat to your bedroom door. 5. Do not have your bedstead against

the wall. 6. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body. 7. Exercise before breakfast. 8. Eat little meat and see that it is

well cooked. 9. (For adults) Drink no milk. 10. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.

11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells. 12. Daily exercise in the open air. 13. Allow no pet animals in your liv-

ing rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs. 14. Live in the country if you can.

15. Watch the three D's-drinking water, damp and drains. 16. Have change of occupation 17. Take frequent and short holidays. 18. Limit your ambition.

19. Keep your temper. Stories of Henry George. The activity and power of intellect of the late Henry George did not prevent absentmindedness. A writer in The Review of Reviews says that this quality

was "the jest of his circle." Names escaped him. I heard him say to Mr. Dayton, the candidate on his ticket for comptroller and one of the best known men in New York: "You won't mind it, I hope, if I forget your name. I am so conscious of the

danger of getting names wrong that when the need of remembering comes it rattles me, and away the name goes." He came late to a dinner at the Lotus club, where he was to discuss with some friends the question of his being a candidate in apprehended contingencies. It was raining, and he took from his pocket the slippers with which Mrs. George had insisted on providing him in case

put them on he apologized with honest gravity:
"I lost time looking for a man I kept asking after as Kinsella, and it turned out his right name was Moriarity. At least I think that was what he told me

it was when I found him." But there was no absentmindedness when discussion of the business in hand ensued; he was keen and wide awake.

A Last Resort. "Her father says positively that I

can't marry her.' "What are you going to do?"
"There's nothing left now but to ask the girl."-Detroit Free Press.

Drimtaidhvickhillichattan is the name of a small hamlet in the isle of Mull containing not more than a dozen inhabitants. How they pronounce it is a mystery only to be solved by some one acquainted with Gaelic.

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