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A remarkable experience once befell Mark Twain in Australia, which, he said, determined him never again to judge by appearances. He had just landed at an Australian port, and, to his chagrin, there was no porter in sight to carry his luggage. Seeing a rough looking, badly dressed old fellow leaning idly against a post with his hands in his pockets, the author beckoned to him and said: "See here, if you'll carry these bags up to the hotel I'll give you half a dollar." The man scowled darkly, and, taking three or four golden sovereigns from his pocket, he deliberately threw them into the sea, scowled at Mark Twain again and walked away without a word.

A SCIENTIST'S STARTLING PROOF.

By OSCAR COX.

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The great scientific investigator and the great financier talked together.

"What is death, doctor?" asked the latter.

"I don't know. Formerly we considered death the separation of animal and spiritual life, occurring when the heart ceased to beat. Now we know that the body lives on after that period. There are two causes of bodily death or corruption—viz. microbes and self digestion. Microbes cannot act if not permitted to enter, and self digestion cannot take place except through the agency of water. Exclude the microbes, exhaust the water, and, in my opinion, the body may be kept alive indefinitely. In that case spiritual death may be eliminated."

A year after this announcement Jonathan Starkweather, the financier, feeling ill, sent for Dr. Evan Carroll, the man who made it. But before the doctor's arrival the patient had died of heart failure. Carroll produced an order signed by Starkweather twelve months before for the body. Arthur Starkweather, the deceased's oldest son, knew of the order, respected it and the body was transferred to Dr. Carroll's laboratory.

Arthur Starkweather inherited his father's fortune, but by the will, in case of his death without issue, it was to go to Dr. Carroll in trust to endow an institute for scientific research. Two years after getting possession of the property Arthur Starkweather died a bachelor. Dr. Carroll at once put in a claim for the estate on behalf of his institute.

Innumerable Starkweathers sprang up to contest the will.

A meeting was called, a committee appointed and counsel employed.

A month later counsel informed the committee that there was no doubt of their ability to break the will, owing to a flaw in the deed of trust. The trustees' attorneys were so far convinced of this that they made an offer to compromise. The offer was submitted to a meeting of the heirs-at-law and unanimously declined.

Dr. Carroll, who was present at the meeting, arose and stated that there was some doubt about Jonathan Starkweather being dead and he might be capable of making another will. All were surprised at what was considered an absurd bluff on the part of a man who stood at the head of scientific research in America. Shouts of "Proof!" "Produce him!" "Show your hand!" were heard from every quarter. The doctor left the meeting without reply, but in a few days every member of the heirs' committee was invited by him to present himself at a certain hour of a certain day at his laboratory.

Upon arrival they were ushered into a dimly lighted unfurnished room, in the center of which was a gigantic test tube similar to those, much smaller, commonly used by experimenters. In the tube was what resembled a skeleton, though it was rather like a strip of dried cartilage. The skull, covered with shriveled flesh, skin and hair, was the only feature that suggested a human being.

The tube was hermetically sealed and occupied a space twelve feet square by seven feet high, inclosed in plate glass. A steam pipe appeared coming up through the floor. Dr. Carroll and several assistants in sterilized gowns entered the inclosure. The temperature was noted and a jet of steam turned on. Then the sealed end of the tube was opened, and after a time the cartilaginous figure began to assume the appearance of a starved human being. Soon after Dr. Carroll removed it from the tube and placed it in a cushioned easy chair.

The figure finally opened its eyes, but immediately closed them. Then, opening them again, it fixed them on the committee. There was something so uncanny in the stare of the corpse-like body that several of the committee, unable to stand it, left the room.

At this point Dr. Carroll asked the patient how he felt. He opened his lips to speak, but the only sound that came was such as is produced by a talking doll. It was very distressing, and more of the committee went out. Dr. Carroll opened the door of the glass inclosure and asked the committee if they recognized Jonathan Starkweather. Several committee men admitted that they did, but didn't wish to see any more of him, whereupon the doctor took from his pocket a will, properly drawn, and handed it to Starkweather with a stylographic pen. Starkweather signed it, and it was witnessed by the assistants.

