

column through the top of our white plug-hat, and make us unhappy.

For myself, I have no objection to the lesson the goat teaches, so long as he does not come too close to me to teach it. It is not, however, to discuss the uses of the goat, Masonically or otherwise, that this article is written, but rather to move the kindly hearts of a most worthy fraternity; so that they may see the wrongs of the patient and long-suffering Masonic goat as I see them, and to persuade them to take the lodge-goat down into the backyard occasionally, and give him some old succulent tomato cans and fresh air.

To those who have not become warmly intimate with the Masonic goat, and are inclined to withhold their sympathy and influence in his behalf, from a wrong opinion of his character, and a misunderstanding of his ardent, impulsive nature, I desire to say that he is as harmless as a dove and as gentle as a prospective heir, after you have been around with him and know him, and can give him the correct grip and pass-ward.—*Puck.*

THE LANDMARKS.

- I. The modes of recognition.
- II. The division of symbolic Masonry into degrees.
- III. The Legend of the Third degree.
- IV. The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer, called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the Craft.
- V. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the Craft, wheresoever and whensoever held,
- VI. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
- VII. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for opening and holding lodges.
- VIII. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.

IX. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.

X. The government of every lodge by a Master and two Wardens.

XI. The necessity that every lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled.

XII. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his representatives.

XIII. The right of every Mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or general assembly of Masons.

XIV. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge.

XV. That no visitor, not known to some brother present as a Mason, can enter a lodge without undergoing an examination.

XVI. That no lodge can interfere in the business or labor of another lodge.

XVII. That every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides.

XVIII. That every candidate for initiation must be a man, *free born*, and of lawful age.

XIX. That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.

XX. That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life.

XXI. That a book of the law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge.

XXII. That all men in the sight of God are equal, and meet in the lodge on one common level.

XXIII. That Masonry is a secret society, in possession of secrets that cannot be divulged.

XXIV. That Freemasonry consists of a speculative science founded on an operative art.

XXV. That the Landmarks of Masonry can NEVER be changed.