A TRUE GHOST STORY.

A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF BISHOP WILBERFORCE.

The Quiet Guest at the Country House and the Singular and Important Disclosure He Made When Addressed by the Bishop. The Estate Changed Owners.

The following remarkable incident in the life of the late Samuel Wilberforce, bishop of Oxford and afterward of Winchester, is related as absolutely authentic, and the good bishop himself is said to have many times rehearsed the story to his friends. Bishop Wilberforce was most prominent among his contemporaires of the English clergy and was once a leader of the high church party. He, however, frequently found time to devote to the social side of life and was sometimes styled the "bishop of society."

On a certain occasion the worthy bishop had accepted an invitation to stay at a country house not far from London. Entering the drawing room previous to dinner on the evening of his arrival, he noticed a priest—evidently of the Roman communion—sitting by the open fire and taking no part in the general conversation. The bishop was somewhat surprised at not being presented to the priest, and his astonishment was great when, a few moments later, dinner being announced, the guests retired, leaving the priest at his place by the fire. The hostess having assigned Bishop Wilberforce the seat of honor at her right hand, as soon as an opportunity offered he remarked:

"I beg your pardon, madam, but may I inquire who was the priest we left sitting apart in the drawing room?"

"Ah, you have seen him, then?" replied the lady. "It is not every one who has that privilege. I cannot tell you who he is or whence he comes. For many years this specter has haunted the house and grounds—it has, in fact, been a tradition in the family. He seems to do no harm, and although he appears only occasionally we have become quite accustomed to our friendly ghost."

"How very singular!" remarked his lordship. "But have you never addressed your priestly specter?"

"Indeed, I have had no opportunity, nor the desire, for that matter," responded the hostess, growing pale.

"May I take the liberty now?" inquired the dignitary.

"With all my heart, your lordship," replied the lady. The bishop arose, and returning to the drawing room found the priest where he had left him a few minutes before. Having no fear, the bishop said kindly:

"Who are you, my friend, and why are you here?"

The specter seemed to sigh deeply and say, as though to itself, "At last!"

Then, in a hollow voice, addressing the bishop, it continued: "I am the spirit of a priest who left this world some 80 years ago, and I am here to impart to any one who will receive it a secret which died with me. I could not rest in my grave while a great wrong was being done which it was in my power to right. I have been returning all these years in the hope some one would address me, for it was not given to me to be the first to speak. All men have shunned me until now, and it is your mission to do my bidding. I was a priest of the church of Rome and was called to this house 80 years ago to receive the confession of a dying man. He was the sole possessor of a secret, the knowledge of which would alter materially the entail of this vast estate, and in his death this man wished to repair the terrible wrong he had brought upon his kin.

"At his request I wrote down the confession word for word, as he gave it to me, and when he finished had barely time to administer the final sacrament of the church before he expired in my arms. It was very important that I should return to London that night, and in passing through the library to leave the house I concluded it would be safer not to carry the paper on which was written the confession away with me, but to place it in some secure, unseen spot, where I could obtain it the following day and deliver the document to the person for whom it was intended. Mounting the steps to the book shelves, I took out a copy of Young's 'Night Thoughts,' which was the first book upon the uppermost shelf nearest the last window, and inserting the paper carefully between its leaves I replaced the book and departed. A horse was awaiting me at the door, but ere we reached the entrance of the grounds he took fright. I was thrown and instantly killed. Thus died the secret of my confessor with me. No one has disturbed that book in all these years, and no one has had the courage to address this messenger from the unknown. The paper will be found as I have stated, and now remains for you to correct the injustice which has so long been upon this noble family. My mission is over, and I can rest in peace."

At the close of this remarkable speech the specter faded gradually from sight, and the bishop was left gazing into space. Recovering from his astonishment, Bishop Wilberforce went at once to the library and found the book exactly as indicated by the specter. In its secluded corner, upon the top shelf, thick with the dust of ages, evidently the book had remained unmolested many years. There was the document just as described, but now faded and yellow. The secret of the confession never became known to the world. The good bishop regarded it as a confidence from the spiritual world and always ended the story with the assurance that the priestly specter was never again seen. It is a fact, however, that about the time of this extraordinary occurrence the magnificent estate in question passed into possession of a remote member of the family, who until then had lived in obscurity.—New York Times.

ORIGIN OF LYNCH LAW.

It Began In Virginia and Was Neither Violent Nor Moblike.

