

## FORCE OF HABIT IS STRONG

Even With Men Who Engage in the Practice of Law.

Attorney Wade Once Called at a Jail and Innocently Inquired: "Is the Prisoner In?"

The force of habit is very strong and sometimes when the conditions are just right it is apt to lead to the saying or doing of things peculiar, because misplaced. To cite an instance of this kind, Crown Prosecutor Wade told an amusing story yesterday which goes to show that even an astute attorney may sometimes forget just what his surroundings demand.

"When one comes to think of it," said Mr. Wade, "many amusing things happen in the practice of criminal law. I was just thinking over past experiences in relation to this, and it occurred to me that what took place the first time I was ever called upon, to visit a prisoner in jail, was somewhat out of the common, and rather funny.

"What the object of the visit was other than to see the prisoner, or who he was is immaterial, but the sight of the prison, a large, cold, dreary barn of a place, with its stone walls and iron barred doors and windows, affected me strangely.

"At the large front door there was a bell pull, and to drive away the general feeling of depression which had settled over me I seized the bell knob and pulled it back about a foot letting it go back with a snap. Away off in the distant interior I could hear the bells jingling and it crossed my mind that possibly I shouldn't have made such a racket when the door suddenly flew open and I was confronted by a big, burly fellow who asked, ferociously, I thought, what I wanted.

"Without thinking of how it sounded I asked if the prisoner was in. The gatekeeper looked at me pretty hard, as if to express a doubt of the advisability of my being at large, and allowed me to enter."

### Buried Today.

Horace Yoxall, a native of Portsmouth, England, died on December 24th and was buried this afternoon from Brimston & Stewart's undertaking parlors after suitable services held at St. Paul's church. Yoxall was employed at the McDonald hotel when taken sick. He was 30 years of age and unmarried.

### Many Deaths Occurring.

The apparent epidemic of pneumonia, which in many cases results in the death of the patient, is still on, a number of deaths having occurred in the city and on the creeks within the past few days. The sickness in most cases is the result of a neglected cold which in a day or two develops a case of aggravated pneumonia, against which medical skill is apparently unable to cope. A great many of the cases thus far developed can be directly traced to useless exposure, dissipation or carelessness on the part of the victim.

### How Can It?

A number of private letters received here during the past week from Skagway all assert that "Skagway is booming." Such may be the case but just what there is to warrant the statement at this season of the year is a mystery. There is now but little travel to or from the interior, there is little transient travel on the steamers, Skagway has not discovered any vast mining fields in her immediate vicinity, and just what there is to warrant the statement "Skagway is booming" is not apparent to the naked eye, especially from this particular point of view.

### Prizefight Carnival.

New York, Dec. 4.—Preparations for a prize fighting carnival to be held in Cincinnati in February are under way. The preliminary steps in the matter were taken today, when James J. Corbett, acting for the Cincinnati promoters, signed Tommy Ryan, of Syracuse, to box Jack Root of Chicago, 20 rounds for a percentage of the gate receipts. The men will fight at 158 pounds, weighing on the date of the battle, February 15.

Corbett, who has been appointed to manage the carnival, will also endeavor to arrange a contest between Ben Jordan, featherweight champion of England, and Terry McGovern. Jordan and McGovern will be offered a purse or a percentage of the gross receipts. McGovern wired from Milwaukee that he would agree to fight Jordan in Cincinnati, provided the financial inducements are attractive. Corbett cabled Jordan who is in London, of the Cin-

cinnati club's offer and McGovern's willingness to meet him.

Corbett will also try to arrange a bout with Jeffries, to take place at the carnival. He says he will allow Jeffries to dictate the terms of the battle. Failing to arrange this bout, Corbett will offer a purse for a 20-round bout, between the winner of the Maher-Ruhlin bout and Jeffries.

### A Dream That Came True.

"Talking about dreams," said Mrs. Smith as we sat around the parlor, "I once had a very strange experience. I dreamed that I was just stepping out of my house for a walk when a funeral passed by. A man with a cap marked nine and a red scar running across his forehead jumped from the hearse and, approaching me, asked, 'Are you ready?' 'No,' I replied, and with that I awoke.

"A few months later I was stopping in Chicago. I was on the top floor of one of the big houses and just about to step into the elevator when I remembered another thing I wanted to buy. I stopped and looked through my notebook. 'Down!' exclaimed the elevator boy, and then asked me, 'Are you ready?' 'No,' I answered, and the door closed.

