

# DUELLING RELIC OF A BARBAROUS AGE

## Custom Begun With the Judicial Duel.—Queer Combats.—Duel Between Women. Duel in a Balloon.

The ancients had nothing that corresponded with the code duello. The idea from which that institution was developed came down from the north with the barbarians who overran the Roman empire. They brought with them the Ordeal or Wager of Battle or judicial duel, which sprang from their idea to fight it out and let the guilt or innocence of the accused be determined by the result of the battle.

Strangely enough, the judicial duel was considered a fitting mode of settling disputes between man and wife. To equalize as much as possible the inequality of such a contest, the man was put in a pit in which he was buried up to the girdle, while one of his arms was bound to his side. Sometimes a barrel took the place of a pit. For a weapon the man had a baton or stick, the woman a kind of sling with a stone in it.

The story of the duel in the modern sense may be dated from 1527, when Francis I gave the lie to the Emperor Charles V, a proceeding which promised to lead to a combat of exceptional interest, but which never took place because mutual friends reconciled the pugnacious monarchs.

By this time the judicial duel had been gradually abolished and the private duel, fought before witnesses, who seconded the principals in the encounter, came in. Sometimes the seconds also mixed it up and instead of a duel there was a quartet or a sextet. The day of duelling has passed long since in England and America, and only lingers in France as a sort of harmless comedy.

Several duels have been fought between women, and there are two or three instances of duels between a man and a woman—in which the man did not always get the best of it.

One of the duels between women was that between two French women, the Marquise de Nesle and the Comtesse de Polignac, in the eighteenth century. A man was the cause of it. The Duc de Richelieu was gallant to both women and instructed his secretary to write each a note appointing a rendezvous for one at two o'clock and for the other at four o'clock at a certain place. The secretary, by some sort of misunderstanding, appointed the same hour for each, and the feelings of the two at this meeting each other must have been of the kind much better imagined than described.

A scene followed and the marquise challenged the comtesse to fight her a duel, and the challenge was accepted. Pistols were chosen and the Bois de Boulogne selected as the place of meeting. When the women had taken their place the comtesse called out to the marquise, "Do you fire first, madame, and, mind you, don't miss me; don't imagine for a moment that I am going to miss you!" The marquise fired, but missed and hit a neighboring tree. The comtesse smiled, "Your hand trembles with passion, madame," cried she; "you are lost!"

The comtesse aimed deliberately at the head of the marquise and fired. The marquise fell with a great cry as if one who had received a mortal wound, but the bullet had only cut away a minute piece of her shell-like ear. All Paris laughed, and, no doubt, the Duke de Richelieu as much as anybody.

Two duels have been fought from balloons. The most interesting was that between M. de Grandpre and M. Le Pique, which took place on May 3, 1808. These two French gentlemen had about the poorest excuse that one can have for killing another—a chorus girl, and a French one at that. Why they selected balloons is not clear, but possibly because ballooning was one of the crazes of the day.

Each duelist, with his second, got into a balloon in the field adjoining the Tuilleries, and in the presence of a great crowd the cords were cut and up shot the balloons. The combatants were armed with blunderbusses. At about 800 feet from the ground Le Pique fired and Grandpre immediately responded. The latter's shot was effective and penetrated Le Pique's balloon, which rapidly descended and Le Pique and his second were dashed to death on a housetop, while Grandpre and his second descended safely some seven leagues away.

A duel with billiard balls took place in France September 4, 1843, between two young men, named, respectively, Lefant and Melfant. They quarreled over a game of billiards and decided to fight a duel with the balls with which they were playing. They drew lots for the first throw, and Melfant won. "I am going to

kill you at the first throw," said Melfant, and, aiming the missile, he hurled it at Lefant, striking him in the center of the forehead and killing him almost instantly.

Among curious American duels was that fought at the Oaks, the famous New Orleans duelling ground, between M. Pedesclaux, a creole, and a retired French cavalry officer, in ante-bellum days. The duel was fought with both combatants mounted on magnificent stallions and armed with broadswords. It was a fierce battle, in which the French officer was killed.—New York Review.

