

KAISER SOME HUNTER

Bags Fifty Deer at Royal Hunting Party.

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Imperial Preserves Near Berlin Are Opened for the Regal Sportsmen, Who Take Pot Shots at 2,000 Deer, Which Are Driven Past Stands Occupied by the Rulers.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—No meeting of European sovereigns is complete without a hunting expedition, and the deer drive which the German Emperor arranged last week for the benefit of the Czar of Russia was of truly regal dimensions. It took place for the first time in the Kaiser's new preserves at Oranienburg, some thirty miles out of Berlin.

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DUMAS' HERO FOUND

French Historian Seeks the Truth of Famous Novel.

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Real Name of Chief Figure in "Three Musketeers" Was Charles de Batz-Castellane, and He Was of Noble Basque Descent—Sought Adventure in Paris at Seventeen.

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Stories of Famous Poems



No. 4. "Leedle Yawcob Strauss."

CHARLES FOLLEN ADAMS.

I hat von funny leedle poy, / Vot comes chust to mine knee; / Der queerest chap, der greatest / Rogue.

As he runs und schumps und / Schmashes dings, / In all barts of der house; / Put vot of dot? he was mine son, / Mine leedle Yawcob Strauss.

He get der measles und der dumbs, / Und efferding dot's out; / He sblills mine glass of lager beer, / Poots snoo ind mine kraut; / He fills mine pipe mit Limberg / Cheese—

Dot was der roughest—chouse; / I'd dake dot from no order poy, / But leedle Yawcob Strauss.

He dakes der milk-ban for a drum, / Und cuts mine cane in two / To make der schlicks to beat it / Mit—

Mine cracious! dot was drue, / I dinks mine head was schplit abart, / He picks up sooch a touse; / But nefer mind—der poy was few / Like dot young Yawcob Strauss.

He asks me questions sooch as dose, / Who baints mine nose so red? / Who vos it cuts dot smooth black / Out

Vrom der hair upon mine head? / Und where der plaze goes vom der / Lamp.

Venger der glim I douse? / How gan I all dose dings egschblain / To dot schmail Yawcob Strauss?

Meddies dink I shall go vild / Mit sooch a crazy poy, / Und vish once more I gould hat rest, / Und beautiful times ensy; / But ven he was ashleep in bed, / So gulet as a mouse, / I brays der Lord, "Dake anydings, / But leaf dot Yawcob Strauss."

There is nothing so difficult / To write as dialect verse, and because / Charles Follen Adams succeeded so / well with his characteristic German / dialect verses, and was able to produce / many other poems almost / equally as good as his "Leedle / Yawcob Strauss," is much to his / credit. No less a noted writer than / Oliver Wendell Holmes took a great / delight in reading these fugitive / verses, and wrote Adams: "I hope / your genial and always welcome / humor will long continue to delight / the world to which you have already / contributed so much enjoyment."

While "Leedle Yawcob Strauss" has / been read and reread for considerably / more than a quarter of a century / by all classes of lovers of verse, / it is as potent and impressive in / its humor to-day as at any time. / And an interesting feature of the / poem is the fact that it was not a / mere fancy of the poet, but was suggested / to him by a washerwoman.

Another peculiar thing about the / author's having named the German / dialect is in the assurance that / he did not have a drop of German / blood in his veins. He never lived / amid German surroundings. He was / emphatically American, for his men / and women ancestors took no small / part in American affairs when the / country was young. Then how did / he happen to employ the delicious / quaint German dialect that has given / relish to the homely truths he / preaches in his typical way? Where / did he learn such mastery of Ger-

man-English ideas and expressions? / To answer that question it is / easiest to let Mr. Adams make his / own reply: "I just picked it up. I / never was thrown much with Ger- / man when a boy, other than a Ger- / man washerwoman. This German / washerwoman was a delight to the / ear. She managed the English in / great shape. I used to be very fond / of getting her to talk, and then / just listening. That was what gave / me my first interest in the German / dialect.

"Then there was a little German / sergeant who was in the hospital / with me after the battle of Gettys- / burg. The sergeant and I were side / by side in the ward, and he used to / teach me German songs. We sang / them together. Incidentally I picked / up a great deal of his broken Eng- / lish, and his oddities of phrasing."

In this casual fashion "Yawcob / Strauss" chanced upon the seeds / that under his careful tending were / to grow years later into such deli- / cious Dutch tulips, the fame of / which spread through many lands / beside our own.

It was in 1870 that Mr. Adams' / first verses were published, and two / years later his first dialect poem / made its appearance. This was / called "The Fuzzled Dutchman." It / related the woes of a twin who so / closely resembled his brother that / nobody could tell "vich from tuder." / One of them died, and the other / mournfully said:

Und so I am in drouble, / I can't get droo mein heat, / Volder I see Hans what's living, / I dinks I'm dinked dead.

