

STILL KEEP UP OLD CUSTOM.

Englishmen Meet In Debate To-Day as Did Their Ancestors Generations Ago.

Fifty men sat round a quaint, oak paneled room at the back of a public house near Fleet street on Saturday night.

The gathering was the survival of Cogers Hall, an ancient debating club established more than 150 years ago.

VICTOR OVER DREAD DISEASE

English Physician Asserts He Has Found an Absolute Cure for Tuberculosis.

A remarkable series of cures alleged to have been effected in advanced cases of tuberculosis is attracting the attention of medical men in London, England.

The treatment is described as a thermo-chemical attraction, the germs of the disease being drawn by chemical heat through a ray of inflammation from the lung or throat to the surface of the skin.

Wild Flowers in the South.

One morning you drive through the woods and see nothing but the usual ground of winter; two days after on the same road you behold afar what seems to be a huge white sheet showing through the tree trunks and bushes.

A big dead tree that has been showing gray and hideous for months turns over night into an enormous purple bouquet; it is the work of a wistaria, sending down showers of lavender sweetness with every puff of wind.

Real Auto Poem.

Arthur Riddle, the old-time philosopher, made a poem out of the automobile, as follows: "I like the smell of the gas so well, and the smell of the gasoline, and I like the purr and electric whirr of the busmobile machine."

The Worst in Puns.

Rear Admiral Colville has a pretty gift in the art of punning (writes a correspondent). A friend called on him on one occasion to introduce a youth who, smitten with a love of the sea, was about to abandon a lucrative position he held in a draper's shop for the cockpit.

War on the Mosquito.

Leipzig, in Germany, has been so troubled with malaria that the city authorities have determined on a campaign to stamp out mosquitoes.

WANTED PENSION FROM PRIDE

Strange Case of Fraud Revealed In Brooklyn—Too Young to Enlist, But Fought Anyhow.

New York.—One of the strangest cases of pension fraud on record was revealed in the federal court in Brooklyn the other day when James Cunningham, for years a prominent Grand Army man in the borough, offered to plead guilty to the charge of wrongfully accepting money from the government as a war veteran.

The odd feature was that Cunningham, who is well to do, sought a small pension out of pride, and not because he wanted the money. Proud of his reputation as a Grand Army man, his theory was that with a pension he would be better recognized as one who had fought for the union.

DECREE ON BROKEN PROMISE.

Wife Gets Divorce on Husband's Failure to Keep Prenuptial Contract to Have Second Ceremony.

Kansas City, Mo.—Be circumspect, bridegroom, and not overzealous in the making of promises before marriage, is the advice given by a Kansas City man.

A decision by James H. Slover of the circuit court the other day would make a marriage contract depend upon the fulfillment of the prenuptial promises of both parties. This decision is without precedent.

The suit was brought by Anna Shapiro to annul her marriage with Hyman Stopek. The couple were married August 4 last year by Judge Van B. Prather. Stopek had agreed verbally to be married by a rabbi after civil ceremony.

When the pair returned home the groom told his bride that she must go to her father and get a dowry of \$500. She refused. Then he wouldn't go to the rabbi to be married again. They separated. Then she brought suit to annul the civil marriage.

HISTORIC HOUSE TO BE RAZED

Building Where Opening Chapters of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Were Written to Be Torn Down.

Cincinnati, O.—The old Kennedy homestead in Covington, Ky., the oldest house in that city, is to be torn down. It was in this house that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote the opening chapters of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

In 1787 Thomas Kennedy, veteran of the revolution, came down the Ohio river in a flatboat with his family, including his sons, Joseph and Samuel. For a home he selected the spot near the confluence of the Ohio and Licking rivers and erected a log cabin. In 1791 the present structure was built and was the home of the Kennedys for many years.

WHAT IS A COLD-STORAGE EGG

Question to Be Asked In Test of the New California Pure Food Label Law.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A suit is being prepared in this city to determine the legal standing of a cold-storage egg. It doubtless will go to the state supreme court.

Inspectors threaten to arrest dealers who place fresh ranch eggs in refrigerators over night and then offer them for sale as fresh eggs. Dealers say the law makes no distinction between an egg that has been in storage one day and one that has been in storage a month.

Old Glory to Be Gigantic.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A huge American flag, the largest in the world, measuring 30 by 150 feet, has been contracted for by the city for use on July 4. The flag is to cost \$1,000.

RISE OF ENGINEER

Will Leave Work to Accept University Professorship.

Rules Established by J. C. Jurgenson While in Charge of New York Hotel Plant Attract Attention of Columbia Officials.

New York.—From the engine room of a hotel to a professorship in a university is a step few men have taken, but this is what has just happened to J. C. Jurgenson, who has quit his job at the Hotel St. Regis to take the chair of engineering at Columbia.

