

however, in a fit of repentance, Bro. Smith decided to go home early and gladden the heart of his lonely wife.

Accordingly he presented himself at the door of his residence soon after 11 p.m., and gave a bold double knock. To his wife's question of "Who's there?" he confidently replied, "William."

"Now, look here," cried Mrs. S., indignantly, "none of that. My man William won't be home for three hours at least, and if you don't clear out at once I'll call the police."

And William heard the grating of the key in the lock and the rattle of the chain and meekly concluded that reforming was not in his line.—*Ex.*

A Good Endorsement.

Marriage Certificates ought to be written on the back of a life insurance certificate, or at least accompanied by a life insurance certificate of a good round sum. Such a provision would remove the necessity of many a widow from advertising as follows:

WANTED—Plain Sewing, by a respectable widow. Address X.Y.Z.—*Plank and Platform.*

At Niagara Camp.

Officer (in haste, calling to his batman)—Fiegehan!

No response.

Officer (with all his lung power)—Fiegehan!!

Private Fiegehan (emerging from a tent):—Yes, sir!

Officer—Did you hear me?

Private Fiegehan—Yes, sir, I heard you the second time you called.

Newspapers in Austria.

A Pointer for Financial Journals.

Some curious facts have been brought to light in the course of an action for libel brought against the editor of *The Neunkirchner Zeitung*, a provincial weekly paper with a large circulation in Neunkirchen and district. Neunkirchen is a flourishing town about 60 miles from Vienna.

The editor, Carl Kulf, urged in extenuation of his misdemeanor that he was so occupied with his duties as a shoemaker that he had no time to properly discharge his editorial work, which he only undertook as a supplementary occupation. His salary as editor was £5 per annum.

Judge—You do not seem to possess the training and education necessary to an editor.

Herr Kulf—That is not necessary at all.

Judge—But an editor must at least be able to write an article.

Herr Kulf—Oh, no, I cut all my articles out of other papers.

Judge—Who acted as editor in your absence?

Herr Kulf—A hatter lived next door to the office, and he used to receive the correspondence and hand it over to the printers. The printers published what interested them.

Judge—These are extraordinary conditions for a town so near the capital of Austria.

Herr Kulf—It is not only in Vienna that proper ideals of the mission of the press are in vogue. I always praise the townspeople who deal with me and pay their bills regularly, and "pitch into"

those who buy their shoes elsewhere and do not settle their debts. *The Neunkirchner Zeitung* is a paper with principles. It receives a subvention from the local authorities.

Judge—How did you obtain the subvention?

Herr Kulf—I undertook to fully report all the mayor's speeches, chronicle his small doings and shower praise on his administration.

Herr Kulf was finally sentenced to a fine for not exercising that supervision over his paper which an editor is in Austria legally compelled to do.—*London Mail.*

Utah Papers Please Copy.

This little biography is not written as a joke. It was written as a serious "composition" by a real schoolboy. The article is clipped from *Boys* as follows:—

"King Henry VIII. was the greatest widower that ever lived. He was born at Anna Domino in the year 1066. He had five hundred and ten wives, besides children. The first was beheaded, and afterwards executed. The second was revoked. She never smiled again, but said the word 'Calais' would be found written on her heart after her death. The greatest man in this reign was Lord Sir Garnet Wolsey. He was surnamed the 'Boy Bachelor,' being born at the age of fifteen, unmarried. He often said, had he served his wife as diligently as he had served his king, she would not have deprived him of his gray hairs. In this reign the Bible was translated into Latin by Titus Oates, who was ordered by the king to be chained up in the church for greater security. It was in this reign that the Duke of Wellington discovered America, and invented the Curfew bell to prevent fires—most of the houses being built of timber. Henry VIII. was succeeded on the throne by his great-grandmother, the beautiful and accomplished Mary Queen of Scots, sometimes known as the 'Lady of the Lake,' or the 'Lay of the Last Minstrel.' He died in his bed in the last year of his age."

A German Death Notice.

Under the "collective mourner" system in Germany all the relatives of the deceased bind themselves together to mourn his loss and to defray collectively the cost of advertisement. The case of Mrs. Regina Werschau is an instance in point. She lived to the age of 111 and left behind her many relatives, whose testimony, quoted textually from the *Warschau Gazette*, reads as follows: "Filled with sorrow we announce to all our relations and acquaintances the departure of our innermost loved Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great-Great-Grandmother and Great-Great-Great-Grandmother, who departed this life on August 22, 1898." The signatures of the parties affected follow. The German for the last title is "Uruurgrossmutter."

Financially Weak.

"Madam, you've already overdrawn your account."

"What's that?"

"You haven't any more money in the bank."

"The idea! A fine bank, I think, to be out of money because of the little I've drawn! Well, I'll go somewhere else."—*Ex.*