This first bit of Adams' verse / sprang instantly into popularity on / account of its humor and the charm / of its dialect. But the author's / popularity became more than / national when "Leedle Yawcob Strauss" / was published in 1876. The poet's / son, Charles Mills Adams, has been / hailed as the hero of these verses, / as his daughter, Ella Paige Adams, / has been credited with being the / heroine of "Leedle Loweeza." Some / of the tenderness and human quality / of "Leedle Yawcob" must have been / drawn from Mr. Adams' own expe- / rience, however. They find an an- / swering smile and sigh from every / father.

Holmes was not the only one of / the beloved American poets who / found appreciation in the dialect / verses of Adams. He received com- / mendatory letters from Longfellow, / Whittier, and many others in ap- / preciation of "Leedle Yawcob / Strauss." On New Year's Day, in / 1878, Holmes wrote to Adams: "My / first note of the year is to thank / you for your very pleasant and very / happily illustrated book of poems. I / have read every one of them, and / passed a good part of an evening / in doing so most agreeably. As / for 'Leedle Yawcob,' he is quite / charming, and the pathetic surprise / of the last verse has moistened many / thousands of eyes—these old ones of / mine among the rest."

Whittier was equally eloquent and / enthusiastic in his praise: "I have / read thy book with pleasure—the / Dutch pieces particularly—which are / mirth-provoking with a suggestion / of pathos in the father's love for / his hilarious offspring, which makes / tender the homely ruggedness of the / verses in which the honest Teuton / expresses his fatherly pride."

And Longfellow, in a similar vein, / says: "I have had the pleasure of / receiving the volume you were kind / enough to send, and hasten to thank / you for the amusement it has given / and is to give me."

"Leedle Yawcob Strauss" was not / the only poem which Mr. Adams / wrote that attracted a world-wide / attention. Some of his admirers / are even more fond of his "Der Oak / and Der Vine" and "Yas Mifriage / a Failure." The author himself / considered "Der Oak and Der Vine" / his best poem. It is a humorous but / none the less sincere tribute to / woman's courage in time of trouble / and a refutation of the argument / that man being stronger than wom- / an, is always a "sturdy oak" to her / "gliming vine."

"Dot Long Handled Dipper," a / practical caricature of "The Old / Oaken Bucket," is also a general / favorite. It sings of the conveni- / ence of the "dipper dot hangs py / der sink" as opposed to the incon- / venience of a bucket in a well.

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Athletics' Manager Tells Pope How Team Won Pennant.

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BIG HAT TAKEN OUT.

Woman Wearing It Escorted from Concert Hall in Boston.

Boston, Nov. 26.—In spite of the edict of Mayor John F. Fitzgerald that patrons of the Symphony concerts must remove their headgear, a dozen women wore their hats through most of the programme. One woman who refused to remove her hat was escorted out of the hall into Huntington avenue in the rain.

QUEEN MARY SETS STYLE.

Mode of Dressing Her Children is Widely Copied.

London, Nov. 26.—However little Queen Mary's opinion may affect fashions for adults, her way of dressing her children is being copied all over England. She believes in the plain and useful school costume, and all youngsters from three to twelve years of age in the kingdom are being dressed in this fashion.

MERRY DEL VAL NOT TO QUIT.

Pope Contemplates No Change in Policy of the Holy See.

Rome, Nov. 26.—There is no truth in the report that Cardinal Merry Del Val will shortly resign his post as papal secretary of state. The Pope places implicit trust in him, and as the pontiff does not contemplate changing the policy of the holy see, there is no reason why Cardinal Merry Del Val should retire.

BREAKS LEG CROSSING KNEE.

Girl Shows Unusual Case of Bone Brittleness.

London, Nov. 26.—A very uncommon case of hereditary brittleness of bones is communicated to the press by Dr. Kerr, an English surgeon. A little girl who was a candidate for a school for physically defective children had been quietly sitting in a chair and in crossing her knees the left thigh broke.

THE SLIGHTEST WISH.

Mrs. Newlywed—Before we were married, you said that my slightest wish would be your law. / Mr. Newlywed—Exactly, my love; but you have so many vigorous and well developed wishes that I am as yet unable to decide as to which is the slightest.

YOUR WIFE.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. / If you worry, your wife thinks you're foolish. / If you don't see things you lack a proper sense of your responsibilities.

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WELL ANSWERED.

From the Philadelphia Press. / The town council of B— some time ago held a ball banquet. One of the ailermen, noted for his ready wit, came arrayed in a tartan waistcoat. He was subjected to a great number of curious looks, none of which, however, affected him in the least. At length one of his brother ailermen, unable to restrain his curiosity any longer, remarked: / "I say, Mr.—, what possessed you to come in a tartan waistcoat?" / "Well," came the witty answer, "I'm like some of you. Always when I dine I like to keep a check over my stomach."

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