MURDERER LEASIA CAPTURED

In Company With His Divorced Wife, Whom He Had Forced to Go Along With Him, the Slayer of Drews Was Found in a Barn.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.—M. V. Leasia, who murdered his father-in-law, F. H. Drews, Sunday, and then fled, taking his divorced wife along as an unwilling companion, was captured at 5 o'clock this morning in a barn about four miles from this city. The couple were sleeping in a barn on the Paulson farm, where late last night they had eaten supper, when the posse headed by Captain of Detectives Samuel Simmons came upon them. It was the work of a minute to secure and disarm the murderer. The couple were exhausted from their forty-eight-hour exposure, and when they entered the barn to take a short rest, sleep overcame them, and resulted in the capture of the murderer and the rescuing of his captive wife.

Leasia Wounded.

When taken to the city jail today it was found that Leasia was wounded over the heart. He stated that his father-in-law, F. H. Drews, shot him on Sunday morning, but Mrs. Leasia tells a different story. She says that she shot her former husband after he had shot her father. Mrs. Leasia said:

"I was standing in the door when Martin came to the house Sunday. He shot father, and I turned back into the room and ran to a drawer where I had a pistol. When he came toward the door I shot him. I thought he might be going to shoot me. Then he forced me to go away with him. I thought he would kill me, too, when he got me in the woods."

Held His Wrist.

Mrs. Leasia says she prevented her former husband from shooting at the officers in the barn. She heard the police, and so did he, speaking in low tones. Neither of them was asleep. After they heard the officers and he commanded her to be quiet, she suddenly gripped his right wrist so that he could not shoot. He could not move or struggle with her through fear of attracting the attention of the officers who were searching the barn, where there was some hay. They heard a whisper and the three officers rushed to where the fugitive lay. He was seized and handcuffed immediately.

Mrs. Leasia appeared overjoyed when she realized that she was safe from her infuriated captor.

BURNED ITSELF OUT.

One Hundred Buildings Destroyed by Fire at Laconia, N. H.

Laconia, N. H., May 26.—Nearly 100 buildings have been burned, 350 persons are homeless and a loss of between $350,000 and $400,000 has been caused by a fire in the Lakeport section, the area burned over being about 150 acres. The fire started in a boiler room of the H. H. Wood hosiery mill. The flames spread quickly and in a very short time, under the influence of a brisk southeast wind, the entire structure was burning. Next it spread to the finished lumber plant of the Boulia & Gorrell company and then to the works of the Laconia Electric Light company. In less than an hour both these plants were destroyed. The city fire department was helpless to stay the progress of the flames and the destruction went on until the fire actually burned itself out for want of material.

IRRIGATION SUIT.

Topeka, Kan., May 26.—Attorney General C. C. Coleman went to Washington today to file in the United States supreme court a new bill of particulars in the irrigation suit of Kansas against Colorado. He was accompanied by N. H. Loomis, one of the attorneys in the case. It is thought the court will take up the matter some time during this summer. The suit was brought by Kansas to restrain Colorado from diverting the waters of the Arkansas river for irrigation purposes.

STRIKE IS CERTAIN.

Philadelphia, May 26.—In all of the local textile mills notices were posted today by the manufacturers announcing their refusal to grant the demands of the workers for a fifty-five-hour week. The employes fixed June 1 as the time limit for the concession, and it is almost certain a strike involving upward of 100,000 men will be inaugurated next Monday.

SALARY TOO SMALL.

Honolulu, May 26.—Superintendent of Public Works Cooper has resigned his office. When the legislature adopted the county government act the importance of Mr. Cooper's office diminished greatly and the emoluments attached to the office were reduced to such proportions that Mr. Cooper decided to give up the position and to resume the practice of law.

LOCATED IN BOSTON.

Butte, May 26.—A special to the Miner from Kalispell says that Howard Abbott, who mysteriously disappeared from Helena during the early part of the month, has been located in Boston through a check which arrived at Kalispell this morning. No explanation is made as to Abbott's strange actions.

HEINZE AS PILOT.

