

Saint Mary's Beacon

A FRENCH SQUIRE.

How He Dressed, His Weakness For Potatoes and What He Ate. The squire's shoes were of a very plain and solid make, little better than those provided for his laborers, and such was his economy that he bought leather and had them re-soled by a cobbler living at the chateau. He was much more particular about his headgear. Felt hats were brought by sea from Rouen to Cherbourg. Gomberville paid 25 francs for his own, while those for his servants were not more than a third of that price. His rich velvet caps cost nearly 40 francs.

The squire had a peculiar weakness for perfumes, which he distilled on the spot, such as rosewater, Damascus water, "eau a la mode," etc., and he did not think it beneath his dignity to go and gather the pinks at a neighboring monastery. He was also very fastidious with regard to his gloves and would pay 12 francs a pair for them.

A word may be added as to the arrangements for the table at the chateau. The flour was ground and the bread made at home, although when there was not time to do so a loaf of 12 pounds would be bought from the baker for 3 francs. He paid a higher price when he expected friends, and especially the cure of Cherbourg, who was somewhat of an epicure. There is little said about pastry except the "gâteau des rois," so essential to the festivities of Twelfth Night or Epiphany. The desserts consisted of cheese, honey, fresh and dried fruits, oranges and granades from the south, with a great variety of wines. Generally the preference was given to solid food. Sometimes oxen and sheep were slaughtered at home; sometimes choice morsels were bought at the town, and wonderfully cheap they were. On one occasion the half of a calf and a pound of candles are purchased for 5 francs. Kids were much in request for special entertainments. Pork was then, as now, a favorite article of diet among the peasants. One day, when going to the chase, he rose at 4 o'clock and breakfasted on pork and herrings himself. The fact speaks well for his digestive powers—unless he had reason to repent of the indulgence.

Special luxuries were occasionally provided at his table, as when the servant of a neighbor brought him an Indian cock, and then he was so pleased that he gave the messenger a porboire of 4 francs. This little circumstance is not without interest, as showing that the turkey was not then unknown in France, and throwing doubt on the common tradition that this bird was first introduced there by the Jesuits and served at the royal table of Charles IX, 1571. Fish appears often on the squire's board, as his chateau was near the sea, and the rivers also furnished a good supply.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Slack Mindedness.

A Born newspaper contained the following prospectus of a hotel: "—, in the Bernese Oberland, is the favorite place of resort for those who are fond of solitude. Persons in search of solitude are, in fact, constantly flocking there from the four quarters of the globe." I gather from my informant that this is either a copy or a translation of the prospectus. But I forbear to give the name of the favorite retreat, partly because I have not myself seen the advertisement and partly for fear that many of your readers might be tempted to swell the crowd in that haunt of populous solitude.

In my Harrow days it was reported that the very clever and kind hearted but irascible and sometimes inconsequent second master (long since dead) once called out to the boys in his form, "If one boy prompts another, the boy who prompts shall have ten times as many lines to write out as the boy who is prompted, and the boy who is prompted just the same."—London Spectator.

A Display of Confidence.

On one of the busiest corners of Chicago is a newsstand. The young man who sells papers has a large and abundant confidence in human nature, for as soon as he gets his papers displayed at the stand he empties a handful of nickels and pennies on top of a paper. He cries his wares without intermission, for he holds a bundle of papers under his arm. But for every paper he sells from the bundle he carries he sells two from his stand. His customers, who know him, pick out their papers, lay the coins on the stand and walk away. If they lay down a nickel or a dime, they make change for themselves from the loose coin placed for that purpose.—Chicago Record.

More of It.

"Daphne? Oh, that's much too pretty a name for a servant, especially where there are young gentlemen. I presume you have no objection to being called by your surname?" "Oh, no, madam; I'm quite used to it." "What is your surname?" "Darling."—London Tit-Bits.

They claim to have discovered the missing link. Oh—they're just trying to make monkeys of people.—Detroit Tribune.

Mamma, I wish you'd get me some long trousers! What for? It's so muddy, you know—I'd like to roll 'em up!—Chicago Record.

THEY ARE PLAYING YET.

