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THE "REGENT."

A Diamond That Restored the Fortune of the House of Pitt.

Men have never collected great crystals for personal adornment. Even that "fribble in lace and spangles," the rival of Beau Brummel and afterward George IV. of England—even he sought them simply for some Perdita he was pursuing.

Louis XIV., le grand monarque, purchased twenty-five large diamonds, mostly for La Valliere, Montespan, Fontanges, Maintenon. Among them was the wondrous "Pitt." A slave in India found it. Having found it, his heart shouted for liberty. Cutting the calf of his leg in order to hide the diamond within the slit, he limped to the coast. To an English ship captain he offered it for passage to any country where men were free.

The captain, quite casually and with nice humor, took the gem and threw the slave into the sea.

The guerdon of such jesting release from servitude was sold to a dealer for $5,000 and through him reached Sir Robert Pitt, governor of Fort St. George, for $102,000, who shipped it home to England to be faceted.

A Scotch financier, John Law, then doing business in France, negotiated for a fee of $25,000 the sale of the diamond to the regent (afterward Louis XIV.) at $775,000.

It is pleasant to remember that thereby the fortunes of the house of Pitt were restored and that the seller's son, William Pitt, and his grandson, the Earl of Chatham, were assisted to high place and service by opportunities made possible through the profit on the diamond for which a poor slave, seeking freedom, was thrown into the sea. —Everybody's.

AN IRISH DUEL.

Rules Were Ignored and the Meeting Had a Happy Ending.

A duel with a happy ending seems an anomaly, yet one is commemorated in Blackwood's Magazine in an article on Irish "fire eaters." The duel as arranged was between John Egan, a county judge, and Roger Barett, master of the rolls. Both men were humorous, and the meeting upon the fair ground of Donnybrook was characteristic.

Upon the combatants taking their ground Barett, who was the challenger, promptly fired without waiting for the signal to be given and then walked coolly away, calling out:

"Now, Egan, my honor is satisfied!"

The judge, however, was by no means contented and shouted: "Hello! Stop, Roger, till I take a shot at your honor!"

Barett thereupon came back and, planting himself in his former station, said composedly:

"All right, then. Fire away."

Egan presented his pistol and, taking most deliberate aim, first at one part of the anatomy of the master of rolls and then at another, seemed determined to finish him outright. At last, however, he cried out:

"I won't honor you! I won't be bothered shooting you! So now you may go your own way or come and shake hands with me, whichever way you like best."

Barett chose to shake hands, and amidst the plaudits of the crowd the antagonists departed from the field in much good humor, the best of friends.

A Haughty Personage.

Professors in Germany are important personages and know it, but few probably ever reach the pinnacle of haughtiness attained by the one of whom this anecdote is narrated.

He was one of the greatest men in the faculty at Heidelberg. One day the authorities of that city ordered that the street in front of the professor's house should be paved.

"If you don't stop that noise," remarked the professor to the pavers, "I shall give up my position as a member of the Heidelberg faculty."

The pavers stopped work at once. The municipal authorities sent around to inquire respectfully of the professor when they might pave the street.

"When I take my vacation," he replied.

Then, and then only, was the street paved.

Influence of Sunshine.

M. Pouillet, an altogether competent authority on the subject, concluded from some experiments he made that the cold of void external space must be at least 253 of Fahrenheit's scale lower than the temperature of freezing water—that is, further below freezing water than boiling water is above it. Such would certainly be the condition of things upon the surface of the earth in the entire absence of sunshine, and such the earth will eventually become, for it is as certain as anything in the world that the time will come when the heat of the sun will cease.—Exchange.

Wise Girl.

"What? You're going to marry Tom Speed? Why, he's awful."

"What makes you think so?"

"I hear he's been blackballed by every club in town."

"Yes, I heard so too. That sort of husband won't have much excuse for staying out nights, will he?"—Cleveland Leader.

Trying to Place Him.