Butte, May 26.—Mayor Pat Mullins tonight made the announcement that F. Augustus Heinze would precede the president on his trip from Helena to Butte in a special pilot train thirty miles in advance of the executive special. The president is due in Butte at 3:48 tomorrow afternoon.

JUSTICE LADD RESIGNS.

Manila, May 26.—Justice Fletcher Ladd, of the supreme court of the Philippines, has resigned on account of the illness of his wife, and has left Manila for his home in Lancaster, N. H.

Commissioner Worcester leaves here for home in July.

IT WOULDN'T WORK.

An Annoying Variation of That Servant Girl Question.

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

He saw her coming and recognized her instantly. She was the maid of all work his wife had employed a week or so before.

"I'll see how her plan works," he said to himself.

Her plan as he had learned by experience, was one of aggressive independence. She wanted it distinctly understood that she was as good as anybody else, and she feared that if she did a thing cheerfully it would be considered a confession of inferiority. Equality, to her mind, meant that no one should be obliged to do anything for anyone else. She waited on table under protest and with bad grace; instructions hurt her dignity; a desire to please was a confession of weakness. She wished to be considered a member of the family and treated as one. Her objection to domestic service was that she had to serve another, and she lost no opportunity to let it be known that she felt above it and only consented because she needed the money. Somehow it never occurred to her that practically everyone in this world has to serve others, and that success usually comes to those who do it most thoroughly and most obligingly.

Contrary to his custom, he was aggressively independent when she came to his counter. He brought out the goods that she wished to see, but he did it in a leisurely way, just to emphasize his independence. To try hard to please is to be subservient. He didn't try hard. Instead, he talked with other people and answered carelessly and wearily when she asked a question. His whole manner seemed to say, "You needn't think you're any better than I am just because I have to do this for you." Finally she became impatient.

"Get that down for me," she ordered, pointing to a roll of goods.

"Pardon me, he said, "but in this country we are all free and equal and are entitled to be treated"——

"Equal!" she exclaimed. "Think you're my equal when I'm spending my money and you're hustling to get it? Well, I guess not. There ain't any equality when I'm in a store with my wages in my pocket."

There is a moral or a lesson or some other annoying thing in this, too, if anyone cares to hunt for it.

CHASE & BAKER.

Piano Players.

Made to play any piano, now on exhibition and for sale at our store. Price, $275. Cash or time payments. Call and hear it whether you intend to purchase or not. Cartensen & Anson, Temple of Music, 51-53 South Main street.

REDUCED RATES EAST

Via Oregon Short Line.

Tickets will be sold June 4, 5, 9 and 10 to Denver, Missouri river, Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul and many other eastern points. Return limit Sept. 8. Full particulars from agents. City Ticket Office, 201 Main street.

Dr. A. Scott Chapman, dentist, now located room 3, Walker Bank building.

SALOONS MUST GO.

People of Bremerton, Wash., Have Taken the Hint.

Seattle, May 26.—After six months of temporizing the people of Bremerton at last came to a realization of the situation in all its seriousness, and its officials have taken steps to comply fully with all the requirements of the government regarding the closing of saloons.

In a written communication to the commandant of the yard, Mayor Croxton today notified that official that the council had passed resolutions which will not only result in the removal of every saloon within the near future, but which place the body on record as pledged against the issuance of any more saloon licenses.

INDICTED FOR BRIBERY.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 26.—An indictment charging George W. Jackson of Chicago with attempting to bribe and bribing J. C. St. John, president of the city council of Colorado Springs, has been returned by the grand jury. It is alleged that Jackson gave St. John and his wife a railroad pass to Salt Lake City in order to get St. John's vote for a valuable franchise desired by Jackson.

INHERITS $7,500,000.

London, May 26.—A special dispatch from Madrid says: King Alfonso has inherited $7,500,000 under the will of his grandfather, King Francis, who died April 16, 1902. The will was opened about a month ago, in accordance with the desire of King Francis that it should not be read until twelve months after his death.

TROOPS TO GUARD NEGRO.

Kaufman, Tex., May 26.—Two companies of militia from Terrell and Dallas have been ordered here to protect a negro who is charged with criminally assaulting a white woman. This afternoon a mob formed with the avowed purpose of burning the negro.

