

Queer Freaks in Etiquette.

When the youthful King of Spain was twelve years of age he one day had the misfortune to slip and fall down a flight of the palace steps. The fall would very probably have been attended with fatal results had it not been for a servant who extended a kindly hand and saved his young master by breaking the fall. But by a stringent rule of Spanish etiquette no servant may dare touch the sacred person of the King, and for this very 'grave' offence the servant was at once dismissed from his position.

By a remarkable law of royal etiquette, which has existed for a number of years at the Court of Siam, no person is permitted to sleep in an apartment situated above that occupied by the King. A deliberate breach of this rule has on more than one occasion been punished by death. Recently when the King of Siam paid a visit to Paris a number of bedrooms were reserved directly above that in which the King was to have slept for the dusky followers of the royal visitor. The blunder caused great consternation among the fearful courtiers, until the matter was explained to the management and duly rectified.

It is a traditional etiquette custom in the Marlborough family for each Duke to present a Blenheim spaniel to the Duchess when she enters Blenheim for the first time as its mistress. The story from which this custom has origin is that during the battle of Blenheim a spaniel followed at the heels of the great Duke throughout the day, never leaving him until victory was assured.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.

A Remarkable Experience

55 Year old Mamie Gallivan, of St. John, Three Days and Nights in The Woods and Still Lives.

St. John, May 25.—Mamie, the 11 year old daughter of Michael Gallivan, Brookville, is safe at home after a remarkable experience. She had been missing since Monday, and the ensuing time, she says she has spent in the woods without shelter or food. By some her story is questioned, who think it impossible that she could have survived such an ordeal. She is certainly very sick, weak and threatened with pneumonia. About four o'clock yesterday afternoon the girl was found by her brother Michael, aged about 13. He was attracted by the barking of the house dog which was in the woods apparently some little distance from the house. So persistent was the barking that the boy went to investigate. When he came near the place where the dog was, the animal ran forward. Just then the boy heard his name called and looking around saw his missing sister, half reclining on the ground at a place where the dog had been. The girl was helped to a nearby house. She complained of severe pains in her chest, was inclined to be feverish and was very weak. She was not ravenously hungry. Resting on a couch she talked but not very coherently. She had gone into the woods, she said, and became lost. She said she had no food but had obtained water from the lake. The dog had had come to her each day but she was unable to follow the animal on its return to the house. There is a report current in Brookville that the girl left home because she had been chastised and was afraid to return.

Bicker—I hear your confidential clerk has skipped out with your daughter and \$100,000 of your coin.

Easy—Yes, that's right—but I guess he isn't a bad sort of chap after all. I had a letter from him this morning saying he was willing to send my daughter back if I'd pay her railway fare.

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OLD LEAP YEAR LAWS.

When Women Proposed Six Centuries Ago the Man Had to Accept.

In two countries, at least, and more than 600 years ago laws were passed which gave women the right of proposing marriage. These enactments went even farther than this. They also stipulated that if the man whose hand they had sought should refuse he should incur a heavy fine.

A searcher among the ancient records of Scotland discovered an act of the Scottish parliament, which was passed in the year 1293, which runs as follows: "It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of his maist blisist Megeste, ilk for, the years knowne as Lepe Yearre, ilk mayden ladye of balthe highe and lowe estaet shall have liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit gif he refuses ta. talk hir to be his lawfull wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum of ane hundris or less, as his estaet may be, except treasie gif he can make it appeare that he is betrothit ane ither woman, he then shall be free."

A year or two later a law almost similar to the Scottish enactment was passed in France and received the approval of the king. It is also said that before Columbus sailed on his famous voyage to the westward a similar privilege was granted to the maidens of Genoa and Florence.

There is no record extant of any fines imposed under the conditions of this Scotch law and no trace of statistics regarding the number of splinters who took advantage of it or of the similar regulations in France, but the custom seems to have taken firm hold upon the popular mind about that time. The next mention of it is dated nearly 400 years later, and it is a curious little treatise called "Love, Courtship, and Matrimony," which was published in London in 1606. In this quaint work the "privilege" is thus alluded to:

"Albeit it now becomes a part of the common law in regard to social relations of life that, as often as every leap year doth return, the ladies have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love either by words or looks, no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight or contumely."

Up to within about a century ago it was one of the unwritten laws of leap year that if a man should decline a proposal he should soften the disappointment which his answer would bring about by the presentation of a silk dress to the unsuccessful suitor for his hand.

A curious leap year superstition is still to be met with in some parts of New England, and that is that during leap year the "beans grow on the wrong side of the pod."

An Incautious Critic.
Almost the last work that Sir Edwin Landseer was engaged on was a life sized picture of Nell Gwynn passing through an archway on a white palfrey. This picture, in which the horse alone was finished, was bought by one of the Rothschild family and given to Sir John Millais to complete. One morning a celebrated art critic called and was much impressed with this work.

