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Binding a Bargain.

In the book of Ruth a shoe is mentioned as being handed over to ratify a bargain, and the custom in a sense seems to have been repeated later, for in the year 1002 certain bishops were put into possession of their sees by receiving a glove. These may have been richly jeweled gloves, for such formed part of the episcopal habit, and when some abbots thought fit to array themselves in similar hand covering peculiar only to bishops they were forbidden their use by the council.

The Right Ring.

Mr. Gusher—Darling! You refuse me a kiss? Has not my avowal the ring of true love about it? Miss Cute—Yes, dear, but my finger hasn't.

ANCIENT SEA WALLS.

Punishment That Was Inflicted For Neglecting Their Repair.

W. H. Wheeler in his "History of the Fens of South Lincolnshire" quotes Harrison as saying, in his preface to Holinshed's "Chronicle," that "such as, having walls or banks near unto the sea, do suffer the same to decay, after convenient admonition, whereby the water entereth and drowneth up the country, are by a certain ancient custom apprehended, condemned and staked in the breach, where they remain forever a parcel of the new wall that is to be made upon them, as I have heard reported."—P. 40.

Harrison, so far as I am at present able to make out, is the earliest authority for this, and he only speaks of it as a report.

In a paper by the Rev. F. C. J. Spurrell in "The Archaeologia Cantiana" relating to Dartford, I find the following, which, though it is by no means a proof of what Harrison had heard, tends to make the statement less improbable than it otherwise would be:

"In early times the Roman way crossed the marsh untroubled by the tide. Afterward, the tide having advanced further inland, the road was raised, becoming a causeway. In mediaeval times this bank was heightened against the tide, the road running inside, as at present. During a section made a few years ago through this road, near Stidolph's house, I saw a human skeleton extended across the bank about two feet below the present surface. This is, of course, a strange situation; but, looking to the fact that it was a tide wall, it is possible that the once owner of the skeleton had the duty of repairing the bank and, having let the tide through by his neglect, was placed in the breach, thus helping to repair it while suffering punishment. S. Smiles has mentioned that such a mode of dealing was a mediaeval custom. However, I know not how far the ancient graveyard extended hereabout, so that the body, which showed no signs of burial, might yet have been buried in sacred ground."—London Notes and Queries.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Don't abuse your rival. Behave better than he does.

Every one has an excuse for drinking. None of them is good.

How many people are you "comfortable" with? Not very many probably.

When it comes to romance, the kind found in books is very superior to the real thing.

It is stated there is an exception to every rule, but don't hope you will be one to the rule of old age.

A good many people are like little birds in a nest. When you praise them they lie still with their mouths wide open for more.

Engines are very much like people. The switch engine makes more fuss around the depot than the engines on the through trains. The cheaper the person, the more trouble he causes.—Atchison Globe.

Beauty and the Beast.

A well known southern churchman was recently visiting New York, accompanied by his wife, who is as beautiful as her life mate is homely. They were walking down Broadway one sunny afternoon, and the pair attracted much attention. One of two young "sports," evidently thinking to attract the favorable attention of the churchman's wife, in an audible aside remarked that it was another case of "the beauty and the beast." Quick as a wink the husband turned and, as he swung his right to the speaker's jaw, scoring a knockout, said, "I am a man of peace, but I never allow any one to call my wife a beast."—New York Tribune.

Catharine Parr.

Catharine Parr, the sixth wife of the much married Henry VIII., owed more to her intellectual than to her personal charms. She was not good looking, but had a pleasant face and a world of tact. So skillfully did she manage her troublesome husband as actually to turn him against some of the most trusted of his own officials. Once an order was made out for her arrest on a charge of heresy, but she got news of the matter and so cleverly flattered and soothed Henry as to effect a complete reconciliation, and when the officers came to serve the order he drove them out with curses and threats.

Brave or Reckless?

When a young man on a small salary and with the future very uncertain gets married we claim he is as reckless as if he jumped into water and couldn't swim. The romantic may call it courage, but it is pure recklessness.—Atchison Globe.

All Broke Up.

"She was very much affected, was she not, at the bad news?"

"I should say so. Her eyes dropped, her voice broke, her face fell, and finally she burst into tears."—Baltimore American.

Courtesy to Strangers.

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers it shows he is a citizen of the world and that his heart is no island cut off from other lands, but a continent that joins to them.—Bacon.

A Bunch of Her.

First Artist—What's that you're painting, a mediaeval family group? Second Artist—Not exactly. That's a portrait of Mrs. Henry VIII.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Anything to Please.

Mudge—See here, what did you mean by saying I wasn't half witted? Yabsley—What shall I say? That you are half witted?

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