PAPER MILL BURNED.

Utica, N. Y., May 26.—The paper mill of the Malone Paper company at Malone was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, $100,000.

WHEN ARKANSAS WON.

Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Iowa Were Easily Held Up.

(New York Tribune.)

Secretary Shaw tells a story that illustrates the state pride that thrills the average citizen. Several traveling men gathered in a hotel, and they fell to discussing their respective habitats. "I am from the greatest commonwealth in the world," said one of them. "I am from the center of the universe, the headquarters of the moneyed interest of the country, the home of the greatest aggregations of capital the world has ever known. I am from the state that rules the rest of the country and furnishes the brains of the United States. Without it the United States would pale into insignificance. I am from the empire sovereignty, the great state of New York. Where are you from?"

"I am from the greatest state in the country," replied the person addressed. "New York is all right in its way, but it doesn't weigh much without my state to give it being. New York would not be on the map without the means my state gives to keep it going, the actual bone and sinew of business, the plain, hard material for its capitalistic enterprises and, the fuel for running the industries it dominates. New York would not be a grease spot on the map if it were not for my steel, iron and coal, for the railroads which my state furnishes. New York may do fairly well, but it couldn't be really great without the products of the great Keystone of the Union, Pennsylvania. Where are you from?" to the next man.

"I am from the best commonwealth in the whole wide world," responded the third. "Pennsylvania is pretty good in some respects, and so is New York, but I am from the greatest section on the Lord's footstool. I am from the state that raises people who know how to do things, that furnishes more good presidents to the nation than any other in the aggregation. I am from the great state of Ohio. Where are you from?" to the next one.

"Well," replied the fourth traveler, "all three of you need not feel like apologizing for your domiciles, but they are not up to my state by a good long ways. None of your states could get along without food. The industries of the country would languish, every line of human endeavor would cease and the world would be at a standstill and the people thereof passed into a region beyond whereof we know not. Why? Simply because the workers are the real spinal column of every enterprise, and the human mechanism that operates great industries must have food. The people in every square inch of the United States domain, and the entire world as well, are dependent on the food supplying resources of the earth, the pabulum from the agricultural districts. I am from the state that raises more grain to the square inch than any other spot on the earth, and if it wasn't for my state the rest of the states would be practically nothing. I am from Iowa. Where are you from?" to the fifth.

"I am from Arkansas," replied the last one of the party, whipping out a revolver and pointing it threateningly toward the rest of the group, "and don't any one of you dare to say a word ag'in her."

EACH DAY AN OPPORTUNITY

for you to make $1 reach as far as $2. Commencing Monday, May 25, we offer the following surprising, but true, inducements with our teas, coffees, spices, extracts, baking powder, soda, cocoa, etc:

Wednesday—One three-piece kitchen set, $1 purchase.

Thursday—One three-piece china mush and milk set, $1 purchase.

Friday—One seven-piece china berry set, $2 purchase.

Different gifts given on days advertised only.

Our name a guarantee of quality and prices. See window.

National Tea Importing company, corner Third South and Main streets. Prompt attention given to mail orders.

Special Sale of Palms,

flowering plants and cut flowers for one week. Five thousand palms, Boston ferns, bay trees and rubber plants just received. Twenty thousand carnations, roses, lilies, smilax, etc., for Decoration day. Visit our greenhouses, get our prices and place your orders at once. Salt Lake-Huddart Floral company, 214 East Second South. 8 Main street. Tel. 37. Greenhouses at Twelfth South and State.

Women's Suits and Costumes at Third Off Prices.

Entire stock today. Thursday, Friday. WALKER'S STORE.

UNIONS WEAKENING.

Freight Handlers May Wait Until Next Spring.

Chicago, May 26.—The general managers of the large railroads running into Chicago remained firm today in their refusal to grant any further concessions to the freight handlers, and there are apparently slight indications of weakening on the part of the union. At least several prominent leaders of the organization favor delaying the entire matter until next spring, when it is believed by them that the freight handlers throughout the country will be better organized.