### Had to Have a Wife.

Lavonia, Ga., Aug. 8.—To be 45 years old and fairly good looking, but without a wife; to be engaged to a girl in a town only a few miles away and the courtship done entirely by correspondence; to have the long-distance fiancée back down and refuse to have the ceremony performed on the day of the arrival of her lover; to have her relent and consent to introduce him to several of her girl friends in order that he might not go back home without some chance to offset the jeers that might otherwise greet him; to meet after a house to house canvass a girl who fell in love with him at first sight and he with her; to propose, be accepted, change the license to the new name and be married and start home on a quiet honeymoon in seclusion—that is the record of Mr. John Carlton, of Lavonia.

Miss Bessie Cook, of Bowersville, was his first "engaged." He arrived at her home village a few days ago armed with a license and assured by her promise in writing to unite with him in matrimony. When she saw him, however, she declined and begged off—not on account of any homeliness of her ex-intended, but for other reasons. Mr. Carlton was not to be outdone; he had come to Bowersville for a wife and was going to carry back a bride to introduce to the chaps awaiting him in Lavonia.

Miss Cook, to make up for her refusal, offered to introduce him to her unmarried lady friends. He agreed and with her he made literally a house to house canvass. After visiting several homes where there were young ladies, he was presented to Miss Cecil Bennett, an attractive, worthy and winsome young lady. Though Mr. Carlton is 45, he is a wooer and a winner.

It was a case of love on exposure, and there was a quick proposal, a prompt acceptance, and the marriage was performed within ten hours from the time he first saw his bride. They left for the home of the groom in Lavonia.

### Honea Path Hotel Burns.

Honea Path, Aug. 9.—At 10:30 to-night fire totally destroyed W. J. McGee's hotel and the residence of J. F. Monroe, also most of the furniture, along with a few out-houses. All were wood structures and quickly consumed. The Chiquola mill hose was run up town and saved the residence of W. J. McGee and the barn and residence of J. R. Callahan and other adjoining buildings and residences. The loss is not known, but will be considerable.

### Scraps of News.

Otto Licht anticipates a European yield this season of 7,500,000 tons of beet sugar, almost the same as the 1910-11 output.

Of the 4,300 known species of flowers only 420 have an agreeable perfume, the white and cream colored being the sweetest.

The season of navigation in Russia was exceptionally long during 1910, the ports of Cronstadt and St. Petersburg having been open 248 days.

England has 11,500 ships engaged in foreign trade, Germany over two thousand, Japan nearly one thousand, and while the United States has only nine ships so engaged.

A girl had gone to a dinner in New York with her steady. The young man noticed a speck of lint on her shoulder. When she wasn't looking he attempted to knock it off with his finger. After several futile attempts he took hold of the line and started to pull it off. He unraveled several yards of the fleecy stuff and when he seemed to have all of it threw the wad under the table. That night the girl told her mother that she had had a perfectly lovely time. "But," she added, "I have just been lying here in bed, mother, and wondering what became of my union suit."

### WANTS CORRECT MILEAGE.

Congressman Byrnes Lodges Complaint Against Atlantic Coast Line.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Representative James F. Byrnes, of the 2d South Carolina district, has requested the chairman of the Inter-State commerce commission to cause the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to reduce their rate now charged for transportation from South Carolina to Georgia, over their lines, to accord with the actual mileage at the rate allowed by law in the two States.

Mr. Byrnes states that proof furnished him by parties residing in Hampton and Beaufort counties convinces him that the railroad company is charging passengers for four miles more than is travelled; for instance from Ridgeland to Savannah union station, a distance of 35 miles, the company charges as 39 miles.

The Southern Railway, using the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line, advertises the distance as 35 miles and collects for the latter mileage. A passenger from Charleston using a mileage book has taken from such book, for the fare to Savannah, 115 miles, whereas, it is alleged, the distance is but 111 miles and the railroad company, while charging for 115 miles, pays its engineers for only 111 miles.

