

An Inopportune Decision.

Recently the Kansas City Court of Appeals has thrown light on an important case by handing down the following opinion: "The marriage of Adam and Eve was not only without witnesses, but so far as the records show, they married themselves. He repeated the contract and she acquiesced by silence."

The court adds that the marriage was perfectly binding, and entirely legal, thus removing a horrible doubt that has troubled millions of people for hundreds of years. But—and this is the sad part of it—like many judicial decisions it comes too late to bring any peace of mind or comfort to the parties most intimately concerned. For all we may know, they went to their graves without having been able to live down the prejudice against them in the community where they lived, and shunned by such of their descendants as had been careful to employ a preacher or a justice of the peace.—Don Marquis in Uncle Remus Magazine.

Reading in Bed.

Reading in bed, like most luxuries, can be overdone. In fact, there seems to be only one excuse for this fascinating way of ending the day. Certain people find that their worries accumulate in their barins after bedtime. Their nerves are at high tension, and their mind are actively at work trying to solve problems that should have been left behind in the city.

Going to bed with the brain in such a state means that with nothing and seeing nothing in the darkness, imagination has full sway and hours of wakefulness may be the result. Such a man, we think, will find half an hour's reading in bed a great help.

With careful attention paid to the quality and position of the light so that without flickering it shines over the page the much maligned habit of reading in bed has sometimes a very beneficial effect on a tired and over-wakeful brain.—Family Doctor.

How it Happened.

A certain member of the fashionable Metropolitan and Chevy Chase clubs at the national capital has all his life borne many quips by reason of his exceedingly diminutive stature.

Last spring the diminutive clubman took unto himself a wife, the daughter of a well known federal official, who is said to be as witty as her father.

"Mrs. Blank," said a friend one day recently, "I have just seen your husband for the first time since his marriage. Do you know, he seems shorter than ever?" "Why not?" asked the wife, with a smile, "he's married and settled down."—Harper's Weekly.

The Way Out.

When Pat decided to set up as a caddy he bought an old cavalry horse and reached home feeling proud, bedad! But then he found he couldn't make it budge, so he took it back to the barracks and told the officers that it was dead beat and wouldn't go.

"Won't he?" said the officer. And, mounting him, he cried, "Charge!" Away sped the horse around the yard and suddenly stopped when the officer cried "Halt!"

Well pleased, Pat took the horse home a second time.

On the afternoon following he had a party to drive to the station. As soon as all were seated he shouted, "Cha-a-arge!"

The steed rushed off at breakneck speed. Tearing along at forty miles an hour, it soon reached the station. But a wild look came into the Hibernian driver's eyes.

"Be jabbers," he screamed, "I've forgotten the word! I can't stop him! I can't stop him! Ladies—ladies, if ye want'er git out whirroo, ye'd better try rollin'!"—London Graphic.

A Lion Let Loose.

William was considered by all his classmates the brightest boy in his grade. Somehow or other he had managed to learn his lessons with practically no effort. He was certainly to be envied, for he was gifted with such a remarkable brain that by hearing a lesson recited in class once or twice he knew it quite well. Thus it was that while the other fellows were compelled to study hard he scarcely found it necessary to even open a book.

At the expiration of the term examinations in various subjects were given by the principal to test on paper the boy's knowledge and to guide him in making promotions. One of the questions asked in the geography test was, "What is the equator?" Had this been an oral examination William would no doubt have been counted correct, but in consequence of its being a written one he did not get off so easy. The following answer appears in his paper:

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