"If the railroads refuse to grant wage concessions the freight handlers will be in a condition to force concession, but I do not believe this will occur until next spring," was the significant statement of Vice President Donnelly of the national union.

BENNETT CUP RACE.

Automobiles Will Go Some in Ireland July 2.

London, May 26.—The Dublin Gazette issued tonight contains the regulations for the race for the James Gordon Bennett cup which is to take place in Ireland July 2. The whole course will be closed from 6 o'clock in the morning until the race is finished, and the other regulations will reduce the possibility of accidents to a minimum. It is believed that the Irish administration is considering still further precautions to insure the safety of the public. King Edward, who is taking great interest in the contest, talked over the matter yesterday with Premier Balfour.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE.

Presbyterian General Assembly Takes Strong Ground.

Los Angeles, May 26.—The action of the assembly in adopting a resolution against the remarriage of divorced persons forestalls any lengthy debate on the report of the committee on divorce and remarriage, which will come up tomorrow, for the resolution is the gist of the whole matter and was taken bodily from the prepared report of the committee.

FAMINE AND CHOLERA.

Washington, May 26.—Consul General McWade at Canton has cabled the state department that famine is increasing in Kwang Si province, and that relief is urgently needed. He also informed the department that sporadic Asiatic cholera exists in Canton.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Memphis, Tenn., May 26.—The grand jury today returned an indictment against Mrs. Lizzie McCormick, charging murder in the first degree. Mrs. McCormick is charged with sending a bottle of poisoned whisky to a woman in Cincinnati.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION.

Wilmington, Del., May 26.—Judge Bradford, in the United States court today, granted the Western Union Telegraph company a temporary order restraining the Pennsylvania Railroad company from removing the wires or poles on the Maryland and Delaware division of the railroad. The case will be argued on June 19.

FORGER ARRESTED.

London, May 26.—An Italian believed to be Count Maurice de Boulard, for whose arrest a warrant was issued Feb. 13 in London on the charge of having forged the name of J. Pierpont Morgan for large sums of money, aggregating $150,000, has been arrested on board a French steamer at Alexandria.

FINE WILL BE LARGE.

Chicago, May 26.—J. J. Jacobs, head of the Montana Mining, Loan & Investment company, was found guilty today in Judge Chetlain's court of conducting a lottery. Passing of sentence was deferred, but the court intimated to the convicted man that the fine would be $1,500.

TWO LABORERS KILLED.

Columbus, O., May 26.—A Big Four train with a gang of Italian laborers on board collided with several box cars in the local yards today. Two were killed and eighteen injured, eight seriously.

TAMMANY VOTES AID.

New York, May 26.—At its meeting tonight the Tammany executive committee denounced the Kischineff massacre and voted to send $2,500 to Kischineff for distribution among the afflicted.

NEGRO ACQUITTED.

Camden, N. J., May 26.—Robert Washington, the negro constable who shot and killed Joe Goddard, the pugilist, in a riot at the Republican primary election last July, was today acquitted by a jury of the charge of murder.

PLAGUE AT YOKOHAMA.

Washington, May 26.—Consul General Bellows at Yokohama cables the department of state that plague exists there.

The Vain Young Woman.

(A. C. Stuart in St. Joseph Gazette.)

It was about 8 when she tumbled from bed
And she took
A gool look
At her face.
Her hair was most terribly mussed on her head—
But she took
A good look
At her face,
And when she was dressed and was combing her hair
And "doing it up" with the utmost care—
Each time that she thought to herself: "I am fair"—
Why! She took
A good look
At her face.
When fixed for a plunge with the shoppers, she stood
And she took
A good look
At her face.
And then, on the street car, she found that she could—
So she took
A good look
At her face.
She sought out the mirrors each place that she went
Before she could feel any sort of content—
So she took
A good look
At her face.
She hurried around. When she finished the day—
Why! She took
A good look
At her face.
She adjusted the plaster she wore—by the way—
When she took
A good look
At her face.
Her powder rag hastily came into sight
Whenever she deemed it was needed—that's right!
And she used it quite often 'twixt morning and night—
When she took
A good look
At her face.
When through with the day and prepared for repose—
Why! She took
A good look
At her face.
She smeared it with glycerine—water of rose—
As she took
A good look
At her face.
She put on her "nightie" and scurried about
And then to be certain—not have any doubt—
The very last thing ere the light was put out—
Why! She took
A good look
At her face.