Lynch law had its origin in Virginia, according to the conclusions of a gentleman who has been investigating the early history of that state. It was not mob law, as it is now understood. It was orderly, methodical and fair in its processes and was strongly opposed to violence or mob rule. Its distinctive feature was simply that its decrees and findings were executed sternly and swiftly upon the spot of their delivery.

Charles Lynch, whose name is associated with the summary proceedings now known as acts of "lynch law," was a Revolutionary soldier and after the war ended took up his residence in Pittsylvania county. The region in which he lived became at one period of the Revolution infested by bands of Tories and outlaws, whose depredations upon the defenseless people extended from the lower parts of North Carolina and Virginia to the passes of the Blue Ridge and the headwaters of the James and other mountain streams. Deserters from both armies added strength and semblance of organization to their operations. Wherever they appeared the terror stricken inhabitants were plundered, harassed and mercilessly subjceted to every variety of insult and outrage. A remedy was needed for this insufferable state of things, a remedy that should at once strike such terror to these miscreants as would relieve a community already suffering from the effects of hostile invasion. Colonel Lynch was the man to take the lead in such an emergency. He succeeded in organizing a body of patriotic citizens, men of known character and standing.

Having laid his plans before them and securing their approval, he at once proceeded to put them into execution. At the head of his followers he promptly got upon the track of the unsuspecting enemy, captured many and caused the others to flee from the country. When any of these outlaws fell into his hands, they were not taken at once to a tree and hanged or tied to a stake and shot, as is now done under the perverted system of the present day. This was not according to the code of Colonel Lynch and his followers.

So far from such a lawless procedure a jury was selected from Lynch's men, over which he presided as judge. The captives were tried separately, the accused allowed to make his own defense and to show cause, if he could, why he should not be punished. If found guilty, the punishment was inflicted on the spot. The general impression has been that in all cases of lynch law the penalty was death. This is a mistake. A writer who knew Colonel Lynch well was assured by him that he never willingly condemned a criminal to capital punishment; that prisoners were frequently let off with a severe flogging and then liberated on condition that they would leave the country.—New York Herald.

Elastic Marble.

In one account of Rome, the author mentions five or six slabs of elastic marble as being in the possession of the Prince Borghese. Being set on end, they bend backward and forward; when laid horizontally and raised at end, they form a curve; if placed on a table and a piece of wood or any other substance is laid under them, they fall into a kind of curve, each end touching the table. The Abbe Fortis was told that they were dug up near the town of Mondragon in the kingdom of Naples. The grain is like that of fine Carrara marble, or perhaps of the finest Greek. They seem to have suffered some attack of fire. A slab of marble similar in every respect to those described and highly polished has been exhibited for more than 25 years at the British museum. M. Fleuvian de Belvae succeeded in making common granular limestone, a granular quartz, completely flexible, by exposing it to a certain degree of heat. In Lincoln cathedral, England, there is an arch built of white marble which is quite elastic, yielding to a heavy tread and returning or rebounding to its original position on true elastic principles.—Brooklyn Eagle.

One of Japan's Jewels.

The great attraction of Kamakura, and one of the jewels of Japan, is the Daibutsu, or great bronze Buddha. We approach it through a three lined avenue and get the first and best view of it at a distance of some 200 feet. It is a sitting figure, 49 feet 7 inches high, 97 feet 2 inches in circumference. The face is 8 feet 5 inches long and from ear to ear 17 feet 9 inches wide. The eyes, which are pure gold, are nearly 2 feet long. The circumference of the thumb is 3 feet. These figures give some idea of the size, and the figure is elevated on a stone platform some 12 to 15 feet above the person approaching it. But no description can convey an idea of the majesty of the face. It is bent gently forward as if in brooding contemplation of the infinite. It represents perfect peace—the repose of the attained Nirvana.—Boston Herald.

A Curious Procession.

A curious procession once took place at Brussels. One part of the display consisted of a car containing an organ played by a bear. There were no pipes to the instrument, but a number of cats, each inclosed in a narrow cage, answered the purpose. They were so arranged that when the bear touched the keys of the organ the cats' tails were pulled, and the result was anything but choice music, to say nothing of the cruelty thus practiced on the poor animals.—Brussels Correspondent.

A Third Star.

Now the political equality clubs are busy sewing on to their equal suffrage flags a second star for Colorado, besides the star of Wyoming. While they are about it they may as well prepare a third star for Kansas, to be added next fall.—Woman's Journal.

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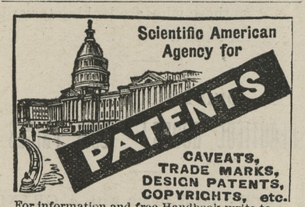

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