A Game of Poker Begun During the War Still Unfinished. C. A. Hamilton, the Washington correspondent of the Rochester Post-Express, tells an interesting but somewhat improbable poker story which he heard while riding through the streets of Knoxville.

"Colonel Hart of Knoxville," said Mr. Hamilton, "was our escort during our stay in town, and as we rode by an imposing building the colonel said:

"Now, see that bank? In its vaults are deposited one of the most peculiar special deposits ever put into a bank anywhere in the country. Right after Sherman's army left Tennessee and was well on its way to Atlanta there was a party of southern gentlemen who invaded here in Knoxville. They sat in a game of poker. They were General Cabanis of Georgia, Colonel Culpepper of Virginia, Major Brown and Colonel Atkins of Tennessee. The game went along for an hour or two without any particular incidents, but at last General Cabanis and Colonel Culpepper found themselves pitted against each other with excellent hands. There was no limit to the game. After the cards had been drawn Colonel Culpepper planked down \$100 in combined Confederate and United States money. General Cabanis raised him \$100 more, using the same sort of currency. Colonel Culpepper saw the raise and tilted it \$500. General Cabanis saw this \$500 and raised him \$1,000, and so the game went on for an hour longer, when each gentleman saw he had exhausted his ready funds, but still neither was prepared to call.

"You will excuse me," said Gen. Cabanis. "I have no more funds with me, but I want to see your last raise, colonel, and just tilt you \$1,000 more for luck. If you will pardon me, I will go out and raise the necessary funds."

"The courtly Virginian was, of course, willing to accommodate his friend and comrade and readily acquiesced. General Cabanis was gone nearly an hour, but finally came back with the funds. Then Colonel Culpepper demanded the same privilege. By the time he returned the night was spent, and the business of the day had started in the stores and warehouses of Knoxville. General Cabanis demanded the privilege of raising again. It was, of course, accorded him, but as each gentleman recognized that there might be some delay it was decided that the stakes and each hand should be sealed up in envelopes and deposited in a bank. There those hands and the stakes have been ever since. Every two or three months at first and afterward every two or three years Colonel Culpepper and General Cabanis have walked into that bank, deposited the last raise and tilted her again. Nobody knows what those envelopes contain, as neither gentleman has shown the slightest disposition to call. Although so many years have passed since the hands were dealt, the pot has not yet been won by either. Some of the securities—the Confederate currency, for instance—are of little or no value today, but eliminating all the Confederate and doubtful paper the pot locked up there in that bank is probably one of the most valuable ever played for in the southern states."

One on the Lawyer.

A lawyer tells the following story in The Green Bag: "Some time ago I had under cross examination a youth from the country who rejoiced in the name of Samson, and whose replies were provocative of much laughter in the court. 'And so,' questioned the barrister, 'you wish the court to believe that you are a peaceably disposed and inoffensive kind of person?' 'Yes.' 'And that you have no desire to follow in the steps of your illustrious namesake and smite the Philistines?' 'No, I've not,' answered the witness. 'And if I had the desire I ain't got the power at present.' 'Then you think you would be unable to cope successfully with a thousand enemies and utterly rout them with the jawbone of an ass?' 'Well, answered the ruffled Samson, 'I might have a try when you have done with the weapon.'"

The Dejected Young Man.

"Woman," said the dejected young man, "is a fake." "Yes?" spoke one listener. "Yes. It has not been so many moons since I saved up all my billiard money and lived on beans two weeks to blow myself on an opera and a supper for a young woman. Then I asked her to marry me, and she said she was afraid I was too extravagant to make a good husband."—Indianapolis Journal.

Knights Messengers.

The chronicles of Froissart abound with accounts of the massacres perpetrated by the most notable knights of that chivalric age. They thought it no harm to burn churches, destroy religious buildings and plunder and butcher a peaceable and inoffensive population.

A dollar! she exclaimed, when the clerk had told her the price. Why, that's exorbitant. We can't afford to sell it for any less, replied the clerk. Well, I know where I can get it for less, she replied, and I am too good a business woman to pay more than a thing is worth. And then she marched out of the store and paid 10 cents car fare to go to a place where she could get the same thing for 99 cents.—Chicago Post.