$31.50

To San Francisco, Portland and Spokane.

Via Oregon Short Line, June 4, 5, 9 and 10. Tickets good for return until Sept. 8. See Short Line agents. City Ticket Office, 201 Main street.

Largest shipment of motorcycles ever received here arrived at Meredith & Guthrie's, 317 Main. One of these California motors is now being ridden from San Francisco to New York. Call and examine an up-to-date motorcycle.

MONTANA NEXT ON PROGRAMME

President Roosevelt Visited Spokane Yesterday.

WELCOMED BY GREAT CROWD

EX-SENATOR TURNER HAD TO STEP ASIDE.

Spokane, Wash., May 26.—President Roosevelt doubled back into Washington state today from the Couer d'Alene mining camps of northern Idaho. The party encountered inclement weather in the mining towns. The greatest crowds ever gathered in Spokane greeted the president in this city. After a long drive over the city the president spoke to the people of Spokane and surrounding country. The presidential train left a little after 6 o'clock for the Montana cities. Secretary Moody made a somewhat extended speech at Wallace, Ida.

The Parade.

The president's ride through the city was concluded with the triumphal procession down Riverside, the principal street of the city. The broad avenue was beautifully decorated with the national colors, while solid walls of humanity pressed against the ropes that had been stretched along the sidewalks and across the side streets. Three companies of the national guard patrolled the avenue, keeping the crowd behind the ropes. Preceded by a platoon of police, the Inland Empire band and a company of the Seventeenth infantry, the president's carriage started down the avenue, where the waiting thousands welcomed him with roars of cheers. Behind him marched another company of the Seventeenth. More music and the veterans of the G. A. R., now meeting here in state encampment, were next in line. A long procession of bands, cadets, guardsmen and citizens, followed to the grandstand at the corner of Main and Lincoln to listen to the speech of the day.

An Interesting Feature.

One especially interesting feature of Roosevelt's visit to Spokane took place at the site of the new Masonic temple. Here the procession halted for a moment. The president left the carriage and seizing a shovel, threw the first spadeful of earth for the new building. No speech was made at this place, the ceremonies being of the simplest character.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the presidential party arrived at Coeur d'Alene park. Here he was met by a thousand children, singing a patriotic song. Some strewed flowers in his pathway as he passed through the ranks of young America.

An incident at Harrison, Ida., was the presentation of five strings of speckled trout, for which the donors were thanked by the president.

Changes in Programme.

Two changes were made in the programme at Spokane. Ex-Senator Turner was to ride in the president's carriage, but gave his seat, at the request of Secretary Loeb, to Governor McBride. Mayor Boyd was the representative of the city. By some mischance the procession drove by the site where the pressident was to break ground for the Spokane Athletic club building and left the club members aghast with consternation. It was wholly the fault of others than President Roosevelt, for when the president heard of it he sent for the officers of the club and at the train expressed his regret. He promised he would use the silver and gold card of honorary membership which was presented to him at some future time. The other change in the programme was his failure to speak to the school children at Coeur d'Alene park.

The Problem Solved.

(Baltimore American.)

Once upon a time there lived a woman whose face was a fright.

Her eyes were not mates.

And neither was her nose.

Her mouth was a misfit, cut on the bias, and her chin was perennially absent.

Her skin resembled that of the lighter spots on a Mexican dog, and her color was much more ruddy than that of a brickbat.

She had read assiduously all the information and directions on the how-to-be-beautiful.

She had sent her good money to the beauty doctors everywhere.

But the only reason she didn't grow homelier was that in constructing her originally nature had aimed at the limit and hit the bull's-eye.

One day she was walking along the road toward her home when she saw that the floods had undermined a railway bridge.

Glancing at her watch, she found that it wasn't running.