No exception is advertised in the mileage book and Mr. Byrnes contends that if the railroad decides to charge this extra 10 cents for Inter-State travel, they should publish the correct mileage and advertise that the extra charge is made for crossing the bridge, or whatever reason they have, when the reasonableness of the overcharge could be questioned. He holds that if a railroad is permitted to publish and charge for an incorrect mileage, it could, with as much right and reason, charge for 50 miles more as well as four miles. He says that the railroad, when it was called to its attention by citizens through the railroad commission, corrected it so far as Intra-State travel was concerned, but continues to make the overcharge for Inter-State travel. Chairman Clements said he would call the matter to the railroad's attention and had no doubt it would be corrected.

### George Was a Cheerful.

An ingenious young man once took his fiancée to church in a small country village and when the time for "collection" came around he rather ostentatiously displayed a silver dollar. Presuming upon their engagement, the young woman placed a restraining hand upon the arm of her fiancé.

"Don't be so extravagant George!" she exclaimed. "Oh, that's nothing," he replied. "I always make a point of giving a dollar when I go to a strange church."

Just then the deacon came with the plate, and George dropped a coin. Everything seemed favorable, and the young man beamed with a sense of generosity. Then the minister gave out the notices for the week, and concluded with the wholly unexpected announcement of the day's collection.

"The collection to-day," said he, "amounted to 95 cents." George hadn't much to say all the way to his fiancée's home.—Houston Chronicle.

### Young Diplomat.

Taddy, aged four, often called on his nearest neighbor, Mrs. Brown, who petted him a good deal and usually gave him a couple of her nice cookies, and if she happened to forget to pass them out, he sometimes reminded her of it.

His father learned of this and chided him for begging and told him he must not do so any more. A day or two later Taddy came home with cookie crumbs in evidence.

"Have you been begging cookies from Mrs. Brown again?" asked his father rather sternly.

"No!" said Taddy. "I didn't beg for any. I just said this house smells as if it was full of cookies, but what's that to me?"—Harper's Magazine.

### Rock Hill Grants Franchise.

Rock Hill, Aug. 10.—An election was held here to-day and by a vote of 203 to 11 a 50-year franchise was granted to the Carolina Traction company to build and operate a trolley road in Rock Hill. Less than half of the registered voters appeared at the polls.

The promoters have promised to begin work on the railway within 60 days, and have five miles built and in operation within two and a half years, though it is understood that the men behind the plans will not take so long a time to get things moving.

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### KILLED BY WAGON TONGUE.

Negro Struck in Face While Loading Logs.

Sumter, Aug. 8.—A negro driver for the Betts Lumber company, Sam Anderson by name, was killed about noon yesterday when the tongue of a log cart, which he and another negro were engaged in loading, struck him violently in the jaw with the result stated above.

The accident occurred in Black River swamp, about 12 miles from this city. It seems that while Anderson and his companion were trying to place a log on the cart, to which no mule was hitched, the wooden tongue turned, striking Anderson in the face. It knocked him some distance and caused his death in a few minutes' time.

### Arrange Bonds for Building.

The South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical society, at a meeting held last week, decided to issue bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the erection of the steel auditorium on the fair grounds and for other improvements contemplated. The auditorium, as already announced, had been purchased from Greensboro, N. C., and will be sent to Columbia shortly. It will accommodate about 35,000 people. The bonds will bear 6 per cent. interest.

It was decided to leave the details of the bond issue to a committee consisting of R. I. Manning, Sumter, chairman; J. A. Banks, president, St. Matthews; J. M. Cantey, secretary, Columbia; G. A. Guignard, Columbia; D. A. Spivey, Conway; J. D. Frost, Columbia; R. P. Hamer, Jr., Hamer. The meeting was a most important one and plans were made for making the fair of 1911 a record-breaker in point of attendance and exhibits.

### May Veto Statehood Bill.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Word was received at the capitol to-day that President Taft unquestionably will veto the New Mexico and Arizona Statehood bill passed by the senate last night. His objection is to the judiciary recall feature, which was left in the Arizona constitution.

