

Saint Mary's Beacon

The Lucky Old Man.

An emperor was once passing through the streets of Tiberias, when he noticed a very old man planting a fig tree. "Why do you plant trees?" asked the emperor. "If thou hadst done such work in thy youth, thou wouldst be gathering figs to-day, instead of planting trees. Thou canst not hope to eat fruit of this tree."

"In my youth I labored for my own good," answered the old man; "in my old age I labor for the good of others. In my youth I gathered figs from trees that others had planted; other youths may eat of the trees that I plant. I must work in the sunset as at the sunrise for the whole day is God's."

"How old art thou asked the emperor."

"A hundred years."

"Dost thou expect to eat fruit from this tree?"

"If not I will leave it to my sons, as my father left orchards to me. That thought gives me pleasure. We live in future years already, in good intentions and dreams."

"Happy old man," said the emperor. "If thou dost live to gather figs from this tree, come and visit me at my palace and I will reward thy labor."

Years passed. The old man lived and the fig tree grew. At last the tree filled with blossoms, then with figs. The old man gathered a basket of young figs, and, taking his staff, went to visit the emperor.

"Well," asked the emperor, "what is thy desire?"

"I am the old man, whom, some years ago, you found planting a fig tree. I was then one hundred years old. You told me then, that if I lived to eat fruit from the tree, to visit you, and, therefore, I am here. I have come to present to you a basket of figs."

The emperor gave the basket to one of his body-guards, and told him to take out of it the figs, and to replace every fig by a gold coin. The basket was returned to the old man. He looked at it and was very happy and joyfully returned to his friends.

"Why didst thou so honor the old Jew?" asked one of the royal household.

"Because God has honored him. God honors men first, the world afterward."

Now, there lived near the old man an old woman who was very envious and avaricious. When she heard of her neighbor's good fortune, she said to her husband, "Let me send a gift to the emperor."

"What shall it be?"

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"Cocoanuts," said the old wife.

"No, figs."

The old wife filled a large basket with figs, saying, "The more figs, the more coins. Now go, and you will return rich like the Jew."

The old man came to the palace.

"Who are you?" demanded the guard.

"I have brought a basket of figs for the emperor."

"And what is your reason?"

"That he may replace them with coins."

The guard told the emperor, who answered, "Take from him the figs and pelt him with them; then order him to be gone."

The guard did so accordingly; and the old man went home sorrowfully, and told his wife of his reception and humiliation.

"But," he added, "I was lucky after all."

"Lucky, how?"

"Suppose I had carried the cocoanuts instead of the figs?"

His HAT SPOKE.—A certain painter who died not long ago was a broken down wreck in his later days. Some feeling of pride and shame clung to him to the last and although he lived upon the charity of his friends he never asked for money outright. In the crown of his hat he pasted this request, "Please lend me a quarter," printed in big staring letters. When making a call, he would doff his hat with much show of dignity, and there would be the mute appeal staring in the face his intended victim. The scheme never failed.

JUST THE SAME.—"How do you suppose the new woman will use her latch key?"

"Precisely as the old man did. Sit on the steps and wait till the house comes round."—Detroit Free Press.

Garnicht—How did Bayonett get his increase of pension?

Armory Core—Proved that he strained himself drawing up the original.—Truth.

LITTLE CURIOUS THINGS.—The

doctors of Topeka, Kansas, say that there is a young negro in that burg who has the body and limbs covered with skin exactly like that of an alligator.

There are 500 pieces in the \$15,000 set of chins used at the White House.

The largest pure diamond, that belonging to the Rajah of Mattan, weighs 365 carats. The one of next greatest weight, the Orloof or Orloff, weighs 193 carats.

Blood in its natural state contains a surprising amount of pure air, amounting to nearly seven-eighths of its entire bulk.

St. Jerome states that he saw Scotchmen in the Roman armies in Gaul who ate human flesh regularly, esteeming it as a great delicacy.

In the human subject the brain is the one-twenty-eighth part of the whole body's entire weight. In the horse it is not more than one-fourth hundredth part.

The "World of Wonders," page 30, says that there is enough iron in the blood of 43 men to make a plowshare of 24 pounds weight.

The word "and" occurs 35,543 times in the Old Testament and 10,684 times in the New Testament.

