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SELDOM USED, NEVER ABUSED. The Pardoning Power in Britain—An American Tribute. In England the pardoning power is seldom used and never abused. The authorities take no thought of the convict except to keep him fast. The protection of the community is the governing influence with them. Punishment being imposed as a deterrent, they work on the theory that, in lessening its terrors, you impair its power to restrain. In the grim old days, when many offences now lightly punished were capital crimes, a poor wretch who was about to be sentenced to the gallows complained that it was hard to be hanged merely for stealing a duck off a common.

List of Fall Fairs. Following is a list of the dates of fall fairs so far as at present obtainable:

Table with columns: NAME, PLACE, DATE. Lists various fairs such as Industrial, Midland, Eastern, etc., with their respective locations and dates.

News Notes. The Scottish chess player James Marshall, a native of the victor. He was the eldest son of Dr. Ross. He was the eldest son of Dr. Ross.

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OCEAN RACERS. Enormous Amounts of Coal Consumed by the Big Steamships. "The big steamship business is being overdone," said Superintendent Charles G. West, of the French line, recently. "The size and number of all the steamers are increasing out of all proportion to the increasing cost of coal. This year the lines will get along all right on account of the Exposition, but next year they will have trouble. Either the big racers will have to be withdrawn, some of them, or rates will go down. You see, they are built for passengers, and they've got to run full, or nearly so, or they won't pay expenses. And as to laying them off, except in the rush of the season, why, it would be like laying millions of dollars idle in a safe deposit vault ten months out of the twelve. The interest in the investment in these boats is too big an item to be thrown away."

THREE HAPPY GIRLS. Released from an Obligation to Marry or Lose an Inheritance. The court this morning removed an incumbrance from three pretty, intelligent and amiable young ladies who reside on the north side of Barr street, between Cutter and Linn, says the Cincinnati Times-Star. The young women are known as the Courtney sisters, Jane, Julia and Anna, daughters of good old Mrs. Mary Courtney, who died some time ago. The obligation imposed upon the girls by their mother was to get married if they would derive certain privileges on her estate. Evidently she believed it is not good to live alone, but as her daughters never manifested any desire to enter matrimony, she, on her death bed, devised this unique way of bringing about the wish of her heart. She called a lawyer to her bedside and dictated to him a will which would never have allowed had he not been in his cups. The property, real and personal, she left in equal parts to the girls; but provided that neither or all jointly should be able to give a title to any part or the entire unless all were married. In case of any marriage the remaining one or two could enjoy all the privileges of the home and remain in it. The will was contradictory and showed unsteady heads of the testator and the scrivener. The court construed the will by giving a fee simple title to the young ladies and now they may pass a title whether unmarried or married. Father Quinn witnessed the will, but he did not read it. A queer fact is that originally the property belonged to the girls, and they decided to their mother, so in case of their demise she would be provided for. Had the paper held good as the old lady intended, the queer fact would have been presented of young ladies being obliged to marry to gain their own estate.

WHO LOST THE MONEY? A Conundrum Which Sent One Man to His Grave. Once there was a man who had misfortune. The further he went the worse he fared. When he struck El Paso he had just one round white silver dollar left to his name, and he went and bought a drink with it. The bartender took his American dollar and handed him a Mexican dollar in change. A Mexican dollar at that time was worth only 95 cents in United States money. There were rumors of trouble between the two republics, growing out of Indian raids, and the pursuit of the robbers from one country into the other. A Mexican dollar was only worth 85 cents in Texas, and the United States dollar was worth but 85 cents in Mexico. It was early in the morning. He had nothing to do with the rest of the day, or with the rest of his life for that matter. The Mexican eagle on his last remaining coin suggested something to his desperate fancy, and he wandered across to El Paso del Norte on the Mexican side. He bought a drink of the Mexican side. He laid down his Mexican dollar and received an American dollar in change, equivalent to 85 cents in Mexican money. He looked at the coin and an idea struck him. It appealed to his speculative humor. He retraced his steps to the American side, walked into a saloon, called for a drink of whiskey, paid for it with his solitary American dollar, which he had received in change on the other side and got a Mexican dollar in change. The barkeep promptly carried over the line, bought a drink of mescal and got a United States dollar in change. Then he got to thinking. Here was the situation. He had precisely the same capital he started with an hour before and had distributed 60 cents' worth of liquor through his system in the way of dividends. The whiskey and mescal was gone. It was no further use to anybody. The visible supply of exhilarating beverage had been absolutely diminished to that extent. He had paid for it in cash. He had all his original capital still in his pocket. True, he had contributed the labor of walking back and forth from the Mexican to the Texan side, and vice versa, but that, as he shrewdly decided, was non-productive labor, so far as the interests of the public were concerned. It earned nothing for it added nothing to the supply of anything. He might have walked back and forth until the river ran dry without anybody being the better off. Here was a chance to get even with the section of the country which had indirectly been the cause of his bankruptcy. He walked back to the Texan side, bought another drink, got a Mexican dollar in change, went back to the Mexican town, got another drink and a United States dollar in change. He kept it up all day. He picked up a stick and cut a notch in it for every drink, as the old Indian fighters used to keep a record of the scalps they took. He kept it up pretty steadily all that day until closing-up time, and set it at again the next day as soon as he could see. He waxed enthusiastic over his speculation, giving a war-whoop at every notch in the stick. But at length he got to wondering who was losing all this money. Apparently not the barkeepers. They were getting the market rate for their liquors. Surely not he, for he was holding his own. The problem bothered him. He was naturally a curious man. The more he thought of it the more he drank, the more his head swam around with perplexity and the more the subject in question became complicated with extraordinary things which reminded him of the manager's he had gone to see when he was a boy. At length, when he had consumed \$5.05 worth of Texas whiskey, and \$5 worth of Mexican mescal, he died in front of the saloon where he got the first drink and with a silver dollar in United States coin in his pocket—died of wondering who had lost the \$10.05 worth of two kinds of liquor which he had consumed, although the local coroner said it was delirium tremens. But neither the coroner nor his jury explained who lost the \$10.05, and that's what I want to know.—Pittsburg Times.