Democratic leaders of both the house and senate declared, however, that they could marshal enough votes to pass the measure over a veto.

The president indicated some time ago that he would take this action unless the Nelson amendment requiring Arizona as a condition of Statehood to vote down the judiciary recall provision in the constitution.

### Negro Snatched from Mob.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 10.—Snatched from the hands of a mob as pistols were being drawn, Jake Collins and Jake Eason, negroes, were brought to Savannah to-night in an automobile by Sheriff Kennedy, of Tattnall county, Georgia, after a ride of 40 miles. The negroes were suspected of an assault upon a 12-year-old girl, but later it was learned that their offense had been robbery at the girl's home. They had been captured after a long chase by a mob. Sheriff Kennedy whirled into the crowd in his automobile, seized the negroes and as quickly whirled away again.

### Expert Testimony.

Two men who swore off New Year's day for a year have not seen each other since that time. One, tied to a city job, is under the guns because all of his friends were posted on the resolution. The other travels, and if his foot slips on the road nobody need be the wiser. The stationary party to the agreement received a letter from the traveling man and wrote in reply:

"I removed the stamp from the envelope containing your letter and submitted it to a chemist, who reports that it reeks with whiskey."—Chicago Evening Post.

### All Doing the Same.

"What is he so angry at you for?" "I haven't the slightest idea. We met on the street and we were talking just as friendly as could be when all of a sudden he flared up and tried to lick me."

"And what were you talking about?"

"Oh, just ordinary small talk. I remember he said, 'I always kiss my wife three or four times every day.'"

"And what did you say?" "I said, 'I know at least a dozen men who do the same,' and then he had a fit."—Houston Post.

### Reading His Inmost Thoughts.

A negro, having won a dollar at a crap game, decided to spend it on having his fortune told, says the Argonaut. The fortune teller led him into a gloomy room, with dirty hangings and misty red lights. She took his palm, traced it with a dollar, spread out her cards, and then said: "You are very fond of music; you like chicken; you have won money at craps, and you have been in jail." The negro looked at her with bulging eyes and finally ejaculated: "Mah goodness, lady; why, you jest read mah inmost thoughts."

### BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB.

THIS CHILD IS A MARVEL.

Atlanta, Aug. 10.—One who has never seen no light since 6 years of age, who has never heard a human voice, who has never spoken an intelligent word, yet who is able to communicate with and understand communications from other people—little 12-year-old Dewey Cantrell, blind, deaf-mute from birth, is now under the watchful care of his mother and teacher while he recovers from the shock of an operation that may bring sight to his eyes and let him at least see something of the world, even though he be unable to speak to or hear the people who inhabit it.

Dewey has just undergone a very delicate operation at Wesley Memorial hospital, the operation being called needling. If it is successful he will take his first gaze upon the world within a short time. It needs but little imagination for one to conceive what that would mean to a person who is able to talk and hear, and still less to one that can do neither.

The reporter visited Dewey at his temporary home at 49 Houston street yesterday. He expected to find an invalid, one who was absolutely helpless. Instead, a bright looking little fellow came to the door and opened it just as the reporter arrived—a boy who, save for a bandage over one eye, seemed much as other boys. His face was bright and alert, with no sign of that heaviness that rests on so many children who are so unfortunate. And his curiosity—there was no doubt that he was a boy of 12.

### Knew Those Around Him.

His teacher, Miss Emilia Ayres, and his mother were both in the room, and both seemed to be known to him, even though they stood several feet away. Dewey is one of the 28 children in the United States who is being educated at the expense of William Wade, of Germantown, Pa., who bears the entire expense of their maintenance and teaching. It was William Wade who assisted Helen Keller, one of the most marvelous cases ever recorded.

The little fellow likes to know everything about all that is happening. He asked the reporter's name, speaking on his fingers and being answered by similar signs impressed on the palm of his hand. When a photographer came he wanted to know who it was and went wild over the camera, examining it with his fingers until he was thoroughly satisfied, but not until he had persuaded his teacher to let him photograph her, which he did by feeling the position of the camera.

