

Saint Mary's Beacon

OLD HICKORY'S WAYS.—General Armstrong, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, thinks that Andrew Jackson was one of the greatest men this country ever produced and has a number of stories which were told him by his uncle, who was an intimate friend of Old Hickory. One of them is very characteristic of the man.

Lewis Cass, secretary of war, was over at the White House one day with some important papers for the president to sign, among them being a court martial findings.

'Cass, what is this?' inquired Jackson as he was about to write his name to the document.

'It is a court martial,' answered Cass.

'What have I to do with it?' asked the president.

'It dismisses an officer from the service, and the president must sign such orders.'

Jackson toyed with the paper and said musingly: 'Dismisses him from the army, eh? Why?'

'Drunkenness; getting drunk and falling down on parade or something of that kind,' answered the secretary.

'Who ordered the court?' asked Jackson.

'General Scott,' answered Cass. 'Who is it?' inquired the president, with more interest.

'Inspector General Kraun,' replied Cass.

'What!' shouted Jackson. 'My old friend Kraun! Cass, just read what that paper says.'

The secretary read the usual form of court martial sentence in such cases. The president then took the paper and wrote across the bottom where he was about to sign his name:

'The within findings are disapproved, and Colonel Kraun is restored to his duty and rank.'

He passed the paper back to Secretary Cass and said, with his usual vehemence:

'By the Eternal, Cass, when you and Scott serve your country as well as that man has you can get drunk on duty every day.'

A young man from Tennessee, son of a friend of General Jackson's came to Washington for a place. He looked about and found what he wanted. It was in the war department and filled by a very efficient Whig, whom Secretary Cass would not remove. The young man told Jackson the situation, and Cass was sent for.

'Cass,' said the president, 'this young man, son of my old friend, says you have got a place in the war department filled by a Whig which you won't give him.'

Secretary Cass explained that the duties of the office were of a peculiar kind, and he could get no one to fill the place if the man now in it should be removed. Jackson flared up.

'By the Eternal, Cass, do you mean to tell me you have an office in your department filled by a Whig which can't be filled by a Democrat? Then abolish the office!'

The young man got his place.—Washington Post.

WOMAN THE GREATEST SUFFERER.—Woman is always the greatest sufferer from evils of intemperance. Language is powerless to describe, nay, the imagination can hardly conceive, the agony of a sensitive, high-spirited, loving woman at seeing one whom she has loved and revered dragged down to ruin and shame from the height upon which her pride gloried to behold him. Now and then a wail is heard, or a moan that can no longer be repressed; but that which comes to our knowledge and is made visible to our eyes is but the faintest shadow of the universal misery that exists in society. There is not a social circle that is untainted by the presence of the drink curse, hardly a household within whose privacy it has not thrust its destroying hand. It lies heavy upon the home and all its most sacred interests; but the hidden depths of the misery it has wrought will never be revealed. So long as concealment is possible to a woman, she hides the ravages it makes in her heart and home, stifling the cry of bitter despair, and writhing with brave front under an agony that none but God and her own soul will ever know.

ALWAYS IN DEMAND.—'Tell us,' cried the group of maidens, 'how to remain always young and attractive.' 'That is just dead easy,' replied the sage, without even lifting his eyes from his book. 'Get a fortune and stay single.'

WORDS OF WISDOM.

A fool's eyes are always being put out.

A lie will often kill where a shotgun wouldn't.

Sooner or later pride is sure to step on dynamite.

The back that won't bend will some day have to break.

Life is not worth living unless you live it for somebody else.

A lazy man is always talking about how hard he has to work.

You can tell by the flavor of the honey where the bees have been.

The days are never long enough for the man whose heart is in his work.

Some people forget that there is a good deal of gospel in a handshake.

You have won the love of others when you prove that you love them.

The man who speaks the truth in love will always talk to some purpose.

The right kind of believing never fails to bring the right kind of a blessing.

Nine troubles out of ten will run when you look them squarely in the face.

How quick the peacock drops his feathers when he catches sight of his black feet.

Comparing your sins with those of other people will not make your sinning any safer.

Before you open a window in a railway car, be sure you are pleasing some one besides yourself.

It is more needful to be able to suffer long and be kind, than it is to preach with the tongue of an angel.

It is hard for the world to believe that the sinner who rides in a carriage is made out of the same kind of clay as the one who steals his bread.

IS THE WORD "AMERICA" PERUVIAN?—Dr. John Murray has made a most interesting contribution to the discussion of the origin of the name America. As this name is a personal matter, it may prove interesting to our readers to know the Doctor's position. He points out that the oldest but one of the maps of the New World bears the name Tamarique upon it. Even to-day the title "Sierra Amerrique" is given to a mountain range in Nicaragua, once inhabited by a tribe called Amerriques. The sacred books of the Peruvians show that the national name of this once important race was Amara, or America. Tamarique is, therefore, supposed to stand for Terra-America (the land of America.)

In the day of Vespucci, nicknames abounded. They were given to nearly all, on all manner of pretexts and for many reasons. The Christian name of Vespucci was Amerigo. What could have been more natural than the slight alteration to America Vespucci? And the scholarly Dr. Murray believes that instead of his giving his name to the Western Hemisphere, the hemisphere's most ancient title was bestowed upon him by alteration.

We have often felt sad for Columbus' sake. His contemporaries showed the Genoese scant courtesy. And one has wondered that even his name was not given to the land he discovered. But if America is older than he or Vespucci this reproach is removed.

A POINT IN COOKING EGGS.—I am not a scientist, so I can't explain it, but it is a fact that eggs that have been cooked, boiled, three minutes or less, can be rebaked the next morning and will not only be fresh, but as soft and palatable as though cooked but once. After an egg has been heated and cooled you could cook it till doomsday and it would not get hard. Some property in it resists the hardening process after it is once heated, if only to the soft-boiled point. Some will turn up their patrician noses at the idea of warmed-over eggs, but they find them better than warmed-over meat.

The blue-bird is hailed as a harbinger of Spring. It is also a reminder that a blood-purifier is needed to prepare the system for the debilitating weather to come. Listen and you will hear the birds singing:—'Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla in March, April, May.'

'Some women remind me of hens,' said Crimsonbeak to a friend. 'They never find anything to-day where they laid it yesterday.'

He—I saw several persons take off their hats in the theatre this evening.

She—Of the gentler sex?

He—Yes. They were men.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Wednesday, February 27, 1895.

Marshall Chapman was severely injured by the falling of his horse while riding in Charles county.

It is said that both the democratic and republican State nominating conventions will be held this year earlier than usual.

Mr. Montgomery Blair, son of the late Montgomery Blair, of Maryland, was married in Washington to Miss Edith Draper, daughter of Representative Draper, of Massachusetts.

Frank House, James H. Delauter and William Morrison, county commissioners of Frederick, and Tobias F. Main, ex-superintendent of Montevue Hospital, have been indicted for bribery and malfeasance in office. The grand jury declare that the financial policy in vogue at Montevue Hospital is vicious.

It is stated that Senator Gorman will oppose the appropriation agreed upon by the House for the construction of new cruisers and torpedo-boats for the navy. He had a conference with Secretary Herbert yesterday upon the questions involved. It is stated that Mr. Gorman does not believe the condition of the treasury will justify the expenditure required by the proposed improvements.

'What did the editor get for his Christmas?'

'A gold collar button.'

'Well, isn't he satisfied?'

'No. Now he wants a shirt!'

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