

Trial by Torture.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS THE LAW HAD SOME RUDE OLD WAYS.

Mr. Justice Darling recently remarked that in Anglo-Saxon times the truth of a man's statement was tested by binding his hands and feet and throwing him into a conveniently deep pond. If he sank he was to be believed.

What a champion hustler the Law must have been in those days! There were no police, but every "good man and true" considered it his duty to root out all evil-doers as quickly as possible. Once a culprit was caught things moved with breath-taking celerity. There was no time for cross-examination or any great precision in the sifting of evidence.

This, however, did not help to make smooth the path of the perjurer. If the ordeal of cross-examination was unknown, other more primitive ordeals were in favor.

In one of these the accused was required to hold a bar of red-hot iron in his right hand. If he was not burned, he was declared not guilty. This was a variation of the Roman law, in which a suspected person was required to walk barefooted, over red-hot ploughshares.

"Getting into Hot Water."

The Church, especially in Scotland, placed great faith in this test. A special ceremony was appointed, prayers being offered while the iron was being heated in a brazier in the church. The priest then sprinkled the red-hot bar with holy water, and the accused had to raise it aloft in the assembled congregation.

In another test the prisoner's arm was forced into boiling water and if it were not scalded this was held to prove his innocence.

Fortunately, these barbarous ordeals, although lawful, soon fell into disuse, though the more humane one mentioned by Mr. Justice Darling remained in force for several centuries.

Under the Normans a new ordeal came into favor. A man could choose to prove his case by a tilt of arms, the victor having the satisfaction of "winning the day" in a literal sense. Where the Crown was a party to the action, as in the case of a dispute over the ownership of land, the battle was waged by hired champions, a rather expensive method, though not so costly as present-day litigation.

This method was not abolished until after 1819, although it had not been used for long before that. In that year a man named Thornton was accused of murder, the informer being a private individual—one Ashford. Thornton waged battle, and the law had to be amended to prevent resort to violence as a means of proving innocence.

Applying a Little Pressure.

According to the law, every accused person must plead "Guilty" or "Not Guilty." Nowadays, if he will not answer, a plea of "Not Guilty" is entered, but until 1777 no one seems to have thought of that way out of the difficulty.

When verbal pressing failed the accused was forced to suffer "Peine forte et dure," heavy, severe pain, as in the following authentic case.

In 1726, at the Surrey Assizes, a man named Burnwater was accused of murder, and refused to make any answer to the charge. To cure his obstinacy, he was "pressed with four hundredweight of iron, and fed on mouldy bread and stagnant water on alternate days only." In the end he pleaded "Not Guilty," but the court thought otherwise, and he was convicted and hanged.

On second thoughts, perhaps, it is just as well the law is not in a terrible hurry nowadays.

In the case of murder the mediaeval Church adopted an awe-inspiring method. The dead body was placed in the nave, and all friends, relations, known enemies, and any suspected persons were obliged to advance and touch it. It was believed that when the real culprit touched his victim, blood would spurt from the veins of the latter.

As even the most callous criminal was so imbued with superstition that he would use every artifice to save himself from coming in contact with the body, this method proved quite successful, the guilty man frequently revealing himself to the watchful priests by the very care he took to avoid an ordeal which he feared would betray his secret.

Saving the Coppers.

A shoe manufacturer one day watched a workman operating a machine, which, among its other uses, puts eyelets in shoes. Noting the carelessness of the man, who had been working some hours already, he searched round the floor near the machine until he had picked up eyelets to the value of about eight cents. He watched the operator a while longer, and then asked him to pick up the eight cents he had dropped. This puzzled the man—he could see no money on the floor. Finally the manufacturer explained.

Inquiry revealed that in this factory of 2,000 workmen, carelessness on the part of one small item meant a loss of nearly \$500 weekly, enough to pay the wages of a good many of them.—Financial Times.

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WALT MAJON

Scene From
Manslaughter.



Cecil B.
DeMille's
Manslaughter

Thomas Meighan
Leatrice Joy, Lois Wilson
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STAR MOVIE MONDAY.

Resurrection of
John Barleycorn.

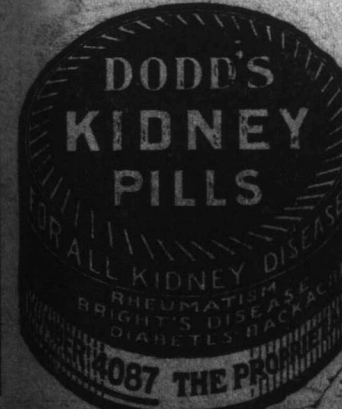
MANITOBA TO REVIVE SPIRITS
TOWARDS END OF NEXT MONTH.

John Barleycorn will be resurrected in Manitoba toward the end of September.

Two members of the Manitoba Liquor Commission, W. J. Bulman and W. P. Dutton, are here to study the workings of the Quebec Liquor Commission.

The members explained that it will be the end of September before the wet stocks arrive and the breweries can deliver. The workings of the Manitoba Act are not at all similar to the Quebec Act. First of all a dollar has to be paid in Manitoba to get a permit to use liquor. And then the order written out and forwarded to the Commission for delivery. But there will be no going in to a liquor store and bringing out a bottle under the arm. The Manitoba Commission will deliver in bottles and cases. But there will be no re-sale permitted. Then there will be no taverns, restaurants, or hotels to sell wine, beer or anything else. The Manitoba Commission will be allowed to deliver all sales of the wet stock, and breweries with authorization from the Commission, will be allowed to deliver beer to customers with permits.

The officials have not yet decided the number of depots to be established in the Province but quite a few will be necessary. It is also considered that on account of the longest distances stocks will have to travel that prices will be higher than they are in the Province.



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