Boody—I'd have you to know, sir, that I'm not the idiot you think I am. Knox—Oh, I beg pardon. Which idiot are you?—Chicago News.

Repartee.

Bluff—I look upon you, sir, as a rascal. Biff—You are privileged to look upon me in any character you desire to assume.—Vogue.

HARD NAMES.

Some In Scotland That Aroused a Lady From Schenectady.

Few Americans have trouble in pronouncing the name "Schenectady," although the spelling of it is not always so easy. In "Talks In a Library" Lawrence Hutton tells of an old Scotch laird whose guest one summer was a young lady named Miss Cunningham, who came from Schenectady. "Skinney-taddy" and "Skenk-ter-addy" were as near to it as the laird usually came.

In his eyes the orthographic and orthoepic beam of his own titles and appellations was entirely eclipsed by the marvelous mote known as Schenectady, and he never realized that the inhabitants of the counties of Schoharie, Cattaraugus and Chemung in the state of New York might safely bite their thumbs at the residents of the shire of Fife in the kingdom of Scotland until his eyes were opened somewhat rudely and his sight was in a way restored.

"Uncle John," I said to him suddenly one evening when he was in convulsions over Schenectady—"Uncle John, what is the name of your place?"

"Baldutho'."

"And of your parish?"

"Aroncrauch."

"And of your postoffice?"

"Pittenweem."

"And of your railway station?"

"Killconguhar."

"And still, Uncle John," I continued, "you, as laird of Balduthy (the vernacular form), elder of the kirk of Arroncraw, receiving your letters and papers at Pittenweem and taking your trains at Killnocker, think Schenectady funny!"

BREAD SHEETING.

The Sun Dried Dough of the Land of the Pyramids.

In the land of the pyramids whenever coffee is brought into a visiting guest the sun cooked bread sheeting is always served therewith. It looks like so much chamois leather and is of sweetish taste, being compounded solely of flour and the expressed pulp of sultana raisins. It is cleanly to handle and can be crumpled up in the hand without fracture.

This bread sheeting is a most important article of interior commerce, per camel caravans, among the Asiatic kalifats and bazaars. It has for thousands of years been their combined bread, cracker and cake all in one.

The bread sheeting is used in the countries of origin as minor articles of furniture and furnishing, just as the natives of the tropics make a bewildering variety of uses of the cocoanut palm and its products, as sun blinds, awnings, lanterns, cashiers for holding papers and so on through a dozen uses. In their dry climates these uses are practicable, but in rainy seasons the goods if wetted collapse like paper almost.

Even in Manhattan among the Italian bakers you see the peculiar trellis work hardtack bread (made in big ringed sheets about a yard square) made to do duty as temporary shelving. It will not stand much weight, but is used for drying out light articles, as the air strikes the objects both from below and above.—Bakers' Weekly.

Use and Ornament.

Mr. Newrich, the multimillionaire, was furnishing the library of his magnificent mansion. "Let me see," he mused. "You've got the order for that $5,000 edition de luxe of Dickens bound in levant?"

"Yes, sir," replied the bookseller.

"And the $10,000 set of Shakespeare?"

"Yes, sir."

"And the standard authors bound in calf—Thackeray, Scott, Washington Irving, Cooper and all them there other fellers?"

"Yes, sir; I have a memorandum of the entire list."

"Well, then, that's off my mind," said Mr. Newrich of Pittsburg, with a sigh of relief. "Now, what I want is something to read. Say, have you got a complete set of 'Old Sleuth?'"—New York Times.

A Hero.

Tommy's mother had made him a present of a toy shovel and sent him out in the sand lot to play with his baby brother. "Take care of baby now, Tommy, and don't let anything hurt him," was mamma's parting injunction. Presently screams of anguish from baby sent the distracted parent flying to the sand lot. "For goodness' sake, Tommy, what has happened to the baby?" said she, trying to soothe the wailing infant.

"There was a naughty fly biting him on top of his head, and I killed it with the shovel," was the proud reply.—Lippincott's.

