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HANNIBAL'S REPLY.

John Goode Tells of an Incident in the Confederate Congress.

Judge John Goode, of Virginia and Washington, an ex-member of the National House and also of the Confederate Congress, regaled the cloakroom recently with an incident of his public service in Richmond.

"Foote, of Tennessee, with a bitter hatred of Jefferson Davis, against whom he had run for Governor when a resident of Mississippi," said Judge Goode, "launched into an attack on the administration after the Confederate defeat at Cloyd Mountain. He also criticised Albert Sidney Johnston. Foote said in mighty tones that if Johnston had fought as he ought to have fought 'peace like a wedding garment would now cover our fair land.'

"Albert Gallatin Jenkins, of Kanawha county, a quiet, self-contained little man, replied. The house was all attention. He said Foote's speech reminded him of an incident in the life of Hannibal. That great military genius, while on a visit to Athens, was invited by a friend to attend a lecture one evening at the Areopagus. The lecturer, it happened, chose as his topic 'The Life and Military Career of Hannibal.' As Hannibal returned from the lecture, which was anything but complimentary to him, he was asked by his friend what he thought of it.

"'His reply,' continued Jenkins calmly, 'fits the gentleman from Tennessee like the wedding garment he has so eloquently described,'

"At this Foote, a very excitable man, was demanding that Jenkins should state what Hannibal's reply was. 'I know what he intends to imply!' shouted Foote. 'I know what Hannibal said. He said the lecturer was an old fool.'

"The feeling was very tense, and there seemed to be trouble ahead, "continued the venerable Virginian, 'but Jenkins kept his temper, replying:

"No. Hannibal's reply as it has come down to me was far different from what the gentleman has said, although I am not, like him, a classical scholar, Hannibal's reply was: 'As a general rule, civilians are not competent military critics.'"

"In a moment the body was in an uproar, and what threatened to be a tragic incident became humorous in the extreme."—*Washington Post.*

AGE OF A HORSE.

How You May Tell it by Examining the Animal's Teeth.

At public sales one sees so many old horses sold for young ones that he who can tell their age feels no little sympathy for a neighbor who buys a fourteen-year-old and pays a six-year-old price for it. Nearly every one can tell a very old horse from a very young one. Frequently one sees a sleek, fat, high lifed animal passing from general appearance for a five or six year old that is fully twice as old.

The lower front teeth, if healthy and natural, are practically an accurate guide, says the Baltimore Sun. A yearling has very short teeth, with deep cups in the center, the two end ones being shorter than the others.

A two-year-old has short teeth, with comparatively shallow cups.

A three-year-old has two long teeth in the center, with two short or "colt" teeth on either side.

A four-year-old has four long teeth, with dip cups in centers.

A six-year-old has shallow cups in the two center teeth.

A seven-year-old has the center teeth worn nearly smooth, cups of second pair shallow.

An eighth-year-old has the second pair worn nearly smooth.

A ten-year-old is commonly spoken of as a "smooth mouthed" horse—i. e., no cups. As the animal grows older the teeth become worn in proportion and the corners of the end teeth become rounded.

To tell the age with any degree of accuracy beyound twelve requires much experience and the examination of many sets of teeth.

How Port Arthur Got Food.

The medium-sized Northern Chinese junks make first-class blockade runners. They are built very low in the water, with the decks almost awash when loaded, so that only the bow and stern rise noticeably above the water line. They are strong, flat-bottomed and of unpainted, dirty wood, with no bright colors about them. Propelled by from ten to twenty oarsmen, if the sails fall, they glide through the water with no noise or smoke, and are very difficult of detection. Dodging along the shore and among the numerous islets which extend from the Shantung peninsula across the mouth of Pechill gulf, they resemble the low, brown rocks, and during the past months hundreds of them have evaded the Japanese watchers and carried tons of fresh provisions and vegetables to the beleagured Port Arthur garrison.—London Times.

SMOOT ON POLYGAMY.

