

square, solid-looking mansion, surrounded by verandahs, overhung with awnings. Conservatories flank one side, and everywhere is an air of hospitality and comfort. Overlooking generous acres is this home of a generous-hearted man, Alonzo Wright, for whom the Lord had to make a large body to hold his great heart, and whom his fellow men have named the "King of the Gati-neau."

With his permission we push on, and at last reach our destination, Wright's Island. A rustic bridge from the mainland crosses a stream, which flows over a mass of solid rock, worn into corrugations with the action of the waves. On other three sides of this island, which is about half a mile long, the water rushes past, now deep, dark and quiet, then fretted into restless foam, or glinting over shoals. Here and there in the stream may be seen piles of logs stranded and fast locked together, waiting until the spring freshets carry them down the Gati-neau into the Ottawa.

The island is covered with tall, "murmuring pines," and under foot the pine needles and club mosses make the softest carpet. Deep in the refreshing shade is a rustic arbour, furnished with rustic chairs and tables, with outlooks on every side of hill, rapid and wood, with a faint suspicion, away in the distance, of the towers of a city left miles behind, forming a most delightful resting place. Scattered through the trees are rustic seats, and here our party wandered about, listening to the music of the waters, enjoying the scenery to the utmost, until approaching night hurried us on our homeward way.

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### BLUE LAWS OF CONNECTICUT.

Many of our readers who have often heard of the Connecticut blue laws have probably never had an opportunity of perusing that celebrated code. The territory is now comprised in the State of Connecticut and New Haven. The colony of Connecticut was planted by immigrants from Massachusetts and Windsor, in 1633, and Hartford and Whethersfield 1635-36. The other colony, styled by its founders the Dominion of New Haven, was founded by immigrants from England in 1638. The two colonies were united in 1665. The statutes copied below from an ancient volume relating to the history of the American colonies, Haven, and being printed on blue paper, came to be known as the Blue Laws.

The governor and magistrate, convened in general assembly, are the supreme power under God, of this independent dominion.

From the determination of the assembly no appeal shall be made.

The governor is amenable to the voice of the people.

The assembly of the people shall not be dismissed by the governor, but shall dismiss itself.

Conspiracy against this dominion shall be punished with death.

Whoever says there is power and jurisdiction above and over this dominion shall suffer death and loss of property.

Whoever attempts to change or overturn the dominion shall suffer death.

The judges shall determine no controversies without a jury.

No one shall be a freeman or give a vote unless he be converted and a member of one of the churches allowed in the dominion.

Each freeman shall swear by the blessed God to bear true allegiance to this dominion, and that Jesus is the only king.

No Quaker, no dissenter from the established worship of the dominion, shall be allowed to give a vote for the electing magistrates or any other officer.

No food or lodging shall be offered to Quaker, Adamite or heretic.

If any person turns Quaker he shall be banished and not suffered to return but on pain of death.

No priest shall abide in the dominion; he shall be banished and suffer death on his return.

Priests may be seized by any one without a warrant.

No one to cross the river but an authorized ferryman.

No one shall run on the Sabbath Day, or walk in his garden, or elsewhere, except reverently, to and from meeting-house, cut hair or shave on the Sabbath day.

No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or shave on the Sabbath day.

No woman shall kiss her children on Sabbath or fasting day.

The Sabbath shall begin at sunset on Saturday.

To pick an ear of corn growing in a neighbour's garden shall be deemed a theft.

A person accused of trespass in the night shall be judged guilty, unless he clears himself by his oath.

When it appears that the accused has confederates, and he refuses to discover them, he may be racked.

None shall buy or sell lands without permission of the selectmen.

A drunkard shall have a master appointed by the selectmen, who are to bar him from the liberty of buying and selling.

Whoever publishes a lie, to the prejudice of his neighbour, shall be set in the stocks, or be whipped ten stripes.

No minister shall keep a school.

Every rateable person who refuses to pay his proportion to support the minister of the town or parish shall be fined by the court 5s. and 4d. every quarter until he or she pay the rate to the minister.

Men stealers shall suffer death.

Whoever wears clothes trimmed with gold, silver or bone lace above 1s per yard shall be presented by the grand jurors, and the selectmen shall tax the offender \$200 estate.

A debtor in prison, swearing he has no estate, shall be let out and sold to make satisfaction.

Whoever sets a fire in the woods, and it burns a house, shall suffer death, and persons suspected of this crime shall be imprisoned without benefit of bail.

Whoever brings cards or dice into the dominion shall pay a fine of £5.

No one shall read common prayer books, keep Christmas or set days, eat mince pies, dance, play cards, or play any instrument of music, except the drum, trumpet and Jew's harp.

No gospel minister shall join people in marriage. The magistrate only shall join them in marriage, as he may do it with less scandal to Christ's church.

When parents refuse their children convenient marriages, the magistrates shall determine the point.

The selectmen, on finding children ignorant, may take them away from their parents, and put them in better hands at the expense of their parents.

Fornication shall be punished by compelling marriage, or as the court shall think proper.

Adultery shall be punished with death.

A man that strikes his wife shall pay a fine of £10.

A woman that strikes her husband shall be punished as the law directs.

A wife shall be deemed good evidence against her husband.

No man shall court a maid in person or by letter, without first obtaining consent of her parents; £5 penalty for the first offence; £10 for the second; for the third imprisonment during the pleasure of the court.

Married persons must live together or be imprisoned.

Every male must have his hair cut round according to his cap.



Sarah Bernhardt is growing stouter.

John Strauss, the French musician, is dead.

Hans von Bulow will visit the United States next spring.