A turnip with a human face was pulled from a garden in the village Weidan, Germany, in the year 1628. A full account of this wonder and a splendid woodcut of the same may be found in 'Miscellanea Academie Natura' for 1670, page 139.—Republic.

HOW A COLD WAVE TRAVELS.—

Cold waves, so-called—a comprehensive phase for which we are indebted to recent meteorological research and investigation—are waves of heavy air, following the rarefied track of low barometer, and changing to the conditions from mild oppressiveness to clear, cold skies and heavy air full of life giving properties. These waves are so marked in their movements as veritable sea waves, rolling over the land just as a tidal wave rolls over the surface of the ocean. Exactly where they originate is a mystery, but it is altogether probable that their starting point is somewhere on that bleak plateau lying between Hudson's Bay and Behring Straits. When the waves reach the outposts of civilization in the Rocky Mountains, the telegraph heralds the news over the whole of the United States, giving the impression that the home of the blizzard is in the mountainous regions of the Northwestern States of our own country. When these waves reach the great plains and the Missouri and Mississippi valleys, they spread out and cover the whole country, striking the Atlantic coast in a streak, extending from Bangor, Me., to Cape Hatteras. After taking its plunge into the ocean it rages with great violence until it comes in contact with the Gulf stream. That great thermal current modifies and tempers the blast so that it is but a Spring breeze by the time it reaches the Bermudas, 600 miles from Charleston, S. C.

THE CASH BUYER.—The man who always pays cash can dictate prices within reasonable bounds. The merchant will not let him leave his store, if the price offered affords any margin of profit. The merchant sees that there is no risk or trouble, that he gets back the money invested and some profit, and gladly makes sale at a price below what he could afford to make to the man who buys on credit; the cash buyer pays a fair price for what he gets, but does not help pay the worthless accounts of others; the buyer on credit has to carry the whole load. Many farmers are somewhat in debt, and they say they must buy on credit. They are the ones who should not do so, even if others do. It is far better to go to a neighbor, state the facts and borrow the sum of money needed to put affairs on a cash basis, the saving will amount to several times the interest paid on the note. Then, too, there is gain in other ways. One's credit grows better when little used, and there is escape from the worry of being dunned for little accounts. When it is understood that a man always pays cash for what he buys his opportunity to get what he wants increases. Those needing cash are quick to give him the refusal of what they have to sell. The man who drops the credit plan, borrows the needed money at a fair rate of interest, if he has not capital of his own and then keeps accurate accounts of the expenditure of every dollar of it, improves his chance of success.

Notice To Creditors.

Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Md., March 24, 1896.
Ordered by the Court, that Hattie A. Cawood, administratrix of J. Clarke Cawood, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, give the notice required by law to the creditors to exhibit their claims and that the same be published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Mary's Beacon. Test: PHILIP H. DORSEY, Register Wills for St. Mary's county.

In pursuance of the above order, I hereby give notice that I have obtained from the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of J. CLARKE CAWOOD, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto to the undersigned, on or before the 24th day of September, 1896, they will otherwise be lawfully excluded from the benefits of the said estate. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
HATTIE A. CAWOOD, Administratrix.
March 26, '96—6w

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

J. Walter Carpenter, assignee, vs. Robert M. Freeman.

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity, No. 815 N. E.

Ordered this 14th day of April 1896, that the sale made and reported by J. Walter Carpenter, assignee, in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 2nd Monday in May, 1896, provided a copy of this order be published in the St. Mary's Beacon once a week for three successive weeks prior to the said 2nd Monday in May, 1896.

The report states that the land sold for \$2000.
JAMES J. GREENWELL, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
JAMES J. GREENWELL, Clerk.
Apr 16 96—3wt

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B. HARRIS CAMALIÈR, STATE'S ATTORNEY, AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, LEONARDTOWN, Md.

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WALTER B. DORSEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, LEONARDTOWN, Md. Office—Register of Wills' Office. Jan 14 '96—1y.

DUKE BOND, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW, National Mechanics Bank Building, BALTIMORE, MD. Sept 29 '92.

D. S. BRISCOE, Attorney and Counselor-at-Law, 219 St. Paul's Street, Baltimore, Md. 1873—4f.

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