

Humorous Department.**Escaped on Technicality.**

Several senators were discussing a variety of topics in the Democratic cloak room. Mr. Tillman said that it had always been a matter of keen regret to him that so many rascals escaped their just deserts on technicalities. From his view point, which was that of a corn field lawyer, this was not right. The South Carolina senator thought that the country needed more "corn field" law and less of the other kind.

"It is true," said Mr. Carmack of Tennessee, gravely, "that men who are really guilty often do escape punishment on mere technicalities, but the law cannot be held altogether to blame for it. I recall a case in point down in my state."

"In the little town of Culpeoka, where I was a student in my youthful days, lived two quite celebrated characters. One was known by the eponymous name of 'Snorting Bill,' the other was called 'Stuttering Sam.'

"Snorting Bill" and "Stuttering Sam" were boon companions, but when they got full of liquor, which was as often as the opportunity offered, they would pommel each other to beat the band.

On the occasion I speak of they went down to a town by the name of Hurricane Switch and got a little drunker than usual. In the fight that followed "Snorting Sam" got the better of "Snorting Bill." In fact, he got "Snorting Bill" down and tramped on his face, a few days later "Snorting Bill" met "Snorting Sam" in a saloon in Nashville.

"Snorting Bill," with painful memories of the little incident down at Hurricane Switch, pulled out a big knife and announced his intention of cutting the heart out of "Snorting Sam."

"Ho-ho on, Bill," said "Snorting Sam," jumping behind a table, "W-why—what is the matter with you?"

" Didn't you knock me down and tramp on my face the other day down at Culpeoka?" shouted, "Snorting Bill."

"N—n—n—Bill," sputtered "Snorting Sam." I didn't do that at Culpeoka."

"Snorting Bill" paused and they began to argue the matter. Finally he became satisfied that "Snorting Sam" was right and put up his knife.

"After he had left "Snorting Sam" took a big drink and said: "I did tramp on "Snorting Bill's" face down at Hurricane Switch, but I reckon I have escaped on a technicality. Bill thought that it happened at Culpeoka."—Washington Post.

The Limit.

A lady who lives on the north side had occasion a few days ago to go through the ordeal of engaging a new housemaid. The young woman who had applied for the place was evidently not a native of the United States. In fact, it was apparent that she had been in this country only a little while.

"Can you cook?" asked the woman who expected to be the mistress in case they came to an agreement concerning terms.

"Yes, Oi can that."

"How about washing?"

"Well, ma'am, not sayin' anything agin the washin' you may have Old' rather take less and let somebody else do it."

She was a pretty girl, with rather shapely hands, and it was hardly reasonable to blame her for desiring to preserve her beauty if arrangements could be effected that would make such a course possible. So it was decided that she might, by accepting \$1 a week less than she would have otherwise received, omit the washing.

There was some further questioning, which proceeded satisfactorily to both sides until the girl was asked why she had "left her last place."

"Well, Oi'm that ashamed Oi hardly like to tell you," she said.

This at once aroused suspicion on the other side, and, of course, negotiations could proceed no further until the matter was thoroughly explained.

"You'd a' done it yourself if you'd been in my place," said the girl.

"That doesn't matter. I must know just what the trouble was or I cannot engage you."

"Well, if you must know, the missus had a little dog."

"Yes?"

"And Oi had to take it our every day for a walk."

"I should think you would have enjoyed getting out."

"Oi did. It wasn't that Oi had anything agin the dog or the fresh air, but she always made me go out of the front door when Oi took the dog, but when Oi went out by myself or with any of the young men that come after me we had to leave be the back door, and me self-raypect wouldn't stand for it."

"Very well, Annie, you may bring your trunk around. We haven't any dog to be ailed."—Chicago Record-Herald.

COLDN'T STAND EVERYTHING.—One of the best retorts in history occurred when Parson Brownlow was war governor of Tennessee. On one of his journeys he attended services at a small Methodist church in the upper part of the state. The parson was a devout Methodist, and seldom allowed his political rancor to interfere with the charity of his religious faith. On this occasion, being a visiting clergyman, he was placed in the "Amen Corner" near the pulpit. The local minister was as ardently Democratic in his views as Governor Brownlow was Republican. In the prayer which followed the lengthy sermon the minister began to call on the Lord for grace for his favorites. "God bless Felix Grundy," he began. Parson Brownlow moved uneasily in his seat, but responded with a conscientious "Amen." God bless Robert E. Lee," continued the preacher. A fainter "Amen" from Parson Brownlow, "God bless the whole Democratic party," cried the preacher, waxing in fervor as he progressed. This was too much for the governor. With a bound he was on his feet and shouting: "God forbid!" which would bankrupt divine grace and exhaust the whole plan of salvation!—Champ Clark.

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THE STINGER STUNG.—It was an Indiana hotel of some pretentiousness. A traveling man had had his order filled. With the meat and vegetables and other material was one tea biscuit. Looking with what he considered great grouchiness at the waitress, he said:

"Say sister, do you know that, that one biscuit looks to me as if it were awfully lonesome in here all by itself?"

"Very well," replied the girl, without the twit of a facial muscle. "I'll take it back to the kitchen with the others then."

