

WONDERS SEEN BY SAILORS.

Among Them May Surely Be Counted the Singing Fish.

Sinbad, the sailor, hauling in a toadfish, scratched it on the stomach gently. Immediately the little creature began to purr, at the same time swelling up like a football under the process of inflation.

Bigger and bigger grew the toadfish, till finally it was almost round, and prickles stood out all over it. And so loud did it purr that the anglers had to raise their voices to be heard.

"A toadfish is all right," said the sailor, "but did you ever see a singing fish?"

"What's that? I can't hear ye." "I'm talkin' about singin' fish. Ye find 'em in them strange waters off Ceylon. The natives don't like 'em to be caught. They prize 'em and guard 'em the same as we do song birds."

"This here singin' fish makes a sound like tiny, far-off bells, or like a wine glass when ye rub its rim with a wet finger. It's a pleasant sound, delicate, clear, sweet."

Sinbad, the sailor, threw the toadfish overboard. The air had gone out of it by now. It had collapsed like a punctured tire.

"Puriner," he said, impressively, "ye may think ye've seen strange things in yer time; but lemme tell ye this:

"Ye won't know what strangeness is till ye wake up in the small hours off Ceylon, and in the moonlight one o' them there singin' fish puts its head out o' the water near yer ship, an' the soft, pale night is filled with low, sweet, delicate music, like far-off silver bells."

THE MEN RESPONSIBLE.

The late Alexander Muir of Toronto, author of "The Maple Leaf," Canada's national anthem, was interested all his life in the divorce laws, which were too often, he claimed, unfair to women. Mr. Muir frequently declared that men, not their wives, were in nine cases out of ten responsible for unhappy marriages.

"The trouble with many husbands," he once said, "is that they treat their wives as a Toronto man used to do. This man, sitting in his drawing room on a cool evening, cried out fiercely: 'Shut that door, confound it! What's the matter with you, anyway? Do you want to freeze me?' The cook appeared calmly in the open doorway.

"Do you know who you are speaking to, sir?" she said in a stern voice.

"The man, taken aback, stammered: 'Oh, excuse me. I thought it was my wife.'"

HOUSE UNDER RIVER.

Society in Paris has just awakened to the fact that one of its leaders has completed a magnificent and costly mansion under the River Seine, where one can enjoy the most delicious coolness during torrid days. Count Victor de Larneau is the proprietor of the novel mansion, which he had built secretly between Melun and Sens in order to surprise his friends.

A few days ago he sent out invitations and automobiles to convey his guests to the strange habitation, and on arrival every one was surprised to find a most luxurious abode under the water. The entrance is through a grotto on the river embankment, and is adorned with many statues. An elevator takes the guests below the level of the river, and then an entrance is made to a magnificent reception room, in the center of which a marble fountain adds to the coolness of the surroundings.—N. Y. World.

SILENCING A GHOST.

Pat Donovan once had a very bad habit of going home nearly every night in the week the worse for drink. His patient wife tried many means to cure him, but without success. At last she thought of a plan.

On his way home Pat had to pass through a churchyard, and she got a neighbor to try and frighten him.

The man arrayed himself like a ghost, and hid himself in a newly made grave. As Pat went by he began to groan terribly.

"What's the matter?" asked the rishman.

"I'm cold! I'm cold!" "No wonder," said Pat, "you're of half covered up."

And with this he took hold of a spade that was handy, and began to fill in the grave. The ghost was soon silenced.—N. Y. Weekly.

BATTLE FOR FREE DRESS.

Women of Small German Town Resist Male Dictation.

The women of the little town of Nordhausen, in Germany, have risen in revolt against the order of the municipal authorities, forbidding them, for sanitary reasons, to wear dresses with trains.

All dresses which touch the ground come within the definition of "trains," and the police have received orders strictly to enforce the new decree. A fine of \$2 is the penalty for the first offense, \$2.50 for the second and a day's imprisonment for the third.

The women who are resisting the law have scored one point by obtaining the opinion of eminent legal authorities to the effect that the town council has partially exceeded its right in issuing this draconic decree. It appears that the council has a right to prevent women from trailing their dresses along the ground, but cannot prevent them from wearing dresses which would touch the ground if not carried in the hand.

The council then replied that women can wear skirts yards in length if they like, but they must hold them up. One inch of skirt trailing on the ground makes the wearer liable to arrest and punishment.

A league of resistance has been formed and the members have pledged themselves to wear long skirts and to defy the authorities. They declare that they will pay the necessary fines, and even go to prison, rather than sacrifice their right of arraying themselves in the most becoming costumes.

DESERVED THE PRIZE.