"The next instant a great crash was heard, and the occupants of the elevator were dashed to an untimely death. 'The cap of the boy bore the figure 9, and he had a red scar running across his brow.'—San Francisco Chronicle.

### That Boy.

"Mamma, does money make the man?"

"I am sorry to say it does sometimes, Tommy."

"Money will make a man go anywhere, won't it?"

"I suppose so."

"If it was down in Cuba, would money make a man go to raising mangoes?"

"Don't bother me."

"Do monkeys eat mangoes, mamma?"

"I presume so. I wish you wouldn't talk so much."

"Then, if money makes the man go to raising mangoes, and monkeys eat mangoes, don't the monkeys make the mango go?"

"Whack! Whack!"

"Ouch!"—Chicago Tribune.

### A Natural Wonder.

Buenos Ayres seems to have the largest "rocking stone" yet discovered. It is situated on the slope of the mountain of Tandil, in the southern part of the province, and measures 90 feet long by 18 feet broad and is 24 feet high. Its bulk is 5,000 cubic feet, and it weighs at least 25 tons. Nevertheless, it is so beautifully poised that a single person can set it rocking. When the wind blows from the southeast, the stone, which is pyramidal in form, sways to and fro on its foundation like the branches of a tree.

### The Tomato.

The tomato was known up to 1830 as a "love apple" and regarded with suspicion. It originated in Spanish South America and, being introduced into Italy from Morocco, was named "poma del mori"—Moor's apple. The French called it "pomme d'amour."

### After.

Willie—Pa, did Adam and Eve kick much when they was trun out of the garden?

Pa—Well, no; not just then, but they raised Cain afterward. Now go to bed.

### A Spring Expedition.

London, Nov. 19.—"It is rumored," says a Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post, "that a spring expedition to Sianfu is already being discussed as the outcome of the probable failure of the peace negotiations. Even if Prince Tuan and Prince Ching are sent from the present seat of the Chinese court, Emperor Kwang Hsu is still helpless, as he lacks the aid of a strong and progressive advisor, all such officials having been beheaded.

"Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang, master of the military forces, is dreaded even by the empress dowager. The new cabinet minister, Lu Chuan Lin, is reputed to be another Kang Yi. There is danger, therefore, that the terms accepted by the Chinese commissioners in Pekin will be rejected at Sian Fu.

"Should the court prepare for further resistance, it would be necessary for the allies to declare war. The United States and Russia would probably refuse to take part in such measures.

"Since the occupation of Pekin, the German commander has shot more than a hundred guilty Boxers. Gen. Chaffee's orders do not provide for dealing with cases of crimes committed before the relief of the legations. The American plan is to leave such matter to the Chinese, which means nothing."

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## COMING AND GOING.

Leroy Tozier is out again after a short tussle with a severe cold.

This has been a busy week in the churches, as there have been many extra services.

A great deal of fresh meat, moose and caribou, is being freighted down the Klondike these days.

There will be a meeting tomorrow evening of the executive committee of the Museum Association, to adopt constitution and by-laws.

First-class wood for fuel was being offered for sale in the city at \$13 per cord, the lowest price ever reached in Dawson for that article.

John Manning, after being confined to his room at the Regina hotel for eight days, with a sprained ankle, is able to be out on crutches and will be himself again in a few days.

Martin Sickenger, who had the misfortune to fall from a bicycle and break his collarbone several days ago, is rapidly improving and will start for the outside in a few days.

The health committee of the Yukon council will meet at the commissioner's office this afternoon to consider the matter of appointing of additional vaccination officers.

When the A. C. fire whistle blew this morning for the fire at the Portland, no alarm was received at the fire hall till after the A. C. hose had been laid, although the hose were harnessed and waiting before the whistle stopped blowing.

At the Presbyterian church last evening P. R. Ritchie and Miss Emma Allen were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. Grant. Both are well known here, where they have a host of friends who wish them a life of happiness. A further account of the wedding will be found in the society column of Saturday's Nugget.

### Unruffled.

"Say, you," cried the victim in the crowded trolley car, glaring up at the transgressor, "my feet are not made to stand on."

"That's so," replied the other pleasantly. "You don't need 'em for that while you've got a seat, do you?"—Philadelphia Press.

### An Occult Influence.

"The fortune teller told me that some powerful influence was standing between me and success in life."

"Do you suspect any one?"

"I can't decide whether it is our baby or the cook."

### Considerate.

"Are ye goin to Flannigan's wake t'night, Casey?"

"O! am not. He licked me once, an now that the poor mon's dead O! wouldn't hov 'im think O! kem to gloat over his remains."

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