

....Some Big Rewards....

The biggest reward ever given for a thing not intrinsically worth a penny changed hands when Clements Markham, the "Diamond King," recovered his lost watch chain, says TIT-BITS.

He owned a bullet which had wounded his grandfather, Lieutenant Markham, in the Crimean war, and he naturally set great store by it. It always hung on his watch chain, but one day it broke away and was lost, while he was trying to pass through a great crowd of sightseers during the late queen's jubilee in London. He advertised in nearly every paper in London next day, offering \$250 for the recovery of the bullet, and when no reply arrived he put the price up to \$500. Three days later an ex-policeman named Brooks, who now lives in High Barnet, found the lost chain on the roadway in St. James street and took it to its owner, who he declared, shed tears of joy on getting the prized bullet back. The offer of \$500 caused a lot of talk, and the finder even then hardly believed such a sum would be given for an apparent trifle. But the delighted owner not only paid him at once in notes, but told the lucky finder to come to him if ever he were in difficulties.

Gladstone once lost a pocketbook in the streets of York, and advertised for it, not saying what price would be given. If it was of no possible use to anybody but the statesman himself, but contained a budget of notes on Homer, whom Gladstone was translating. The pocketbook was found by one Orton, a young clerk in a York bank, and he forwarded it to Hawarden castle. The G. O. M. returned to the finder a check for \$550, saying that the notes in the portfolio represented the work of a whole year's spare time, and the reward was still below the mark, if anything. That clerk, by the way, is now a wealthy business man of Manchester.

It is hard to imagine that any one

would set much store by a bad shilling, but a coin of that kind, dated in the year Queen Victoria came to the throne, was regarded as a mascot, priceless in value, by the late Sir Arthur Sullivan. It was once passed on the great composer for a genuine shilling, and, so far from being annoyed afterwards, he declared that it was the luckiest emblem he ever owned; for Sir Arthur, like many musicians and poets, was a little superstitious. He carried it about with him for ten years, and when he lost it one day at Henley regatta he was inconsolable. He offered \$50, \$100, and finally \$250 for its recovery, and during six weeks he declared scores of bad shillings were attempted to be palmed off on him as the "one and only." Finally an old man named Bowring, a retired waterman, picked it up on the towpath and took it to its owner, receiving the reward and the composer's grateful thanks.

A much bigger reward for a thing worth only a little more was the recompense of \$1,500 given by Baron Rothschild for the recovery of a dog he lost in London. The dog might have been worth \$2.50 at its best, for it was a mixture of a good many breeds, principally Skye terrier, and not the kind of a dog a millionaire would be expected to have. It belonged, however, to his little nephew who was inconsolable at the loss and whom nothing in the way of costly dogs would compensate for the affectionate mongrel. Nearly ten weeks the dog was at large; for it left London at once, and made its way over the country towards Southampton. The rewards, which were advertised in all the leading papers, went from \$50 to \$1,500, which latter is the highest ever offered for a dog in this country, at any rate. The dog was found eventually near Portsmouth by a well-to-do shipowner, who claimed the reward, with the request that it should be divided among three hospitals.

Tricks of Dog Swindlers

Every dog breeder will allow that prizes at shows are often won by dogs which, if the dog fakir had not previously treated them, would hardly have been commended. Yet the practice is universally condemned by judges and fanciers. It is, however, of all swindles the most difficult to fight against, for in many cases it is next to impossible to detect.

For instance, a terrier may be completely spoiled for show purposes by having his ears askew, one up and the other down. Yet its owner may easily correct the fault by handaging the animal's head for some hours a day while still a puppy. There can be no real objection to this practice. The dog fakir, on the other hand, will summarily remedy such a defect by the operation known as "threading," or sometimes by actually cutting a small muscle. It is extremely difficult for a judge, at a dog show to detect the traces of such an operation if it has been carefully done. Yet this is, of course, faking pure and simple, and to be condemned accordingly. The ears of collies, too, if at a wrong angle, are improved by weights being attached to them.

Some fakes are much more easily detected. Pipe-claying a bull terrier, for instance, to give it the admired pure white coat was at one time a common practice. But a little handling on the part of the judge will usually give away this swindle. The professional fancier has got beyond pipe-clay nowadays. He has a whole case of carefully selected fast dyes. With these he can eliminate wrong colors or produce right ones with the greatest ease. Such dyes last four weeks, and will even stand soap and water. That patch around one eye, which makes a fox terrier look so workmanlike, is often improved by a little dye.