Hints For Beginners.

Glycerine does not agree with a dry skin. If you use powder always wash it off before going to bed. When you give your cellar its spring cleaning add a little copperas water and salt to the whitewash. A little ammonia and borax in the water when washing blankets keeps them soft and prevents shrinkage.

Sprinkling salt on the top of the bottom of garden walls is said to keep snails from climbing up or down. For relief from heartburn or dyspepsia drink a little cold water in which has been dissolved a teaspoonful of salt. For horserens beat a fresh egg and thicken it with fine white sugar. Eat of it freely, and the horserens will soon be relieved.

If quilts are folded or rolled tightly after washing, then beaten with a rolling pin or potato masher it lightens up the cotton and makes them seem soft and new. Chemists say that it takes more than twice as much sugar to sweeten preserves, sauce, etc., if put in when they begin to cook as it does to sweeten after the fruit is cooked. Tar may be removed from the hands by rubbing with the outside of fresh orange or lemon peel and drying immediately. The volatile oils dissolve the tar so that it can be rubbed off.

Moths or any summer flying insect may be enticed to destruction by a bright tin pan half filled with kerosene set in a dark corner of the room. Attracted by the bright pan the moth will meet his death in the kerosene. Essence of quassia will drive away flies, and cucumber peel is detected by cockroaches. A small bag of sulphur kept in a drawer or closet that is infested with ants will quickly disperse them. A brilliant black varnish for iron stoves and fire places is made by stirring ivory black into ordinary shellac varnish.

Professional. J. F. MORGAN, Attorney and Counselor at Law and Agent for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mutual Life of New York and Royal Fire Insurance of Liverpool. LEONARDTOWN, Md. April 1, 1880—41. DAN'L. C. HAMMETT, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Leonardtown, Md. Jan 31—41. B. HARRIS CAMALIER, STATE'S ATTORNEY, AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Leonardtown, Md. R. BERT C. COMBS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Leonardtown Md. WALTER I. DAWKINS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, FIDELITY BUILDING, CORNER CHARLES AND LEXINGTON STS., BALTIMORE, Md. Will continue to practice in St. Mary's and adjoining counties. Nov 2—41. LORI E. SPALDING, ATTORNEY AT LAW, No. 26 Lexington St., Baltimore, Md. Prompt attention given to all business entrusted in his care. Jan 1, 80—41. R. B. TIPPETT & BRO., ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, 11 S. Lexington St., near Chas. Bal., Md. Practice in the Courts of Baltimore City Court of Appeals of Md., in the counties of Charles and St. Mary's and Washington City. Special attention given to Admiralty practice, collection of claims. GEORGE BLAKISTONE, Attorney at Law, Farmers & Merchants Bank Building, Corner South and Lombard Sts., Baltimore, Md. Sept 20—41. RODDY & LOVE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Law Building, Cor. Lexington and Paul Streets, Baltimore, Md. Claims collected and promptly paid over references: Citizens National Bank, Baltimore J. Frank Bird, Clerk Court of Appeals, Md. Oct 13—41, cap 27 93. WALTER B. DORSEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, LEONARDTOWN, MD. Office—Register of Wills' Office - Jan 14 '92—41. DUKE BOND, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW, National Mechanics Bank Building, BALTIMORE, MD. Sept 20 '92. D. S. ESCOBAR, Attorney and Counselor-at-Law, 210 St. Paul's Street, Baltimore, Md. 1875—41. DR. WHEAT HAMMETT, DENTIST, 406 Jth N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. Operative and mechanical Work done in best manner. All work guaranteed. Prices moderate. Consultation free. Sept 1—41. Hotel Lawrence, Leonardtown, Md. at Union Hotel. In first class order. Good Table and accommodations. Meals, 40 cents. \$1.50 per day. Special prices by the week or month. Stables and feed and good care of horses. A. A. LAWRENCE April 4, 92. y FARMS WANTED. IF parties having farms for sale will send descriptions and prices to the undersigned or call in person, it will be to their advantage. I have now order for several farms. July 14—41. J. P. FARMER

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