When Lord Rayleigh, the British scientist, was a student at Cambridge the examiners set among other problems one which they based on an article in a German mathematical periodical supposed unlikely to have penetrated to Cambridge. Only two men solved it, Mr. Strutt (Lord Rayleigh) and another. The examiners asked the other man about this problem. "Oh," he said, "I take the — (mentioning the name of the periodical), and I was very glad to find that, thanks to an article in the last number, that problem came out quite easily." When Mr. Strutt's turn came they expected a similar answer, but he astonished them by replying: "The fact is, gentlemen, that I sometimes contribute to —, and I could not help feeling greatly flattered that you should have thought my little problem worthy of a place in this examination." He was awarded the prize.

BUTTONS CAME IN HANDY.

Again the rumor that men's dress clothes are to be of blue cloth. Such a change would be merely a reversion to an old-time style. Balzac wore the blue dress coat with metal buttons. A play of his, "Les Ressources de Quinola," was in rehearsal at the Odeon theater in Paris and Balzac, ever hopeful, expected an immense success. In order to appear in gala costume on the opening night he ordered a blue dress coat lined with satin, the buttons of which were of solid 18-carat gold. "Quinola" was a ghastly failure, and for some time after it left the bill Balzac was exceedingly hard up. Whenever ready money failed him—and ready money failed him often—he used to cut one of his buttons off and sell it to a jeweler, and to the day of his death the coat with the gold buttons and its successors were called by Balzac and his friends "Les Ressources de Quinola."

RADIUM RAYS HURT GEMS.

Many precious stones are influenced by the action of the rays emanating from radium. A scientist exposed a colorless diamond from Borneo to these rays. The stone was colored a light yellow after eight days and a decided lemon yellow after another eight days. On heating the diamond to 250 degrees centigrade (482 degrees Fahrenheit) the yellow color was diminished, but it could not be entirely got rid of even at a red heat. A colorless Brazil diamond showed no coloration. A peculiar behavior was shown by a pale blue sapphire from Ceylon. After only two hours' exposure to radium bromide it showed a coloration, green at first, then light yellow and after a few more hours reddish yellow. After a fortnight it was a dark yellow, approaching chestnut. The color could be got rid of by heating, but the light yellow color always returned on cooling.

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Floral Hall Premiums.

The premiums in the Floral Hall contests at the street fair were awarded Friday as follows:

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Best cockrell and two hens of any breed, \$2.50, to J. H. Eggleston, 8 entries.

Best gobbler and two hens of any breed, \$2.50, Mrs. M. C. McFadin.

Best display of poultry of any kind or breed, \$7.50, Mrs. M. C. McFadin, 3 entries.

TEXTILE FABRICS.

Best home-made quilt of any kind, \$2, to Mrs. J. H. Eggleston, 18 entries.

Best home-made comfort of any kind, \$2, to Miss N. Inman, 3 entries.

Best home-made rug of any kind, \$2, to Mrs. Roy, 4 entries.

Best ladies' home-made garment of any kind, \$2, to Mrs. John Wilmot, 8 entries.

Best child's home-made garment of any kind, \$2, to Miss Bessie Dawson, 7 entries.

Best dressed doll by girl under 12, \$2, to Miss Elizabeth Young.

Best display of home-made table linen, \$4, to Mrs. John C. Young, Jr., 3 entries.

Best display of knitted goods, \$4, to Miss Minnie Nagel, 3 entries.

Best display of crochet work, \$4, to Mrs. R. C. Semler, 6 entries.

Best display of fancy work, \$4, to Mrs. John Wilmot 11 entries.

Best display of embroidery, \$4, Miss Bess Hicklin, 13 entries.

Best and largest display of home made textile fabrics, \$7.50, to Miss Minnie L. Nagel.

VEGETABLES.

Best peck Irish potatoes, \$2, Chas. Teubner, 12 entries.

Best peck sweet potatoes, \$2, W. M. Coen, 4 entries.

Best watermelon, \$1, Fred Young, 4 entries.

Best muskmelon, \$1, W. M. Coen, 4 entries.

Best peck tomatoes, \$1, W. M. Coen.

Best 1/2 dozen cabbages, \$1, Phil Hogan.

Best pumpkin, \$1, C. G. Lyons, 6 entries.

Best collection of vegetables, \$5, W. M. Coen, 3 entries.

HORTICULTURE.

Best collection of grapes, \$2, Chas. Teubner 3 entries.

Best peck of apples of any kind, \$2, F. C. Jamison, 15 entries.

Best peck peaches of any kind, \$2, B. A. Reynolds, 2 entries.

Best peck pears of any kind, \$2, Miss Estelle Hurr, 6 entries.

Best and largest display of fruits of any and all kinds, \$7.50, Mrs. Frank C. Stewart, 2 entries.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

Best display of comb honey, \$2.50, J. Hillock, 3 entries.

Best display of extracted honey, \$2.50, J. Hillock.

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

Best two pounds home-made butter, \$2.50, J. F. Winn, 5 entries.

ART DEPARTMENT.

Best collection of oil paintings by owner, \$2.50 Mrs. James W. Hays, 3 entries.