For 7 1/2 years Mr. Jurgenson has been connected with the engineering department of Mr. Haan's hotels, and for five years he has had charge of the engine, dynamo and boiler rooms at the St. Regis hotel. There Mr. Jurgenson article apprentices, after the European fashion, compelling embryo engineers to work two years, and at the end of that period to sign a contract for four years more as machinery operators.

EDUCATED PIG UNDER CAR.

Porker Blocks Street Car Traffic in Pittsburgh, But the Passengers Enjoy Sport.

Pittsburg.—Education brings privileges even to a pig, and a porker that has been performing at one of the McKeesport theaters tied up traffic in that suburb without even making the trolley passengers mad.

It was funny enough to the spectators, but the showman could not see the joke—the least bit in the world. His livelihood now is at stake, and he scurried about, now using all his arts and persuasive powers on the pig, and again imploring the impatient motorman, who threatened to start his car, to "wait just a minute longer; he's sure to come out."

WONDER CLOCK IS MADE.

Timepiece Will Predict Weather and Reproduce Niagara Falls, Among Other Things.

New York.—This city is soon to acquire the most remarkable clock in the world. It would take a theatrical troupe to go through all the features which will be combined in Father Knickerbocker's new and unique timepiece.

The most remarkable fact about this clock is its smallness. Standing in its case it is only 12 feet high, 4 feet wide and 29 inches deep—that is, only a little larger than the old-fashioned grandfather's clock.

IS A CHICKEN BIRD?

If It Is There Can Be No Eggs Used in the Culebra Islands, Near Porto Rico.

Washington.—"Is a hen a bird?" That question came officially before the navy department the other day on a proclamation issued by President Roosevelt February 27.

The proclamation was for the purpose of preserving the various kinds of birds which inhabit the Culebra islands, and therefore President Roosevelt launched an executive order which makes it illegal to "take the young or the eggs" of pelicans, flamingoes and gulls, and, says the drafter, "to take the eggs of any bird of any kind whatsoever."

Thought Cut Offset Shave.

Wilmington, Del.—If a barber accidentally cuts a man while shaving him, is the patron compelled to pay for the shave? This was the question Judge Joslyn was called upon to decide the other day when Michael Korpuka was arraigned in the city court for disorderly conduct.

Crosses Africa in an Auto.

Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa.—Lieut. Graets of the Prussian army, who started from Dar-Es-Salaam, German East Africa, on August 10, 1907, to cross the African continent in a specially-constructed automobile, has reached this piece, the end of his journey, which occupied 630 days. He estimates that he traveled 5,625 miles.

TO RESTORE TICONDEROGA.

Work Begun In Rebuilding of the Old Fort on the Shore of Lake Champlain.

New York.—Because a woman expressed a wish that old Fort Ticonderoga, on the west shore of Lake Champlain, might be restored and made to appear exactly as when, on May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain boys surprised and captured it, work has just been begun which has that end in view.

The woman who expressed the wish was Mrs. Stephen H. Pell of 3 East Sixty-ninth street. Her father, Colonel Robert M. Thompson, said: "Why not? Have it done and send the bill to me."

The property on which the fort is located has belonged to the Pell family for a century. William F. Pell, the great-grandfather of Stephen H. P. Pell, the banker, who is the present owner, laid it out for a country place, and used it as such for thirty years.

NEWS BY CARRIER PIGEON.

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MOVE TO ADVANCE CLOCK.

Cincinnati Business Men Take Up Plan to Begin Work Two Hours Earlier in Summer.

Cincinnati.—Prominent business men are interesting themselves in a national movement to change business hours during the summer by making the day begin two hours earlier than during the other months of the year. Circulars explaining the system and the benefits claimed for it are being distributed.

HOLD FREIGHT CAR FOR ROBIN.

Home Built on Journal Box in New York Causes Rail Ruler to Be Ignored in Indiana.

Richmond, Ind.—Pennsylvania freight car No. 16,958, though relieved of its burden and under company rules ready to be reloaded and sent on its endless journey, is being held on a side-track in Richmond awaiting the day that a dainty Mrs. Robin Redbreast shall have hatched out three skyblue eggs that lie at the bottom of a nest on a journal box of the car.

CURFEW NOT FOR HUSBANDS

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'SOLOMON'S QUARRY'

Said to Have Been Birthplace of Masonic Order.

Investigation Made at Jerusalem by the State Department Reveals Many Points of Interest to Members.

Washington.—As a result of the effort of the department of state to learn all that is possible of the "birthplace of Masonry," Thomas R. Wallace, American consul at Jerusalem, has made an extensive investigation of "Solomon's quarries" in the Holy city.

Josephus spoke of the mammoth cavern beneath Jerusalem. The quarries were of such extent that an approximately small portion of them might have been spoken of as "vast." The quarries were discovered by accident. According to the story told by Mr. Wallace, a Dr. Barclay was out hunting. His dog disappeared in a hole near the north wall of the city. The dog failed to reappear. Dr. Barclay tore away the earth and weeds about the hole until he had enlarged it enough to enter. It was the entrance to the quarries.

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