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AN HONEST MAN.

Allowed to Cut His May Before Going to Jail.

(Port Jarvis Letter in N. Y. Sun.)

Last April John Fletcher, a farmer of Blooming Grove, Pa., quarrelled with his neighbor, John Hobday, and finally shot him, inflicting a severe wound. On the following day Fletcher was arrested and held to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of attempted man slaughter. The following month Fletcher escaped from jail in Milford, Pike county, went to his home, where he remained two weeks, and then returned and gave himself up, giving as a reason for running away that he wanted to plant his Spring corn. At the June term of court he was found guilty of assault in the second degree. When asked by Judge Seeley if he had any reason to offer why sentence should not be pronounced, he arose and said:

"Yer Honor, I have. You see, I have twenty tons of hay out in the field, and it will be worth \$20 a ton next Fall. I wish you would let me go and get it in, and then I will come back in the Fall and stand any sentence you may pass upon me."

This proposition struck Judge Seeley as decidedly original, but after consulting with Judges Baker and Hornbeck he allowed him to depart on his own recognizance, telling him to be back at the October term to receive sentence. Promptly on the opening of court Fletcher was on hand and Judge Seeley sentenced him to imprisonment in the Milford jail for six months and to pay a fine of \$180. His term was up last Monday and then a new difficulty arose. He had only \$80, and therefore could not pay the fine. Fletcher sent for Judge Baker and offered to give his note for \$100.

"I have no objection," said the Judge, providing the County Commissioners will accept it."

The Commissioners were summoned, and after being assured by Fletcher that "there was no danger, he would pay it if he had to work his finger nails off," they accepted his note without an indorsement and Fletcher was once more a free man.

Wonderful if True.

It is claimed that the American Beef Company, of Philadelphia, has become the owner of what is termed the Holgate process of preserving meat, which, if rumor lies not, is destined to completely revolutionize the beef industry of the world. By this process it is claimed that for a sum less than one dollar per ton, meat can be preserved in its natural condition for any desired period of time, and that having once been subjected to treatment, can be shipped in ordinary freight cars, regardless of heat or other exposure. If, as it is claimed for it, the process is simple and inexpensive and one from which no baneful effects can arise to annoy the consumer, it needs no prophet to foretell the greatness of the discovery and the benefit it will result in to the beef cattle producer. It is said the company which now controls the secret of the process has already sufficient capital subscribed and ready to erect and equip a plant capable of slaughtering, dressing and tending five hundred beves daily. If this be so it will not be long before actual experiment will demonstrate the true value of this discovery.—E.

Cure for Snake Poison.

(Chicago Times)

Let a new discovery in science, art or mechanics be announced, and some one comes forward to show that it is very old and has long been used in some part of the world. The like is true in relation to alleged new discoveries in remedial agents. The report of Pasteur's discovery in regard to the prevention of hydrophobia by inoculating the sufferer with virus obtained from an animal that had died in consequence of having been bitten by a rabid dog had been published but a few days before Mr. Farini, a distinguished oriental traveler, stated in an English journal that the natives of many parts of Asia and Africa used dried snake poison as an antidote for the bite of a serpent. He states that there are a dozen varieties of snakes in Asia and Africa which have power to inject deadly poison into the animal system by means of their fangs. The subtle poison is certain to produce death in man or beast in a very short time unless an antidote

ALL WORTS.

Medical writers agree that water is fattening.

Milk cows are \$10 a head in Mexico, and not worth that.

Milk is strongly recommended as a cure for drunkenness.

Two German companies are formed to build railroads in China.

The potato was generally introduced in France only 100 years ago.

Vanadate of lead worth \$10,000 a pound has been discovered in Montana.

Sam Jones, Evangelist, called the Governor of Missouri "an old swill tub."

In the Iroquois tongue ha-dos meant "they eat." Did the revisers know this?

Indiana's oldest woman is Mrs. Oiler, of Russiaville, who is seven years above par.

At Russian railway stations is a grievance book in which passengers enter complaints.

Bachelor, again. The richest man in Philadelphia is ninety years old and never married.

Japan imports nearly fifty millions in cotton goods, and 97 per cent of it is from England.

Bread service is popular in England. All church members bring a loaf of bread for the poor.

John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia merchant, never shaves, but has a face as smooth as a boy's.

The Philadelphia Times says that the natural gas discovered in the Potomac is marsh gas and not the clear oil.

There are 1,000 different religions in the world, and 3,462 different languages in which to quarrel about them.

China sends only one ambassador to represent her in Germany and France. He divides his time between Berlin and Paris.

Deep Shafts.

It should be a matter of pride to the people of the United States to know that within their boundaries is the deepest vertical shaft on the American continent, and the second deepest in the whole world. This is what is known as the combination shaft on the Comstock lode at Virginia City, Nev. This shaft has now reached a depth of a little over 3,100 feet. There is only one deeper vertical shaft in the world—the Adalbert shaft of the silver-lead mines of Prozbirum, Bohemia, which, at last accounts, had reached a depth of 3,280 feet.

The attainment of that depth was made the occasion of a festival, which continued three days, and was still further honored by the striking off of commemorative medals of the value of a florin each. There is no record of the beginning of work on this mine at Prozbirum, although its written history goes back to 1527. Twenty years ago very few mining shafts in the world had reached a depth of 2,000 feet. The very deepest at that time was in a metalliferous mine in Hanover, which was carried down 2,900 feet; but this was probably not a single perpendicular shaft.

A Fatal Watch.

(Telfair (Ga.) Times.)

The late Dr. McLean, sometime, in feeling the pulse of his patient, held his watch and counted the pulsations. On one occasion, when doing this, his watch stopped suddenly in his hand, and his patient, contrary to his expectation, died. He related this to a party of gentlemen, among whom was Davy Harris, a well known citizen of our county, for a long time clerk of our inferior court. Not long after, Harris was taken sick and sent for the Doctor. When the Doctor arrived he was a great deal better, and was sitting on the piazza at Major Bert's, where he lived. The doctor felt his pulse and unconsciously pulled out his watch. Harris, remembering the incident, said: "Don't pull that d— watch out on me." The watch stopped. In forty-eight hours he was corpse.

A good story is told of the Bishop of Atlanta, Ga. He recently addressed a large assembly of Sunday-school children and wound up by asking in a very paternal and condescending way: "And now, is there a-a-n-y little boy or a-a-n-y little girl who would like to ask me a question?" After a pause he repeated the question, "Is there a-a-n-y little

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