But the trains were.

She heard a faint whistle in the distance and knew at once that it was the lightning express.

Hastily rushing up the track toward the oncoming monster, she took off her new spring poppy hat and waved it frantically at the locomotive.

Seeing the determination in her face, and fearing she might use her hatpin on the locomotive if he didn't stop, the engineer applied the airbrakes and the reverse lever and stopped.

When it became known that she had saved the train and perhaps the lives of many persons, she was a heroine.

And when the papers came out next day, behold! she was "young and pretty."

And she wept for joy to know that at last her wish had come true.

Up to the "Machine."

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

Senator Quay tells a story to illustrate Senator Penrose's loyalt to the organization without regard for his personal opinions or comforts. Quay, in a spirit of well-concealed raillery, told the junior senator one day that no inconsiderable part of official popularity lay in entertaining during the Washington season, and advised him to go in more lavishly for social honors and attentions.

"Why," said Quay, "a senator of your age ought to be married. Indeed, Penrose, I'd advise you, for the sake of the organization, to get married. Your chances of re-election through influential demand by the bigwigs will be increased a thousandfold if you take a charming wife down there with you next term. With your money you ought to be able to do it well."

Penrose pondered deeply a minute or two, and then said:

"Do you really think a thing like that counts?"

"Sure," answered the old man.

"Well," said the junior senator, resignedly, "let the organization pick out the woman and I'll marry her."

As She Read the Prescription.

(New York Press.)

Pat was puzzled. As every man should do when in doubt, he laid his perplexities before his wife, and she promptly solved them for him. Examining closely the directions on the box of pills which the doctor had left she read out slowly:

"Tek wan pill ivery hour."

"Shure, Pat, darlint, thim directions is plain enough. The thing to do is to tie a string in the pill. But I wonder phwot the doctor left so many of them for?"

PACIFIC COAST EXCURSIONS

Via Oregon Short Line,

June 4, 5, 9 and 10. A rate of $31.50 will be made to San Francisco, Portland and Spokane. Tickets good for return until Sept. 8. See Short Line agents for particulars. City Ticket Office, 201 Main street.

Women's Suits and Costumes at Third Off Prices.

Entire stock today. Thursday, Friday. WALKER'S STORE.

Dr. J. T. Keith has removed his dental office over the Keith-O'Brien store.

NEW YORK FREAK DINNERS.

Some Famous Dizzy Society Affairs on Manhattan Island.

This is the era of freak dinners, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Fine food is not enough for New York's epicureans. The multiplied courses must be served in a freakish, if not barbaric, manner. Society has its own way of doing things here. The music of popping champagne corks is no longer enough.

The dinner given by C. K. G. Billings, with each diner astride a blooded nag, and with the viands served on plates anchored to the saddle, was the climax of all the freakish ones which have been planned to tickle the jaded appetites of the gouty "550." Mr. Billings hails from Chicago, and, of course, he is nothing if not original, and it is the opinion among "the set" that he has outdistanced even Harry Lehr in the way of doing "something different."

To "Jimmy" Breeze probably belongs the credit for the earliest freak banquet. He had a freak dinner long before Mr. Seeley dreamed of his wondrous meal where his father was his guest of honor. Mr. Breeze does things very cleverly at his studio. His is a place where he takes interesting photographs for the love of the thing.

One night some years ago Mr. Breeze bid a choice company of clubmen to dine there with him. The viands were superb, the wines perfection. It came time for dessert. Four stalwart negroes bore in an immense pie. The guests wondered. It was planted in the middle of the table. Mr. Breeze beamed.

Suddenly the crust broke. Out of it burst a 16-year-old girl. Before the astonished gaze of the diners she did a serpentine dance on the table till every one fell a victim of her charms and graces. Mr. Breeze was congratulated for his cleverness and even to this day his surprise is talked about among those lucky enough to be present.

Harry Lehr vowed he would not be outdone. He knew a monkey, and a dinner was given in honor of the simian. The cream of society was present and enjoyed itself immensely. The monkey didn't. He wasn't able to say so, but the disgust on his almost human features plainly told the story of his feelings. He was dressed, as were the guests, in faultless evening dress, and there are those in society who are cruel enough to say that he exhibited even as much intelligence as the other guests.