Best collection of water color paintings by owner, \$2.50, Mrs. James W. Hays.

Best collection of pastel work by owner, \$2.50, Mrs. Jas. W. Hays, 2 entries.

Best collection crayon, charcoal and pencil, \$2.50, Mrs. F. Jameson.

Best collection pen and ink drawings, \$2.50, Mrs. James W. Hays, 3 entries.

Best collection china paintings, \$2.50, Miss Virginia Winn, 3 entries.

Best collection of pyrography or burnt wood, \$2.50, Mrs. James W. Hays, 3 entries.

Best and largest display of art of all kinds by owner, \$7.50, Mrs. James W. Hays, 3 entries.

PANTRY STORES.

Best loaf light bread of any kind, \$2, Mrs. N. B. Payne, 12 entries.

Best cake of any kind, \$2, Mrs. J. M. Winn, 11 entries.

Best pie of any kind, \$2, Miss Lucy Hays, 8 entries.

Best collection of jellies, \$2.50, Mrs. M. C. McFadin, 6 entries.

Best collection of canned fruits, \$2.50, Mrs. Owen Gaffin, Sr., 3 entries.

Best collection of preserves, \$2.50, Mrs. M. C. McFadin, 3 entries.

Best collection of home-made pickles (sweet or sour) \$2.50, Mrs. M. C. McFadin, 3 entries.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Best twenty ears of corn of any kind or color, \$2, Wm. Hackler, 12 entries.

Best peck of wheat, \$5, Mr. Utlast, 12 entries.

Best peck of oats or barley, \$2, Geo. Lankford, 5 entries.

SPECIAL.

Handsomest and cutest man in county, (John C. Young, Sr., barred,) watermelon, John C. Young, Sr., (no competitor.)

Ugliest single man in county (Sam Williams barred)—muskmelon (judge refuse to decide for reasons given.)

Most truthful fisherman in county (Dr. W. R. Eekle barred)—cake, E. W. White, 163 entries.

Handsomest Eagle in county (Mike Engelhard barred)—one case Hoffman beer, Julius Winkler, 9 entries.

The judges in the special list above handed in their decisions in writing. These decisions are as follows:

"The judges for a time were greatly embarrassed by the rule laid down by the Fair Committee to govern award of special premium No. 3. The handsomest and cutest man in this county John C. Young, Sr., barred, but after great deliberation the judges have decided that said rule barring John C. Young Sr., from this contest was inspired by prejudice a jealousy and that the same is unfair and un-American, and should have no influence on the judges whatever. And said judges after considering the claims of all the candidates for this prize unanimously award same to Hon John C. Young Sr., the Beau Brummel and pride of every citizen of Lexington."

"The judges have failed to come to any agreement upon the subject of the ugliest single man in the county. They were agreed that no single man in the county could for a moment come into comparison with several married men known to the committee. In fact the judges were about to agree upon a certain married man for this honor when it was remembered that his connection with the offering of the premium is such as to make it incumbent upon the judges, in the observance of proper courtesy to the managers of the fair, to pass him by. The judges therefore refuse to decide this contest."

"In awarding the prize offered by the Lexington Eagles for the most truthful fisherman, the committee of judges deems it necessary to explain the rules by which this narrow contest was decided. There are a number of fishermen who are worthy of serious consideration in such a contest. There is Clarence Vivion who caught several six pound catfish in Tabo with 'coon' according to his own representations. There is Irving Tevis who caught an entire case of homesickness with a Crooked River mosquito, according to his own public professions. There is Dr. Meng who caught a black bass and a jack salmon simultaneously on the same hook. There is John Chamberlain who is making public exhibition of a 28 pound muskellunge which he says he caught recently in a Wisconsin lake, besides many other fishermen held in awe by admiring amateurs. But the committee has unanimously agreed to give the prize to President E. W. White for the reasons, (1) That while his fish is three pounds lighter than John Chamberlain's, he told his story first. (2) Mr. Chamberlain's fish was caught in an expansive lake, while Mr White's was caught in a comparatively insignificant Kentucky stream. (3) While Mr. Chamberlain's fish is a muskellunge, known to grow to great size in its proper habitat and while Mr. White's is a perch, not among the largest of fish, there is a vitally important difference in this: that Mr. Chamberlain failed in his story to make a sure connection between the fish shown and his own booky references and affidavits of local witnesses. The judges would not have the public think for a moment that there is any doubt about any of the stories of local fishermen; but they have deemed it incumbent upon them to find the issues to such a contest for President White, who is the only one of the local fishermen who has been careful to protect his reputation with a mass of documentary evidence."

"The contest for the Handsomest Eagle in the county was readily decided after studying the rolls of all the Lodges of Eagles submitted to us. It was agreed that the judges should vote by secret ballot without nominations being first made. On the first ballot three votes were found for Julius Winkler of the Lexington Lodge. The prize was therefore awarded to Mr. Winkler."

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