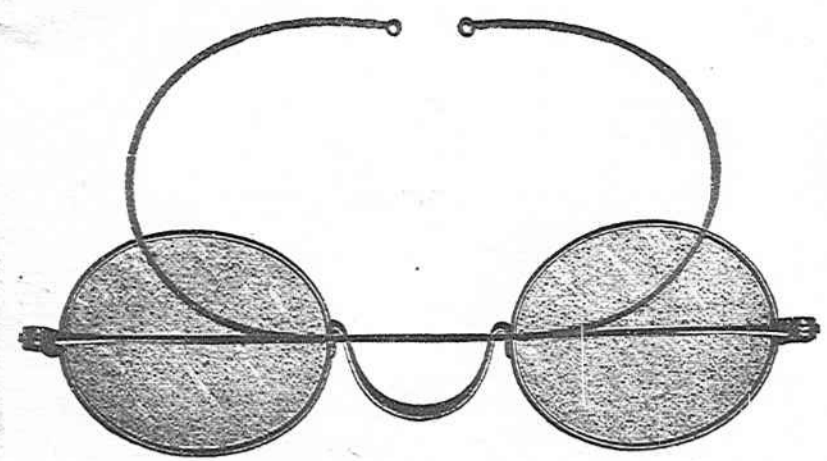


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BETTER THAN LAW.

Julius Was Stumped, So He Concluded to Return the Property. "I was in Mississippi during the carpetbag days," said the Pittsburg story teller, "and one night at a hotel I was robbed of watch and money. I found out next day that it was one of the colored servants, and I went to a justice of the peace and swore out a warrant. The justice was also a colored man, and he didn't seem anxious to do the right thing. I think he was in with the thief, though willing to give me a show. When the prisoner took the stand, he declared that if he had stolen anything it was while he was walking around in his sleep. The statement caught his honor, and he said: "How yo' gwine to hold a pusson 'sponsible for what he does in his sleep? Dar ain't no law 'bout dat. If Julius dun took dat watch an money an didn't know what he was doin, den he's got to be discharged from custody."

"I was pleading my own case," continued the Pittsburg man, "and I replied to the judge that the rule ought to work both ways. If Julius had taken my property in his sleep, he ought to return it while he was in the same condition. I wasn't blaming him for being a somnambulist and was willing he should go free, but I should expect him to enter my room in his sleep that very night and leave my lost property on a chair. That was a stumper on judge and prisoner, and after scratching their heads and wiggling around his honor replied: "Julius, dis yere case has dun got mixed up. 'Cordin to law yo' got away wid de stuff an can't be held, but 'cordin to de white man's dreambook yo's got to walk in yo' sleep agin tonight an put yo' stealin's back in his room. Dat way leads ever'ing to jail. Jus' before an it 'pears to me dat yo'd better tackle some older man an do it wid yo' eyes wide open." "Julius didn't wait to walk in his sleep agin, but handed me my property before we left the courtroom."—Philadelphia Press.

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A STRANGE LAKE.

The Peculiarities of a Body of Water in Australia. Lake George is situated about four miles from the railway station at Bungendore, Australia, and has for many years engaged the attention of scientific men by reason of the singular and inexplicable phenomena connected with it. The estimates of its size vary considerably according to circumstances, but when moderately full about 20 by 7 miles will be found tolerably correct. At either end the land is fully 100 feet above the highest recorded surface of the lake, which possesses no known outlet, although it is fed by numerous mountain creeks. The lake was discovered by a bushman in 1820 and was known to the blacks as the "big water." It was then supposed to form the source of a river having its mouth on the south coast, but subsequent visitors were much perplexed at the manner in which the blacks avoided the lake, of which they appeared to entertain a superstitious dread, one aged aboriginal stating he had seen it for the use of the shepherds, the chief of the lake being too salt for human consumption. The place remained more or less dry until 1852, the year of the great floods in that part of the colony, when it again became filled, with an average depth of nine feet. Since then the surface level of the lake has varied considerably, but the bed has never been so dry as in former years. There are indications that many hundreds of years ago the lake covered a far larger area than any yet recorded, remains of trees over 100 years old being found in spots formerly under water. The saline character of the lake is the more remarkable by reason of its being fed by pure and sparkling fresh water streams.

During the following 20 years considerable variations were noted in the depth and extent of the lake. In 1841 the lake became partially dried up, the moist portions being simply grassy swamps. A few months later large numbers of sheep were pastured in the bed of the lake, but fresh water had to be carried for the use of the shepherds, the chief of the lake being too salt for human consumption. The place remained more or less dry until 1852, the year of the great floods in that part of the colony, when it again became filled, with an average depth of nine feet. Since then the surface level of the lake has varied considerably, but the bed has never been so dry as in former years. There are indications that many hundreds of years ago the lake covered a far larger area than any yet recorded, remains of trees over 100 years old being found in spots formerly under water. The saline character of the lake is the more remarkable by reason of its being fed by pure and sparkling fresh water streams.

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Death Often Unkind in the Manner of Their Taking Off. Of the monarchs who have reigned over England since the days of the Norman conquest nearly one-quarter of the number have met violent death.

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