Camilla Collet, the Norwegian writer of plays, is an advocate of woman's rights.

A manuscript volume of compositions by Michael Haydn, dating from 1777 to 1779, has recently been discovered in Salzburg.

Mrs. Rignold, who died a few days ago at Birmingham, was the first actress to undertake the part of *Hamlet*. She tried it fifty years ago.

An English amateur has recently secured in Milan a magnificent Stradivarius, dated in 1816, and in perfect preservation, for the sum of £800.

Adelina Patti's share in the profits of her South American tour amounts to over 300,000f. "The Barber" brought in the largest profits and "Rigoletto" the least.

The fourth centenary of the discovery of America will be celebrated at Genoa by the revival of an opera by Morlacchi entitled "Cristoforo Colombo," composed in 1828.

The prize of 10,000 francs offered by the City of Paris for the best musical composition was kept back, for the reason that none of the compositions were considered worthy of it.

The directors of the Imperial opera at Vienna, who are compelled to produce each season three works not before heard, for next season, have selected Rubenstein's "Der Daemon," Berlioz's "Benvenuto Cellini," and Baron Franckette's "Asrael."

A stage hero at one of the local theatres rather marred the effect of his lines, the other evening, when he rushed into a burning building to save somebody's life, exclaiming as he did so, "I will perish or die!" To the chagrin of the audience he did neither.

Sir Charles Hall and Madame Norman Neruda, are married. Sir Charles Hall, one of the first pianists of England, has been a leading factor in musical festivals, and concerts, and a month ago was knighted by the Queen. Madame Norman Neruda is the first lady violinist of the world and well known in all the musical centres of Europe.



"What's this, waiter?" "Railroad soup, sir." "Queer name for soup." "Yes, sir; stock's been watered so often, sir."

The man who has a brand new typewriter and leisure and lots of linen wove manuscript paper cannot help feeling that he has it in his power to make a big literary reputation for himself, if he can only think of something to say.

"Johnny," said the minister, rather severely, "do you chew tobacco?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply, "but I'm clean out just now; Jimmy Brown's got some, though."

Mr. Caudle—Doctor, I want you to put up a powerful sedative for my wife; give me the best specific for insomnia you know of.

Doctor—What's the matter? Can't she sleep?

Mr. Caudle—Yes, I guess so; but I can't.

"Well, Janet," asked a facetious husband whose wife had just discharged the hired girl, "are you going to bravely breast the waves of the domestic sea of troubles?"

"No," she answered demurely; "I am only going to stem the currants."

By the roadside:

Tramp No. 1—I say, Jem, I've got a dandy new name for me old shoes. Call 'em "corporations" now.

Tramp No. 2—Fer why, me boy?

Tramp No. 1—'Cause they've got no soles.

"I think I must have overestimated my personal magnetism and popularity," said a badly defeated candidate. "What induced you to think you possessed such qualities?" asked the unsympathetic wife. "Well," he replied sadly, "my name is Robert and everybody calls me 'Bob.'"

It was at Saratoga, and he had passionately declared his love.

"I am wholly yours, Mr. Higgins" the happy girl replied; "but would you kindly leave your card before you go? Not as a guarantee of good faith," she explained, "but I am curious to know your full name."

Gentleman—"What's the matter, Uncle Rastus? You look sick."

Uncle Rastus—"Yes, sah; I ate er whole watermelyun last night, jess 'fore I went ter bed, an' I ain't feelin' bery well dis mawnin'."

Gentleman—"Are you going to see a doctor?"

Uncle Rastus—"No, sah; I'se gwine fo' anudder melyun."

"Aw, Cholly, I haven't seen you out lately with Miss Flossie. Anything the mattach, old boy?"

"Yas, Alfwed. She insulted me the othah day, and I've dwopped her."

"Insulted you, Cholly? How?"

"Showed me a little pug dog that she had twained to sit upwight and suck the head of a cane, bah Jove!"

"Ah, how d'ye do, Charley?"

"I'm not feeling well at all. The fact is, I haven't slept well lately, and then I've eaten too much hot bread and fried steak and wilted vegetables."

"Oh, I see you've been on your vacation. Well, cheer up, old man! you've got nearly a year ahead of you to recuperate."

Mamie had noticed that the ducks and chickens did not stay much together. Not knowing that the ducks preferred the pond to the barn-yard, she one day said: "Auntie, I think the chickens treat the duckies real bad. I b'lieve they just won't sociate with them because they've got big feet and such ugly noses. I would'nt treat my friends that way just because they don't look pretty."

Take a number of sheets of new white paper an I write a story on them. Any story will do.

Get your double-barreled shot gun and load it with fine bird shot.

Pin your story up against the side of a barn, stand off about twenty feet, aim carefully, and let both barrels drive.

If you find that there haven't been sufficient vowels knocked out, repeat the operation.

Lord Erskine, when Chief Justice of England, presided once at the Chelmsford Assizes, when a case of breach of promise of marriage was tried before him in which Miss Tickell was plaintiff. The counsel was a pompous young man named Stanton, who opened the case with solemn emphasis, thus: "Tickell, the plaintiff, my lord—" when Erskine dryly interrupted him with "Oh, tickle her yourself, Mr. Stanton; it would be unbecoming in my position."

They tell a story in Dublin about Balfour and an eminent bishop who has fought hard for the unfortunate people of his country. The two men met for the first time at dinner, and in the course of the talk Mr. Balfour said:

"But, after all, I fancy that the newspapers make more noise than the masses. Do you think now that the people really dislike me?"

"Ah, Mr. Balfour," said the priest, "if the Irish only hated the devil half as much as they hate you, my occupation would be gone."