Holds That a Man Whose Wife Was Insane Would be Justified in Taking Another.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Attrackted by the announcement that Senator Smoot to-day would continue his testimony before the Senate committee on privileges and elections, which is investigating the protests against the Senator retaining his seat, a crowd gathered early to-day.

Senator Smoot was asked if he would have voted for the election of George Brimhall for president of the Brigham Young University. He said he would, as he would support a man like Brimhall for State office, but not for Federal.

The distinction he made was that Brimhall had taken no plural wives since the manifesto, but was living with a plural wife for the reason that his lawful wife was in an insane asylum. He admitted, first, that he believed Mr. Bimhall was violating the spirit of the law, and, pressed by Chairman Burrows, said that Brimhall was also violating the "letter of the law." However, the condition of the first wife was an extenuatng circumstance.

"What, then," again asked Chairman Burrows, "do you think it is an extenuating circumstance for a man to marry another woman and have children by her because his legal wife is in an insane asyum?"

"No, I hardly think that."

"Have you any doubt about it? Do you think it was an extenuating circumstance because the first wife was insane?"

"Perhaps I could put it as broad as that. I think it would be."

The Business Situation.

Bradstreet's says: "Industry still maintains a position of pre-eminent activity, while distributive trade for spring, not as yet fully open, lacks definite form in some lines. The holding-off tendency hitherto noted in the cotton goods trade still continues, but in woolen goods fall fabrics have been opened at a notable advance; the shoe and leather trades show increased activity, hardware and groceries are being sold freely and lumber is strong at higher prices than last year and with manufacturers active, though ultimate distribution is curtailed by seasonal influences. With the exception of the South and portions of the Southwest, where low-priced cotton affects collections and clouds the future, the feeling is one of great confidence in the future, and particularly as to the first half of the ensuing year's business.

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending January 19th numbered 304, against 295 last week, 266 in the like week in 1904, 253 in 1903, 292 in 1902 and 281 in 1901. In Canada failures for the week number 57, as against 24 last week and 25 in the week a year ago."

R. C. Dun & Co's Review says:

"Progress is more rapid in manufacture than in distribution, but this is largely due to the effect of unseasonable weather at some points and the unsettled feelings in the South, where the collapse of cotton prices has retarded collections and caused many cancellations. That production is maintained by mills and furnaces may be taken as evidence of confidence in the future. Iron and steel plants lead in activity, with woolens the feature in textile fabrics. Settlement of the protracted labor struggle at Fall River is encouraging, but the industrial atmosphere is disturbed elsewhere, although on the whole there is less than the customary idleness for this season. Prices of newly opened lines of woolens are higher, as was to be expected in view of the position of the raw material but consumption is not curtailed. Similiar strength in footwear has restricted business, buyers in the Boston market placing few contracts. Railway earnings for January thus far show a gain of 2.3 per cent. Foreign commerce at this port is also better than a year ago, the last week showing gains of $1,555,899 in value of imports and $292,986 in exports,"

The Problem.

The Actor—Look here, old man, I wish you'd lend me five dollars in advance, and take it out of my first week's salary.

The Manager—But, my dear fellow, just supposing, for the sake of argument, that I couldn't pay you your first week's salary—where would I be?

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Near Enough.

Customer—I want to get a book by some chorus girl.

Salesman—What's the title?

Customer—Can't quite remember, but think it is "How the Lower Half Lives."

BUYING RUBIES IN BURMA.

Grips and Signs Used in Bargaining For Precious Stones.

The peculiar business methods of oriental merchants are illustrated by the manner of buying rubies in Burma, says the Jewelers' Circular-Weekly. In the examination of rubies artificial light is not used, the merchants holding that full sunlight alone can bring out the color and brilliancy of the gems. Sales must therefore take place between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and the sky must be clear.

The purchaser, placed near a window, has before him a large copper plate. The sellers come to him one by one, and each empties upon this plate his little bag of rubies. The purchaser proceeds to arrange them for valuation in a number of small heaps. The first division is into three grades, according to size. Each of these groups is again divided into three piles, according to color, and each of these piles is again divided into three groups, according to shape. The bright copper plate has a curious use. The sunlight reflected from it through the stone brings out with true rubies a color effect different from that with red spinels and tourmalines, which are thus easily separated.