Nitrate of silver is another material which the professional dog fakir is always provided with. Dr. Gordon Stables speaks of a case in his knowledge in which the spots on a Dalmatian dog's tail were put on with nitrate of silver. The outfit of the dog fakir consists of a case of razors, several neat little tweezers, scissors, surgical needles and thread, paint, nitrate of silver, and the dyes above mentioned. He also has a quantity of emery paper of various degrees of fineness. The latter will, in the hands of an expert, produce an amazing difference in the coat of a smooth-haired dog, such as a bull terrier or mastiff.

Texture and quality of coat, as well as color, go for a good deal when a dog is on show, and many weeks before its appearance on the

bench the unlucky dog which has faults in this direction is taken in hand for improvement. Superfluous hairs are picked out one by one and various dressings are employed to make those that remain soft and pliable. Olive oil and flowers of sulphur mixed are rubbed in, and have a marvelous effect in softening and improving a bad coat. If a dog's head is bald, showing the skin beneath, glycerine is the remedy employed, and there are many other compounds known to the skilled, if unscrupulous, show man.

One dog which specially lends itself to this sort of treatment is the Bedlington terrier. After such a dog has been a couple of weeks under the fakir's hands its own master would fail to recognize it. The Dandie Dinmont is frequently altered in equally startling fashion.

Occasionally the unscrupulous professional will go to even greater lengths to improve on nature. There is a case on record in which an Irish water spaniel, whose splendid top-knot had excited the admiration of all spectators, was found to have had this adornment artificially attached by means of glue.

The cropping of the ears of black and tan bull terriers has now been definitely forbidden by law, and more recently an edict has gone forth against the docking of the tails of terriers. But these enactments are more honored in the breach than in the observance. What is worse, unnecessary cruelty is often practiced in docking dogs. Biting off a puppy's tail is a barbarous practice; cutting and searing with a hot iron causes needless pain. The surgeon's caeser is the proper instrument to use. Worse than all is the pulling out of the nerve from the amputated tail; the practice is both cruel and useless.

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Bill Which Provides for the Incorporation

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The interest in the Dawson Athletic Association has become so general and there are so many, comparatively speaking, stockholders that the ordinance passed by the Yukon council providing for the incorporation of the association will doubtless prove of no little interest to those who have at heart the prosperity of the scheme as laid out and which it is proposed will be followed to a successful conclusion. No one has been probably more energetic in promoting the association than C. B. Burns, the federal secretary, who has been heart and soul in the movement ever since its first inception. Nearly \$15,000 of the capital stock has been subscribed and a call for the first fifty per cent. has been made, of which amount about \$5,000 has been collected. Within the next few days another thousand will be on hand and then it is proposed to at once advertise for bids for the construction of the building. The ordinance providing for the incorporation is entitled "An ordinance to incorporate the Dawson Amateur Athletic Association, Limited," and is as follows:

Whereas, the persons hereinafter named have by their petition prayed for the incorporation of themselves and others as an association for the purpose of organizing, conducting and carrying on an athletic association and social club, and such other business as is incidental thereto, and whereas, it is deemed expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, the commissioner of the Yukon territory, by and with the advice and consent of the council of the said territory, enacts as follows:

Henry C. Macaulay, Donald A. Cameron, Fred T. Congdon and J. T. Lithgow, all of Dawson, in the Yukon territory, together with such persons as have signed the share list of said association, a copy of which was annexed to the said petition, and also such persons as may hereafter become members and shareholders in the association hereby incorporated, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of The Dawson Amateur Athletic Association, Limited, hereinafter called the association, with the powers following:

- (a)—To carry on the business of an athletic association for the promotion of purely amateur sports in all branches; also, to conduct and carry on a general club house in connection with such association, combining, reading, writing and dining rooms; also, to combine skating and curling rinks, gymnasium, bowling alleys and all other sports and games.
- (b)—To purchase or take on lease or rent any real or personal property and any rights and privileges which the association may think fit for the purpose of its business.
- (c)—To construct, maintain or alter any buildings or works necessary for the purposes of the association.
- (d)—To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute, and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments for an amount not exceeding \$10,000.
- (e)—To execute and enter into such contracts as may be advisable for carrying out the purposes of the association.
- (f)—To sell, manage, improve, develop, exchange, release, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the association.
- (g)—To frame, draw up, and endorse a constitution, rules, regulations and bylaws respecting the management and conduct of the affairs, concerns and business of the said association.
- (h)—The head office of the association shall be in the city of Dawson, in the Yukon territory.
- (i)—The capital stock of the association shall be \$20,000 divided into 200 shares of \$100 each, with power to the association to increase its capital as the necessities of the association may require, to an amount not exceeding \$25,000.
- (j)—The following persons shall be and are hereby constituted the first directors of the said association—

Henry C. Macaulay, Donald A. Cameron, Fred T. Congdon and J. T. Lithgow.