And to this day that traveling man doesn't know whether he fooled the dumbest girl on earth or was outwitted by the keenest one.—Chicago News.

Miscellaneous Reading.**IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.**

News and Comment Clipped From Neighboring Exchanges.

CHESTER.

Lantern, Feb. 19: Mrs. J. B. Lyles went to Yorkville this morning to attend a birthday dinner at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Starr. She expects to be gone several days.... Solicitor Henry went to Winnsboro yesterday to attend court. He was engaged by the attorney general to assist in preparing the Zimmerman bond stealing case, but Solicitor Davis of Barnwell, will probably take his place in the trial of the case, which will come up in Columbia next week..... Mr. W. Means was interesting himself yesterday in circulating a petition to have the range for the First regiment's target practice located at Chester. Everybody signed it and it is hoped that such conditions will be found here to settle the dispute.

THRASHED A PRINCESS.

Young Russia's Queer Way to Hasten Hearing in a Lawsuit.

An odd case of private vengeance growing out of the law's delay is in the hands of the police of Odessa, Russia, for settlement. Two men of high social standing are in a hospital for repairs preliminary to appearing in court.

The trouble broke out one day in the latter part of last July when the Princess Ursuosa appeared in the Odessa railway station to take a train for St. Petersburg. Just as she was about to step into the railway carriage a handsomely dressed young man armed with a riding whip stepped up to her.

"Madam," said he, "it really distresses me to hurt a lady's feelings, but—"

He paused, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders in token of dire necessity. Then seizing the lady by the arm he administered a sound thrashing upon her back and shoulders.

Fainting and hysterical, the lady was hustled into the railway carriage. The young man walked coolly to the quarters of the railway police and related what he had done. He said he was Edward Narzitsowitch Jokitsch and he had thrashed the princess as the result of a well considered resolve.

Some time before the railway station scene, Jokitsch had sent to every one who had any social standing in or about Odessa announcement cards with the picture of Prince Sergius Nikolaiwitsch Ursuosa and a statement that he had by dishonest swindling methods obtained from him an estate worth 500,000 rubles for 24,000 rubles.

Jokitsch had also brought a suit against the prince for restitution of the property. The early hearings brought out from the prince admissions that he had not acquired the property in a strictly regular way, but he utterly refused to give it up on any terms.

He fought the suit by dilatory tactics and in the midst of them he died.

After the death of the prince, his wife, a young and handsome woman, showed herself equally obstinate. She would not let go the property and she had influence enough to keep the legal proceedings dragging along at a snail's pace.

Jokitsch at last hit upon the idea of inflicting a public chastisement on her with the idea that it would compel the authorities to take notice of the case and render a speedy decision. To make the goad of publicity more effective, he sent out another set of announcement cards with the portrait of the princess and a sketch of the whip and this text:

"Princess Jewrosina Constantinowa Ursuosa, a notorious female cut-throat, was thoroughly beaten for swindling in Odessa on July 27, 1906."

The princess refused to prosecute her assailant either for the assault or the cards. But Jokitsch brought vengeance on himself by sending a number of them abroad.

One of these finally reached the hands of Anton d'Almeida, a Greek and a relative of the princess. He was seized with a rage for revenge and posted a reward of 500 rubles for the capture of Jokitsch.

When they met, Almeit, without warning, struck Jokitsch a blow with a stick, which cut his head open and knocked him down. Then he jumped on the prostrate horse-whisper and beat him unmercifully with a stick upon the head and body until Jokitsch drew a stiletto from his breast and pulled Almeit down on top of him plucked it into his side.

Both combatants were bathed in blood when the police reached them. There are criminal charges against both, and when the trial comes up the princess will have to appear and explain her possession of the disputed property.

EARTHQUAKES.

Going on All the Time All Over the World.

That within a single year three earthquakes of sufficient violence to tear down houses and destroy life should have occurred in such close proximity to large cities as to cause the appalling disasters at San Francisco, Valparaiso and Kingston is certainly remarkable. It is not to be wondered at that this coincidence, for such it must be considered, has given rise to a widespread popular belief that the earth is in a state of unusual instability. It is to be noted, however, that there are thousands of earthquakes each year, and that of these from fifty to seventy-five annually are of sufficient violence to be classed as world-shaking—that is to say, of such vigor as to make pronounced records on the seismographs in all parts of the world, and to endanger life and property near the center of the disturbance. The two oldest boys were held for trial yesterday morning, all save two being of quite tender age. The boys had fallen into the hands of the police because of the fact that they had obstructed the railroad for \$40. The Southern appealed. Another penalty case heard before Esquire White yesterday was that of F. P. Griffin vs. W. M. White vs. Southern railway was the style of a penalty case heard before Magistrate T. H. White yesterday. Mr. White, who is a stonecutter, was seeking to recover for damage sustained in delays of shipments of marble. George W. Wilson represented the defendant company and Long & Long the plaintiff. A judgment was granted against the railroad for \$40. The Southern appealed. Another penalty case heard before Esquire White yesterday was that of F. P. Griffin vs. W. M. White vs. Southern railway was the style of a penalty case heard before Magistrate T. H. White yesterday. Mr. White, who is a stonecutter, was seeking to recover for damage sustained in delays of shipments of marble. George W. 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