A WEDDING POSTPONED. Because the Groom Overtook Himself and Didn't Turn up. Considerable interest was manifested yesterday morning at St. Jean Evangelical Church on Primrose hill, where a young couple whose names are Joseph Potvin and Mary Arneault respectively, the former from Mechanicsville and the latter from Boothville, were to have been united in matrimony. The bride and all her friends were on hand punctually, and so was the priest, but the groom did not present himself. This put all the parties concerned in a flutter, and the greatest anxiety prevailed. A delegation was afterwards sent to the residence of the groom to inquire into his mysterious non-appearance. They were received by Potvin, who was as cool as a cucumber, and who met their queries by saying "he had slept it out." The marriage, the supper and the dance in the evening were all consequently postponed.—Ottawa Free Press.

In the House of a Rich Japanese. The wealthy Japanese make no display either in the architecture of their houses or in the display of ornaments. In the way of furnishing, their pride is in the delicacy of their mats and the richness of the satin cushions. The chief room in the house of a rich Japanese is thus described: "The saloon was about 25 feet long by 15 wide. At one end, in the corner, was a small raised platform in a little niche and on it a vase three feet high, holding flowering branches of the cherry tree. Behind, upon the wall, hung a very valuable but very ugly kakemono of a god. Twelve blue satin futons lay in two rows upon the floor and three standing lamps stood in a line between. A folding screen was placed to protect us from draught—and that was the entire furniture of the millionaire's drawing room. The 'mats' upon the floor were of the whitest and finest straw. The screen was a gorgeous one, with a battle scene painted upon a gold background. The Japanese keep their bric-a-brac in fire proof buildings, to be taken out one at a time and admired, and then replaced by another.—Chicago Times.

Methodist Dancing and Card Playing. Sometimes our young people, who are drifting into some form of conformity to the world, excuse themselves by saying that they have seen members of other churches dance, play cards, attend the theatre and drink wine, without losing religious caste because of so doing. This seems to us a justified plea. We are certainly not justified in assuming that it is right for us to do everything which members of other churches may do. We should go to the Bible and the Discipline of our own Church to learn what we should do—not to the example of others, whom it may not be safe to follow. We are not their judges; but it may be that the people who are held up as a proof that certain worldly amusements are innocent, are doing wrong and losing ground religiously in doing these very things. One thing is certain, it is not dancing, card-playing Christians that are successfully working and witnessing for Christ. It is equally certain that the spirit that circulates in connection with these practices is not helpful to growth in holiness. Among Methodists such practices are signs of religious declension. It is not wise to try how near we can drive to the edge of the precipice.—Christian Guardian.

Semi-Royal Marriage. Rumor in England leads to the conclusion that Princess Mary of Teck, daughter of the popular Princess Mary of Cambridge, is about to be married to the heir of a wealthy English peer. It is said that the Hon. John Baring is the bridegroom expectant. The Princess Mary is more generally known as the Princess Victoria of Teck. She is nearly of the age of the Princess Louise of Wales, who was married to the Duke of Fife the other day. She was 22 last May. The Hon. John Baring, if he be the suitor for her hand, is not yet 26. He is the son of Lord Revelstoke, the head of the great firm of Baring. So far as wealth goes, the match is of the most promising kind. Lord Revelstoke is immensely wealthy, and uses his riches admirably. The parish church he built at Nos is probably as complete a specimen of ecclesiastical architecture as can be shown amongst any of our modern country churches. The Hon. John Baring is said to be of his father's generous and thoughtful disposition, and though he has exhibited no signs of great genius, he is described as being intellectually of great promise.

A Good Investment. "Can you lend me \$5?" "Can't do it." "Why not?" "I never lent you any money, so I don't know whether you would pay me or not." "Well, great Scott! isn't it worth \$5 to find out what kind of a man I am? I might strike you for a hundred some day."

Mr. Newkome—Mr. Lamb, I have been recommended by Mr. Wells, the broker, to purchase my meat from you. He says you get very liberally with him and give him good meat. You are acquainted with him, are you not? Mr. Lamb—Oh, yes, but not as intimately as I once was. "Because I don't see him as often as when he paid me cash." Eastern Man—I do business in New York, but I live in the suburbs. Do you live in the suburbs, too? Chicago Man—The suburbs of Chicago? Great snakes! Do you take me for a frontiersman?

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