Because.

She—I tell you the moral superiority of woman is recognized in the language itself. There isn't any feminine for "rascals," is there?

He—Of course not, but that's because—

She—That's because there are no feminine rascals!—Chicago Tribune.

They Were Shady.

Bung—So you have succeeded in tracing back my ancestors? What is your fee? Genealogist—Twenty guineas for keeping quiet about them.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

Homemade.

Bill—Thought you always smoked Havana cigars? Jill—So I do. Bill—It says "Colorado" on that box you just handed me.—Yonkers Statesman.

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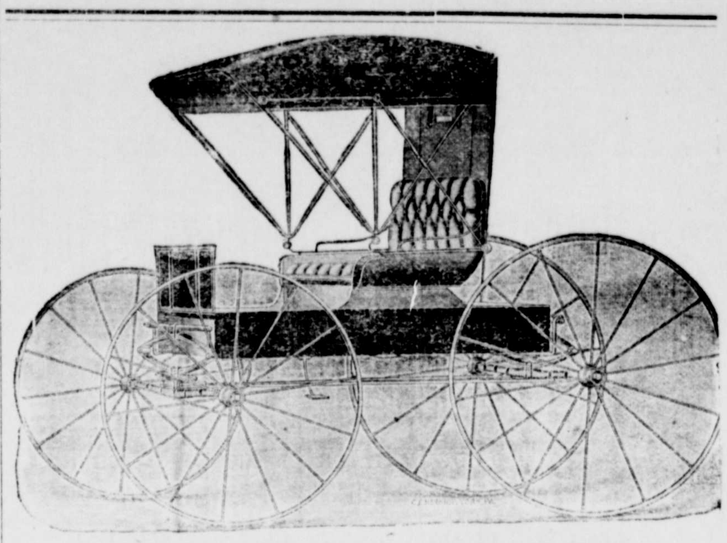

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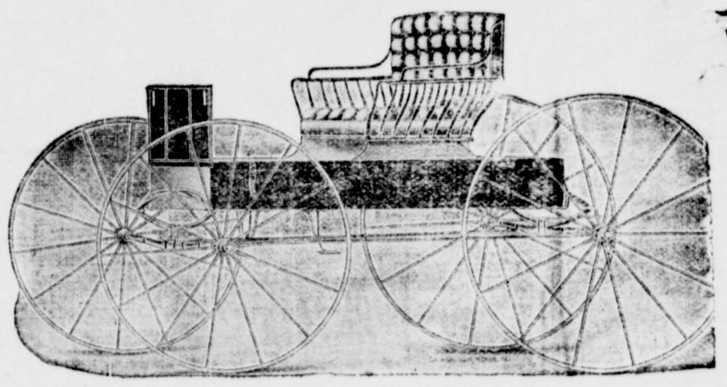

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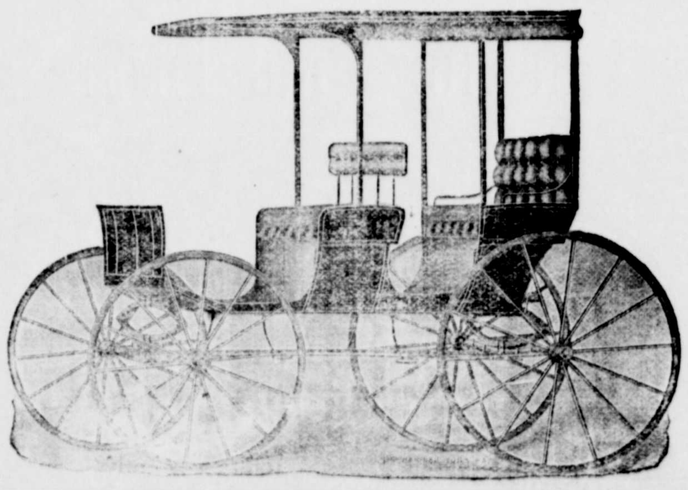

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