"Ah, to be sure," he said, going up close and examining a deerhound, which almost breathed, in the foreground of the picture. "How easily one can recognize Landseer's dogs! Wonderful, isn't it?" "Yes, it is wonderful," remarked Sir John, lighting another pipe. "I finished painting that dog yesterday and have done the whole of it myself." That critic was sorry he spoke.

Another Reason.
Aunt Emeline is the best loved woman in Snymouth, for her charity is alike of hand and heart. Like many other excellent persons, Aunt Emeline is not a church member, but she is a regular attendant at the village church, which is so near her cottage as to seem under the same roof. When, at the close of a recent sermon, the minister requested all those present who had never united with the church to retire at the end of service, everybody was surprised to see Aunt Emeline rise and start down the aisle.

"Aunt Emeline," the minister called softly, "that does not apply to you!" "That isn't why I'm going," Aunt Emeline responded serenely. "I smell my dinner burning up."

The Oily Menhaden.
The oily character of the menhaden is familiar. It is caught for its oil, which is tried out in factories. Menhaden fishermen use purse nets, which are tarred to preserve them. To keep their hands from sticking to the tarred nets they rub on them a freshly caught menhaden, handling it somewhat as they would a cake of soap. So oily is the menhaden that the simple pressure thus applied is enough to bring through the scales oil sufficient for the purpose.

Contradicted.
"It's impossible to have too much of a good thing," said the thoughtful thinker.

"Oh, I don't know," rejoined the contrary person. "Matrimony is a good thing, but what the law does to a bigamist is plenty."

Taking No Chances.
"Perhaps," suggested the waiter, "you would like a Welsh rabbit."

"No," said the austere customer; "I am a vegetarian."

"A Welsh rabbit is made of cheese, you know, sir."

"I know it. As I said before, I am a vegetarian."

HUMOR

DOGS AS TROUBLE MAKERS.

Squatter in Cumberland Mountains Knew Trouble by Signs.

I had been staying for three or four days with a squatter in the foothills of the Cumberland mountains when he had to go to the village, five miles away, and I decided to accompany him. As we drew near the town he turned to me and said:

"Things may be all right here today or they may be a little risky."

"How do you mean?" I asked.

"Well, if Jim Harner and Joe Styles are in town with their dawgs you want to be ready to skip with me at a minute's notice. If they ain't here, we can loaf around and have a good time."

"Are the men enemies?"

"Not exactly, but each one of 'em believes his dawg the best. If them dawgs git together there is shore to be consequences."

"A row, you mean?"

"Sorter of a row, sonny. That'll be about four men killed and six or seven wounded, and even then they may not settle the question as to which is the best dawg. Keep your eyes on me, and when I wink at you foller me out of town on the jump."

We went to a grocery and a shoe store and had to go around to the post-office when we ran into a crowd. It was composed of two dogs and about fifty men, and after one look the old man winked at me and started. I followed, and when he halted half a mile away he was asked what was the matter.

"Jim Harner and Joe Styles and their dawgs," he replied, and just then the shouting and shooting and snarling began.

We pushed on homeward and had been at his place for two hours when a man came riding along from town.

"Hey, Tom, which is the best dawg?" called my host.

"Nobody kin tell yet," was the reply. "There's been two men shot dead, five wounded and one house burned down, and them darned curs are still standin' off and lookin' at each other and 'fraild to fight.'"—Chicago News.

Typographical.
A barber was busy trimming the heavy tuck of white hair by which Mark Twain is known, when the humorist's attention was drawn to a very small boy in buttons standing beside his chair.

"Hello! What are you?" asked the humorist.

"A page, sir," replied the atom, swelling visibly.

"A page!" exclaimed Mark, in assumed scorn. "Why, you aren't big enough for a paragraph!"—Woman's Home Companion.

An Economic Shortage.
"There was one thing about that armless Venus of Milo that strongly indicated she would be an economical wife."

"What's that?"

"The fact that her husband wouldn't have to buy her an ermine muff."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When He Was Absorbed.
"He's the most devout man in church. I never saw any one who could be so absorbed in prayer."

"Indeed? I never noticed it."

"Probably not. I don't suppose you ever took up the collection."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Explained.
"Why isn't that astronomer as famous as he deserves to be?" asked one student.

"Because," answered the other, "he insists on using his telescope instead of his imagination."—Washington Star.

One of Many.
"He would never have become so addicted to drink if it hadn't been for the trouble he had."

"Why, what trouble did he have?"

"He had trouble in keeping away from it."—Philadelphia Press.

Not in Bunches.
At a west end hotel one of the party asked:

"Have you got any celery, waiter?"

"No, sir," was the significant answer. "I relies on me tips."—London Tit-Bits.

Wouldn't Be So Complicated.

"Soon, my son, there'll be no north, no south, no east, no west."

"I'll be glad of that, grandpa; 'twill make geography a blamed sight easier."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Real Reason.
"Skinner always shaves himself."

"What's the matter? Doesn't he trust the barber?"

"Yes, but the barber won't trust him."—Detroit Free Press.

Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increase in the Number of Operations Performed Each year—How women May Avoid them.



Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on those snow-white beds women and girls, either awaiting or recovering from serious operations.

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