

UNPLEASANT FOR THE MAJOR.

Experience With a Brawny Hotel Porter.

Did I ever tell you the Major's curious adventure last winter? No? Well, the Major came into the Rumfozlers one night with three pieces of court-plaster on his nose and an eye in half-mourning, and was vainly importuned to divulge its origin. He declined all confidences, but the Yapper, to whom in a weak moment he had related the circumstances under which he had received his scars, told us all about it after the Major's departure.

It appears that he was stopping at an hotel where a brawny farmer's son had been engaged with no experience in hotel work, but with a frame capable of caring for his master's property during the small hours, and with a profound sense of duty as well. The weather was cold, and the Major asked the landlord to have a fire made in his room at 6.30 the next morning. As is customary, a slate was hung in the hallway containing directions for the night porter regarding the time guests were to be called to catch early trains, etc., so the landlord wrote upon the slate—

"Fire 40 at 6.30."

Next morning the Major was awakened by a loud knock at his door. He shouted "Come in," for it was 6.30, and the porter entered. "You're to get out," he said, briefly.

"What do you mean?" asked the Major, testily.

"I'll show you what I mean," remarked Pat, "if you don't get mighty quick. I've orders to fire you out at 6.30, and out ye go."

"What kind of a fool are you, anyway?" shouted the Major, sitting up in bed.

"I am all kinds," responded the porter, "but I obey orders just the same, and out ye go."

Suiting the action to his words, he grabbed the Major by the neck and hauled him out into the middle of the room.

"Now driss yourself, ye blackguard," said Pat, "and driss quick. Or I'll throw you out ye arse."

The Major began to storm, and used language not to be repeated, whereupon the exasperated and honest porter sprang upon his victim and shot him into the hall like a bundle of rags. The Major's clothes, travelling bags, rugs, etc., followed.

"Now," said Pat, "if ye don't driss in foive minutes out ye go in the strate as ye were born!"

And out the Major would have gone, but the landlord, disturbed by the noise, came and rescued him from his formidable persecutor. And that was the result of Pat's interpretation of "Fire 40 at 6.30."

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EDUCATED SOLDIERS BEST.

De Wet, Boer Leader—Rejoiced in Spread of Education.

In Europe it is generally held that men from the rural parts of the country make the best soldiers and that the townsmen, who are better educated but have also a clearer perception of the dangers and discomforts of war, are much more ready to throw up the sponge when in their opinion there is no use in continuing the fight. The famous Boer guerrilla leader, Christian de Wet, thinks differently, and a speech he made to some South African students the other day gave very striking evidence in favor of educated soldiers. He said that he himself had no school learning because he had never had the chance, but that during the three years of the war he had gone through a process of education. He found that the bravest and most trustworthy soldiers were those who had received a good education. At the end of the war eighty per cent. of those who still remained under arms on the Boer side were men of learning. Nearly all the men of the backveld had abandoned the struggle and gone home. That, said De Wet, was his experience, and therefore he rejoiced in the spread of education in the Transvaal.

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BANQUET 17 HOURS LONG.

Sir Robert Hart at Chinese Banquet of 125 Courses.

Sir Robert Hart, the veteran inspector-general of the Chinese customs, speaking at a dinner in London the other day, said that he once in Pekin sat out a banquet that lasted seventeen consecutive hours. There were 125 courses, and he tasted them all. Mr. Ward, the American envoy to China, who tried to secure an interview with the Emperor Hsiang-Fung in 1859, tells how he was entertained at a dinner that lasted from noon one day until six o'clock on the evening of the day following. The total number of courses was not given, but Ward mentions that he had to give in after partaking of 133 different dishes, "whereupon his hosts wondered greatly"—presumably at his abstemiousness.

Probably, however, the Esquimaux banquets last longer than any other and the quantity of food swallowed is also proportionately greater. Ross records that seven of his party of natives once ate continuously for thirty-three hours, during which time they consumed 200 pounds of seal meat. Europeans exposed to the same climatic conditions act in much the same way. Captain Scott has long journey over the inland ice of the Antarctic continent, did nothing but eat and sleep for the space of three days and nights, and even then he was still hungry. Commander Peary and his party, returning famished from the futile dash for the pole in 1906, slaughtered a herd of seven musk oxen on Hazen Island, off the extreme north of Greenland. For two days and nights thereafter they crouched inside their snow huts, eating continuously, and when they had finished the pile of bones outside was "as high as a tall man's chin."

GROW RICH BY ACCIDENTS.

Band of Fakirs Who Feed on Parisian Companies.

Avery clever swindler, passing under the name of Count Grenot-de-Thuin, lost his temper with an omnibus conductor, in Paris, France, and lost his liberty in consequence.

He tried to get into an omnibus which was full, and struck the conductor during the altercation. He was then taken to the police station, where he was asked whether he had any claim to the ribbon of the Legion of Honor in his button-hole. His reply was given in such forcible language that the inspector ordered him to be searched.

About thirty accident insurance policies and details of accidents were found in his pockets. Inquiries were made, and the "count" was found to belong to an organization which has in the last year or two defrauded several insurance companies in Paris of large sums of money.

The organization owns a number of motor cars so constructed that accidents occur constantly. The drivers, who are accomplices, arrange for heavy indemnity, and then put their cars in order again. A number of women and men who also belong to the organization have for some years past succeeded in throwing themselves, without serious hurt, under the wheels of motor cars, omnibuses, private carriages and cabs. They get medical certificates for injuries, and in many cases obtain heavy damages.

The "count" after a severe cross-examination, confessed that he was at the head of the organization, and that he made \$40,000 last year as his share of the fraud. Seven of his accomplices were arrested.

INSURANCE APPLICATION.

Remarkable Occurrences Recorded in These Documents.

The way in which application form for insurance are filled up are often more amusing than enlightening. An illustration in the British Medical Journal gives the following: Mother died in infancy. An uncle died of cancer on his mother's side. Father went to bed feeling well, and the next morning woke up dead. Grandfather died suddenly at the age of 103. Up to this time he had fair to reach a ripe old age. Applicant does not know anything about maternal posterity, except that they died at an advanced age. Applicant does not know cause of mother's death, but states that she fully recovered from her last illness. Applicant has never been fatally sick. Father died suddenly; nothing serious. Applicant's brother, who was an infant, died when he was a mere child. Grandfather died from a gunshot wound, caused by an arrow, shot by an Indian. Applicant's fraternal parents died when he was a child. Mother's last illness was caused from chronic rheumatism, but he was cured before death.

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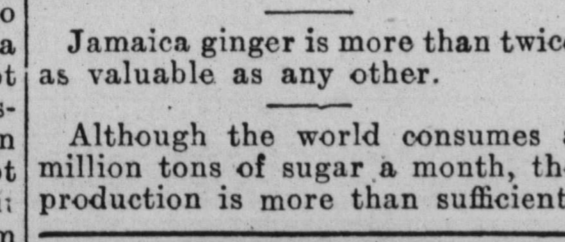
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