

RETAINED RELICS OF GALILEO

Fanatical Admirer of the Great Italian Insisted on Keeping Portions of His Body.

The report that Robert Bruce's heart has been discovered at Melrose, in Scotland, reminds an Italian paper of the fate of Galileo's remains, according to the Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

When the body of Galileo was exhumed from its original resting place on March 12, 1737, and removed to the magnificent mausoleum in the Church of Santa Croce, Florence, Marquis Vincenzo Capponi, who was a fanatical admirer of Galileo, took possession of the right-hand thumb and forefinger.

Some of those present at the exhumation protested strongly, but the marquis had his way, declaring his intention to "cherish these fingers as sacred relics," which prompted the report: "Instead of Galileo's fingers it would be better for you to have his brains."

This had example proved contagious for the left thumb and one of the ribs were annexed by two other members of the company, and these relics are now in the museum of the university. Marquis Capponi had an urn made for his portion of the body, which all newcomers were called upon to admire as the greatest treasure in the house.

At the beginning of the last century the Capponi family fell upon evil days and emigrated to France, leaving the Galileo relics to become the property of an old butler who had long been in their service. Other oddments given him by his master proved saleable, but he could find no market for Galileo's finger and thumb, and these eventually passed to one of the butler's descendants, Signora Laura Jodi. In 1905, when she was old and poor, some one advised Signora Jodi to offer to sell the relics to the Italian government. Inquiries were instituted which proved the authenticity of the relics beyond a doubt, and they are now preserved with other mementoes of Galileo, the vendor having received a handsome price for them.

In Unexpected Places.

One of the curious features about the most modern of modern inventions, the airplane and the wireless telegraph, is that they are most in demand in lands which hitherto have let the world of progress and invention pass by unheeded. The nomad in the deserts of Arabia, who never saw a railway, today takes an airplane as a matter of course, whilst inland China, which in all other respects is much as it was 3,000 years ago, is eager for the erection of wireless stations. The latest country to be brought into the great ambit is Greenland. Greenland, during the winter months, is cut off from the rest of the world, but when the Danish government has carried out its present scheme for the erection in Greenland of a radio station capable of communicating direct with Denmark, the good people of Godhavn will be as much in the world, as far as news is concerned, as the good people of Copenhagen.—Christian Science Monitor.

Bad Control.

Producer Hal E. Roach found his star comedian, Harold Lloyd, sprawled on the dressing-room floor trying to get a million dollars' worth of laugh out of his system. Lloyd had turned a studio corner at the right moment to see what promised to be a "hot scrap" between two darky "extras." Just when it appeared that the heavy blows were on tap, one of the belligerents started on a dead run across the lot and hurled a fence.

"I'm surprised at you, G. W.," Lloyd said when he met the runaway a half hour later, "I never thought you would show a streak of yellow like that."

"Ah wasn't runnin', Mistah Lloyd, honest Ah wasn't," came the answer; "Ah'm 'flicted 'at way. Whenevah Ah gets in a fight, Ah jus' kaint control mah legs, 'at's all."

As Funny as Ever.

He had one of those long mustaches—one of the kind that, if you had been buying him a birthday present a few years ago, you would have thought of a mustache cup the first thing.

MILK WITH MUCH CEREMONY

Dairying as a Ritual in Royal Court in District of Uganda, Central Africa.

The remarkable and elaborate ceremonies observed in Bundoro, Uganda, in Central Africa, in milking the sacred cows are described by Rev. John Roseve in the London Illustrated News. After the sacred cows had been led to the royal abode by a herald, two milkmaids appeared, one bearing a horn of water and a brush with a short handle, the second carrying a milkpot. Each of these women was purified and decorated, having the face, chest and arms whitened with pipeclay. The milkmaid handed the brush to a milkman, who rubbed the cow's udder, and handed the brush back to the maid. He then took his place behind the cow, and held its tail so that it could not whisk dust into the milk during the milking.

The maid now turned to the other man, and poured a little water over his hands, as he squatted by the side of the cow. After washing, the man held his hands together raised, until the other milkmaid placed the milkpot between his knees, when he milked the amount the cow was expected to give. Neither of these men must look at the women, or speak to them, on pain of death. In this manner two cows were milked, and the milk was carried away into the dairy.

Another milkmaid, ceremonially cleaned and whitened, came and knelt before the king, and announced that the milk had arrived. The king then rose, and, as he did so, the guard at the door announced to the court that the king had gone to drink milk. Hereupon men and women knelt down, covered their faces, and refrained from coughing or making any sound, especially from clearing the throat. Such an action was punishable by death. Owing to the stringent rules for milkmen and milkmaids, their office was held for two days only at a time.

Anything in Reason.

Some of the easterners are impressed with the tangle, which has

"Uncle Joe's" First Wage.

Joseph G. Cannon, former speaker of the national house of representatives, went to work in 1850 at the age of fourteen years. His first job was clerk in a grocery store, and one of his duties was to deliver parcels as well as wrap them. He worked "from sun to sun," as was the custom in those days, and in the winter he started work before sunup and worked until sundown. His wage was \$1.50 a week, out of which he was expected to board and clothe himself.

Wished on Him.

It had been the custom of her family to name the first child after her family. So when Washburn was about six years old one of the neighbors remarked to him, "Washburn is a very funny name for a first name. How did they ever come to call you that?" Washburn was very quick to reply. "That was my mother's name and when she married pa, she had no more use for it. So they just wished it on me."

Embarrassing Questions.

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Not So Dark Now.

"Where has he been?" "To darkest Africa." "My! How interesting! He must have seen lions and elephants in the jungles." "He saw a herd of elephants from the window of a Pullman."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Not to Be Deceived.

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