

ODD SCENES IN CHURCH.

Dr. Rainsford Tells of Preaching Sermon Under Difficulties.

In "A Preacher's Story of His Work" Dr. Rainsford tells of some strange interruptions he encountered while preaching one of his earliest sermons in the English cathedral town of Norwich.

Dr. Rainsford was in the middle of his sermon when he chanced to look down from the high pulpit to where in a large box-like pew, screened from the congregation by a curtain, much to the preacher's surprise one of the men in the choir put his arm around a girl, drew her head down on his shoulder and then looked up at Dr. Rainsford and winked.

The preacher stopped his sermon, walked down out of the pulpit and told the rector the members of the choir were acting outrageously. The rector walked to the pew, drew the curtain down with a jerk and exposed the spooning couple to the view of the congregation.

Then Dr. Rainsford resumed his sermon. A minute later he chanced to look down the main aisle, and there walking in solemn procession, were a hen and a dozen chicks. To crown it all, when the sexton tried to drive them out he was so drunk he fell right on top of the hen. An then from his place the old rector cried out:

"Let her alone, John; she is doing no harm."

Town Didn't Care.

Chicago Tribune.

While the engine was taking water the passenger with the imposing watch chain and eye glass strolled out on the platform and looked with interest about him.

"By Jove!" he said to the solitary native who was sitting on a flour barrel, "this village looks just exactly as it did when I moved away from here. I don't believe it has changed a particle in all that time."

"I reckon not, mister," said the solitary native, biting off a chew of tobacco, "your goin' away don't seem to have made much difference to the durned old town."

Just a Ruse.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

Miss Oakley was serving tea in her studio one afternoon when the word "ruse" came up. Every one had some episode about an old and successful ruse to narrate. Miss Oakley said:

"I, too, recall a ruse that succeeded wonderfully, an unexpected and original ruse that a friend of mine employed.

"My friend, a Philadelphia woman, had recently for a visitor an elderly uncle from the country. He was a good old man, an intelligent and sensible old man, but his table manners were not—ahem—up to the mark.

"My friend could not think of taking her uncle to task about his table manners; if she had it would have broken the poor old gentleman's heart. Instead of taking him to task she employed a ruse upon him. Her ruse, which was quite successful, culminated like this:

"Mary," says the uncle at dinner, "this here knife of mine tastes soapy."

"Very well, uncle. You shall have another."

"The second knife comes. The uncle, with a grimace, again remarks: "Soapy, too, Mary, just like the first knife was."

"My friend frowned. "It's too bad, uncle," she said. "But city servants are so careless. Try eating with your fork. Maybe that's clean."

Racing With a Train.

Representative Clayton tells the following story of a Georgia mountaineer who had never seen "the steam cars."

Wishing to verify the tales of wonder he had heard, the Georgian made his way on foot to the nearest railway station to behold the marvel. It appears, that, arriving somewhat ahead of the time scheduled for the passing of the next train, the mountaineer tarried impatiently near the tracks, so that the thing might not steal by him unawares.

The time hanging heavily on his hands, he started down the tracks, to meet the train just as it was rounding a curve. Turning about, the Georgian ran along the track as if for his life.

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Her First Railway Trip. Exchange.

An old lady on her first railway trip noticed the bell cord overhead and turning to a boy she pointed to the cord and he said:

"That marm," with a mischievous twinkle in his eyes, "is to ring the bell when you want anything to eat."

Shortly afterward the old lady reached her umbrella up to the cord and gave it a vigorous pu". The whistle sounded, the brakes put on, the train began to slacken its speed, windows were thrown up, questions asked and confusion reigned among the passengers. The old lady sat calmly through it all little dreaming that she was the cause of the excitement.

Presently the conductor came rushing through the train and asked:

"Who pulled the bell?" "I did," replied the old lady, meekly.

"Well, what do you want?" snapped the official, impatiently.

"Well," said the old lady, meditatively, "you may bring me some ham sandwiches and a cup of tea, if you will."

Poultry Notes.

Get the incubator ready if you want an early crop of broilers.

Charred corn should be given to the fowls occasionally. It aids digestion.

Don't overcrowd the pullet pens if you want them to be profitable winter egg producers.

As the pullets approach the egg producing period be careful not to have them too fat.

Cabbage, turnips and potatoes cut very small, cooked and mixed with a mash food make a fine addition to the winter mash for laying hens.

The Duke Bids Higher.

London Globe.

An American millionaire, staying at Hamburg, once gave the head waiter at one of the hotels 100 marks to place him next to an English duke at dinner. Next day he found himself at the other end of the table.

"Didn't I give you," he remonstrated, "a hundred marks to sit as near as possible to the duke?"

"Yes, sir," replied the waiter, "but the duke he gave me 200 marks to put you as far away as possible."

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Wilbur W. Kinard, Administrator.

NOTICE FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I will make a final settlement on the estate of David I. Fulmer, deceased, on Wednesday, March 1, 1905, in the Probate Court, and will immediately thereafter apply for letters dismisory as Administrator of said David I. Fulmer.

Thomas J. Fulmer, Administrator.

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He who has no vision of eternity will never get a true hold of time.—Carlyle.

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