The buyer and seller then go through a very peculiar method of bargaining by signs, or, rather, grips, in perfect silence. After agreeing upon the fairness of the classification they join their right hands, covered with a handkerchief or the flap of a garment, and by grips and pressures mutually understood among all these dealers they make, modify and accept proposals of purchase and sale.

HYPOCRITE AND VILLAIN.

The Gentle Terms a Playgoer Once Applied to Forrest.

A number of professional men were exchanging reminiscences of Edwin Forrest, the great tragedian. One of them told the story of Forrest's experience in the west, which was not only of interest in itself, but also a tribute to the art of the actor.

The play was "Virginius," and Forrest was at his best. In the scene where he slays his daughter the audience was almost stricken with awe, and not a sound was heard until the scene was concluded, after which the artist was greeted with overpowering applause. In the following act Virginius comes on the stage looking worn and distracted. The reaction has set in, he is frenzied over the loss of his daughter, and he walks up and down, crying out: "Virginia, Virginia! Where is my child?"

An old miner, who occupied a front row in the orchestra and who had been terribly wrought up by the murder scene, could stand this no longer and, arising in his place, shouted out in loud tones, freighted with intense indignation:

"Why, you old villain, you killed her in the market house in the last act. You know it well enough. You are a hypocrite as well as a villain."

The laughter and applause that greeted this unexpected turn in the performance made it necessary to ring down the curtain.—Harper's Weekly.

The Blameless One.

Mrs. Colburn removed her outer garments and seated herself with a thud in her rocking chair in the front window. "I declare, I never saw such a gadder as that young woman the minister married in all my life!" she said jerkily as she ran her darning ball down into the heel of Mr. Colburn's gray stocking.

"I can't go over to Mis' Deacon Graves' of an afternoon or down to the store in the morning that I don't either find her there or see her, coming or going, three times out o' five!

"She's an awful starer, too," continued Mrs. Colburn, pulling at a knot in her darning cotton till it broke and her elbow flew back against the sharp edge of the table. "I can't look over at her front window but what she turns her eyes this way inside o' five minutes. Don't sit there looking so numb, William! Can't you see I've half killed myself? Fetch me the liniment, quick!"—Youth's Companion.

Not Humility of Spirit.

A young preacher in an uptown church was much struck one Sunday by the seeming effect his sermon was having upon one of his congregation, a shabby genteel man with white hair who throughout the entire discourse sat with head bowed in deeply reverent attitude. After the service the minister pushed his way to the man and proudly said:

"I am glad to note that my sermon affected you. Did it make you see the error of your ways?"

"Oh, it wasn't that," said the man sheepishly. "You see, my waistcoat is too short, and I had to bend over to hide my shirt."—Cleveland Leader.

A Tramp's Problem.

A tramp having found a hen's feather in his travels about the city kept it until night, when he carefully placed it on the pavement in a back alley and slept upon it. Awaking next morning and looking scornfully upon the bit of down, he exclaimed: "Gee whiz! If one feather is as hard to sleep on as that, what must a whole bedful be?"

What's In a Name.

"Maybe I have an ugly color, as you say," said the carrot to the beet, "but when I am gone I hope some one may say a good word for me. It seems to me a dead carrot has a better chance for respect than a dead beet." And the beet turned even redder in the face and had nothing more to say.

A man is never happy until he has ceased to care whether he is or not.—Chicago Tribune.

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Though the superstition about the killing of an albatross bringing bad luck is only a foolish one, it has served a useful purpose for many years in preventing the slaughter of these beautiful and gallant birds—the sailors' friends and the landsmen's wonder. Up in dreary Kamchatka, that outlying part of Siberia which cuts into the north Pacific, the natives, never having heard of the superstition about the albatross, catch him and eat him, but his flesh makes such poor food that, after all, the legend may be said to hold good, for he is indeed in bad luck who has to make a meal of it.—Ottawa Free Press.

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