Compared to this feast the dinner given by the De Reszkes, Nordica and Eames sounds like a Sunday school tale. Their surprise was a little negro boy, served by a husky darky on a silver platter.

The Vanderbilt dinner story was never published, or esle the S. P. C. A. would have had a good chance to take a hand. After the formal dining and the many toasts the young men present amused themselves, so the waiters said, by spearing the live goldfish with their forks. Mr. Vanderbilt protested in vain. They didn't stop till the miniature pond in the center of the table looked like a fish market.

M. J. O'Brien's dinner was a huge joke a la Barmecide. The guests sat down with elaborate menus in front of them. The card began: "Oysters R Not Good in May," and empty plates were placed in front of everybody. "Cream of Lettuce" proved to be little jams of complexion lotion; "Fish au Naturel" was one tiny goldfish swimming in a bowl; "Spring Lamb with String Beans" was a tiny wool lamb with a string of dried beans about his attenuated neck; "American Punch" was a five-ounce boxing glove. But this ended the joke and a superbly chosen dinner followed.

Maurice Meyer's dinner was notable for the fact that it lasted nearly twenty-four hours. It started as a breakfast, continued as a luncheon, broke into a formal dinner and wound up as a supper in the wee sma' hours.

The children began it. The wives joined in the luncheon, the men came in for dinner and when the babies had been put to bed everybody sat down for supper. It is supposed to be the longest meal on record and it cost Mr. Meyer several thousand dollars.

James Henry Smith's dinner was based on the proposition that you can give a midsummer dinner in midwinter if you have money enough. He proved the truth of his proposition. When the guests came to Sherry's they found the banquet hall had been made into a summer trellis, with 10,000 roses intertwined in lattice work overhead. Birds sang in hidden cages and the soft splash of fountains sounded like the twinkling of the brooks in summer's heat. Even the room was heated above natural temperature to give the impression of the dog days and to add to the heavy scent of the roses.

The guests enjoyed themselves immensely. The sum Mr. Smith paid was a mere bagatelle to him, because his uncle had just left him a fortune of $50,000,000. It would have given 1,000 poor children two weeks in the country each.

But in spending money per capita, Randolph Guggenheimer left Mr. Smith at the post. His dinner cost but $10,000, but so few were the guests that the price was $250 a plate. They walked amid a garden laid out in the myrtle room at the Waldorf-Astoria. There were growing lilacs, tulips, palms, grass, hyacinths and roses. The guests plucked grapes as big as plums from growing vines. Nero would have turned pale with rage and Lucullus blush for envy at what was served.

Blue raspberries from Nova Scotia was the star dish, each one worth its weight in gold. Nightingales and canaries sang in gilded cages. The viands were served in gilded dishes, the wines in gold rimmed cut glass.

Every wine served was the best of its kind. Many of the vintages cost enough for each bottle to feed and clothe a family for a month. Gold aigrettes and jeweled match boxes were the souvenirs for the guests. When it was over Mr. Guggenheimer drew his check for $10,000. He had given the costliest dinner ever served in New York.

Clerical Puns.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

On one occasion at Athy, where Canon Stavley, the English divine, was then stationed, he was visited by the archbishop, whom he induced to visit a new coffee-house, which had just been opened in the interests of tempearance. Naturally, the distinguished guest was served with a sample cup of coffee. He tasted it, while Canon Bagot and the manager waited in complacent expectancy of commendation.

They were disappointed. The cup was hastily set aside by the bishop, who ejaculated, with a prolonged and unmistakable emphasis, "A-bom-i-nable!"

Then the manager suddenly remembered. "Oh, your grace," he explained, "a box of matches fell into the coffee tank this morning, and I did not think it right to waste all the contents of it."

"If your grace will come again," promised Canon Bagot, interposing quickly, "I faithfully promise you a cup of matchless coffee."

An Impression.

(New York Times.)

"Did that lawyer get a clear view of the case?" inquired the litigant friend.

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