The bill was passed and became a law Wednesday evening.

Leaped the Track

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 1.—While rounding a curve on a high embankment near Berry, Ala., this morning, the engine and four cars of an excursion train on a branch of the Southern railway leaped from the track and rolled over and over, smashing ten coaches and causing the instant death of twenty-one persons, and the injury of eighty others. Physicians say at least twenty-nine of the injured cannot live.

With the exception of H. M. Dudley, trainmaster of the Southern railway, living at Cunningham, and Roscoe Shelby, of Columbus, Miss., all the dead and injured are negroes, who had taken advantage of the excursion rates from points in Mississippi to Birmingham. All live in Mississippi.

The train was running at a rate of thirty miles an hour. At a curve on top of a sixty-foot embankment the driver of the engine left the track, jerking the engine and the first four cars with it. There were ten cars in the excursion train, but the fourth broke loose from the fifth and with the heavy engine plunged down the steep incline.

The cars, which were packed with passengers, turned over several times and were crushed like egg shells, killing and crippling the inmates. Dead bodies were scattered in every direction, and the moans and appeals for help from the wounded were awful. Wrecking trains carrying physicians were hurried from Columbus, Miss., and Birmingham; and every thing possible is being done to alleviate the sufferings of the injured.

To Help Ireland

London, Aug. 30.—Another step has been taken toward the Americanization of Ireland—a process that seems likely to develop important political results, if it keeps on at the present rate. The latest move purports to be philanthropic. Its object is to restore the woolen industry of Ireland to its old-time activity. To this end Thomas D. Smith, an Illinois capitalist, who came originally from Scotland, asked representative men of Galway to meet him in Dublin a few days ago. He told them he would put up \$50,000 for a woolen

mill at Tuam, if they would supply the site.

He is reported to have said that he didn't want any return on his money, desiring merely to have the enterprise cover expenses. If this undertaking succeeded, he was prepared to aid in the development of other resources in the province of Connaught. The district council and the county council, local tradesmen and clergymen have the matter in hand, and it is said that by the time Mr. Smith, who is now on the ocean, reaches home Tuam will be ready to accept his offer, and that ground can be broken for the mills by the first of next year.

The town had a population of 8,000 about thirty years ago, but emigration to America has left only 3,000 there now. It was selected as the scene of operations because it is so conveniently situated for the purpose.

It is the center of an agricultural district fourteen miles inland from the city of Galway, whose harbor has been widely discussed lately as a favorable port for the reception of the largest of transatlantic steamers. The district itself is capable of supplying sufficient wool to keep the capital of the syndicate fully employed. It has also magnificent water power. The wool could be purchased at first cost, instead of having to pass through several hands; as now, before it reaches the manufacturer.

Mr. Smith has been traveling lately in the colonies and on the continent, and he has given some attention to the manufactories of England, and what he has learned convinces him that woolen goods can be manufactured in Ireland cheaper and better than in any other country in the world. He thinks there would be a big market for the goods in America.

According to report, Mr. Smith's hobby for some time has been the idea of finding a method to prevent the rapid depopulation of Ireland. He has been getting facts for some years and the present offer is the first outcome of his studies.

The Donegal quarries, which lately passed into American hands, are some sixty miles from Tuam. As a result of their operations the first load of fresh meat to be landed in Ireland was brought in recently, thanks to arrangements for giving the ship a return load of Donegal granite.

SECRET MARRIAGES

Are to be Tabooed in Ontario

Five Hundred Occured Last Year Resulting in Widespread Bigamy.

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Windsor, Ont., Sept. 11.—So many clandestine marriages have occurred in Ontario during the past year that restrictive legislation bearing upon the question will be introduced in the house. The matter is in charge of Reaume, M.L.A., who has secured statistics of a somewhat startling nature. During the past year over 500 marriages of a clandestine nature were reported, many of which resulted in bigamy and divorce proceedings. Strict legislation is anticipated.

Several Killed

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Boston, Sept. 11.—Through the explosion of a powder magazine at Fort Winthrop, Governor's island, one soldier was killed and five injured. Two are also missing.

Rioting in Jamaica

Special to the Daily Nugget.
New York, Sept. 11.—Rioting is reported at Bridgetown, Jamaica, in consequence of the populace refusing to permit the isolation of a smallpox patient.

Expecting Attack

Special to the Daily Nugget.
Panama, Sept. 11.—It is expected the revolutionists will attack Panama today. Ships have appeared off the harbor. The government is hastily preparing for defense.

Doyle a Baronet

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London, Sept. 11.—A Conan Doyle, the novelist, has been raised to the title of baronet.



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