Such is the story whispered among the younger experimenters at the Starkweather institute with reference to the withdrawal of the suit to break the Starkweather will on payment of \$100,000 to the heirs of the \$1,000,000 left for the institution. There is one element of the story, however, that casts a doubt upon its truth. Nothing is said about what became of the remains, dead or alive, of Starkweather. On Dr. Carroll's theory he might now be walking around. Some say a doctor still has him in the big test tube and is waiting for the development of other processes to bring him back to permanent life. Surely the interests of scientific research would not be injured by a frank avowal of the facts.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting of the Canyon Creek Reservoir Company.

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the stockholders of the Canyon Creek Reservoir Company will be held at the Canyon Creek school house on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1909, at the hour of 8:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering the question of selling and disposing of the whole of the property and assets of every kind and description of such corporation.

This notice is given in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the board of directors of such corporation on the fifth day of May, 1909.

W. J. GRIGGS
Secretary.

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Both Tainted.

"You are in the employ of that millionaire up on the hill, aren't you?" snapped the sharp faced woman who ran the butter and egg shop.

"Yes, ma'am," responded the man in the white apron, "and I want two pounds of butter for my master's table. He said he'd send to town after it, only the roads are so bad."

"He did, eh? Well, we are not particular about his trade. Did you tell him I said his money was tainted?"

"Indeed, I did."

"And what did he say?"

"Said so was your blamed old butter."—Chicago News.

A Fixed Law.

"You are positive this happened on Tuesday?" demanded counsel.

"I am," said the witness.

"Sure it was Tuesday?"

"Yes."

"Why not Thursday or Friday?"

"Because we had chicken that day. Chicken day is Tuesday where I board."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Cook's Declaration.

The cook picked up an egg. She looked at it doubtfully.

"It's bad," she said.

She dropped it.

"It's worse!" she hastily added.—Exchange.

Not Acting.

Actor—All the newspapers say my impersonation of Caesar last night was absolutely real. Rival—Perhaps that's so. Everybody I've met says it certainly wasn't acting.

Old Wheel of Fortune.

In the village church of Comfort, near Pont-Croix, in western Brittany, is a very good specimen of the now rare "wheel of fortune." It is made of wood, with a row of bells on its outer rim and pivoted between a couple of rough beams, altogether very primitive workmanship. By means of a cord attached to a crank the wheels can be made to revolve and set all the bells a-jangling. I have often heard that the peasants believe that it has miraculous power of healing when rung over the head of a sufferer who has the rope padlocked. I received remarkable confirmation of this belief, for while making a photograph a well to do sailor's wife and her husband came into the church and looked round. The woman asked me if I thought there could be any truth in this belief, as her child was very backward in learning to talk. Her nurse, who came from those parts, had advised her to bring the baby and ring the bells of Comfort over his head, when he would be sure to talk. As she was passing she had looked in to see if it was worth trying!—London Chronicle.

The Smooth Way.

In the last generation Tyler Cobb, Esq., was a well known citizen of North Bridgewater, now Brockton, Mass. He was famous throughout Plymouth county for his witty retorts and dry humor.

Never having taken a sea trip, Mr. Cobb one day conceived the idea of making a voyage to New York. Accordingly he sailed from Boston in a small schooner. The first day out a storm was encountered and Mr. Cobb became violently sick, but after several hours he mustered up courage and strength to look out upon the troubled waters.

As he looked from the side of the little ship up the trough of the sea it seemed very smooth to him. The captain's cutting of the waves was senseless, he told himself. But as this mad steering continued the unhappy passenger finally crawled out on hands and knees to where the captain stood at the wheel and, raising his voice above the din of waves and wind, shouted:

"Man, man, keep in the ruts, keep in the ruts!"

Worked it Off.

Just what may happen to a man who isn't strictly honest was illustrated on a street car a few days ago. A man handed the conductor a dollar and asked for a strip of tickets. He received his five tickets, and then the conductor fumbled around for change and managed to make a "mistake." He handed the man two half dollars instead of 75 cents. The man put away the money without saying a word and in a couple of minutes worked his way to the front of the car and got off. "Say, conductor," said an interested observer, "did you know you didn't give that man the right change?" The conductor smiled complacently. "That's all right," he said. "If he'd been honest and returned that bad half dollar I'd have given him a good quarter for it. I've been trying to get rid of that piece of money for a week. I guess he deserved to get it."

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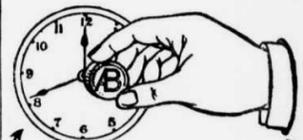
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