When the photographer had finished Dewey answered several questions, and much to the surprise of the two newspaper men, readily told the ownership of several articles, such as pencils and matchboxes. It was explained that this was done through the boy's sense of smell. The party ended by a recitation of "Little Boy Blue" by Dewey.

The Cantrells live four miles from Boiling Springs, in Spartanburg county, S. C. Miss Ayres, the boy's teacher, has been with the family for six years and is a native of McGraw, New York. She has been an instructor in several of the leading deaf and dumb institutes in the United States, and was one of the few selected by Mr. Wade to carry on this special work. She has been teaching Dewey for six years since he was six, and the result she has obtained are marvelous. "Touch" is the only method she can employ, and beginning by placing the little fellow's hand upon some object while she spelled its name upon his palm, she probablc that the operation will prove a success and a credit to the surgeons who operated.

Of course Dewey is highly hopeful, and talks much of the birds, animals and people of whom he has heard so much and will now perhaps be able to see.

Though his extremely sensitive hands and fingers are almost as good as eyes, and after he has once run his hand over a person's face he never forgets that person, still that is not actually seeing and seeing is what Dewey wants to do.

### Destructive Fire in Sumter.

Sumter Aug. 11.—Shortly before 9 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Graham stables and before it was checked destroyed the greater part of this building and six negro shanties. W. M. Graham and the Sumter Commercial and Real Estate company were owners of the property.

It is not known how the fire originated, and when first seen it was a roaring mass of flames. From the stable the fire spread rapidly to a nearby hay barn and soon the whole row of negro shops on that side of Hampton avenue had caught. At this point the fire presented a grave aspect, as Main street stores were now only a few doors away, and to add to the gravity of the situation the fire department was late in arriving on account of a misunderstanding as to the location of the fire.

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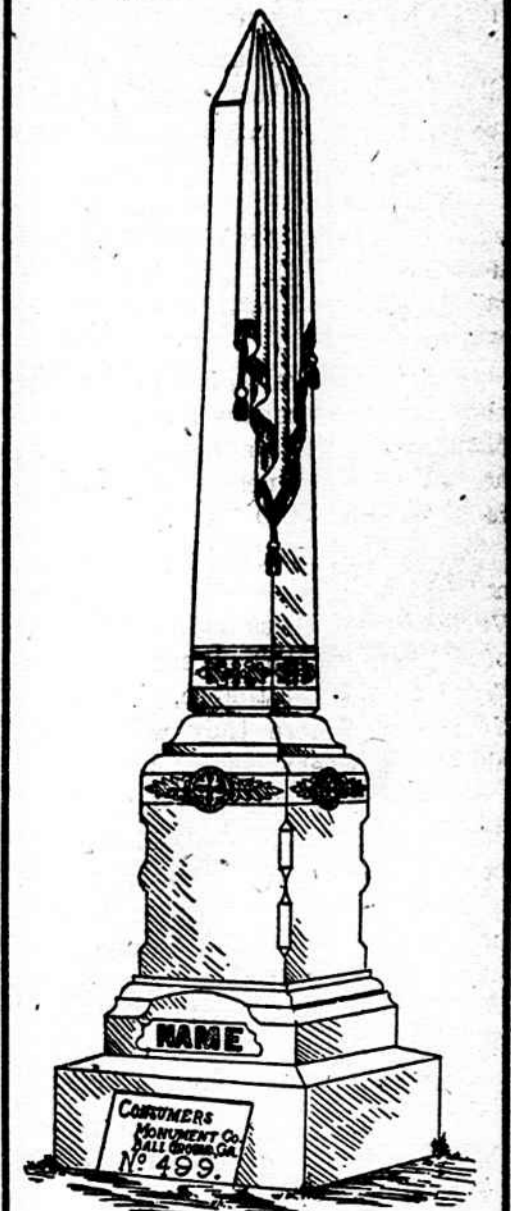
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