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JUDGE WHO SHOULD BE JUDGED.

Extraordinary Scene in Chicago Court Room Calls for Condemnation.

There was an extraordinary scene in a Chicago court room last week. Judge Barnes placed himself in contempt of the court over which he was at the time presiding, by insulting a jury which had simply performed its duty. Instead of convicting a prisoner, as he hoped it would, the jury found a verdict of not guilty. At the close of the trial the judge had lawlessly invaded the jury box by saying: "Let the jury go out and bring in its verdict; the guilt is obvious." Then, when the verdict of "not guilty" was returned, he riotously exclaimed:

"What? Not guilty? There is a travesty on justice. It is a shame that such stupid and unintelligent men should be taken as jurors. In this case the evidence was so conclusive that I did not think it necessary to instruct you. Not guilty! I won't have such a set of men in the jury seats. You are all discharged without pay. You don't deserve a red cent. Such a jury is a detriment to justice. You are about as useful as a set of ninepins, so far as brains and common sense go."

Such a man is unfit to sit in a court where liberty and life are at stake; and our legislature would impeach him if it had any regard for judicial propriety and dignity. Judge Barnes, instead of studying the landmarks of the law he is assigned to administer, must be a student of Alice in Wonderland, for there we read:

"I'll be judge, I'll be jury,"
Said cunning old Fury—
"I'll try the whole case,
And condemn you to death."
—Chicago Public.

Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoas, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at all drug stores. Price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottles free.

Give the Women a Trial.

In twenty-five States charges of "graft" are being, or have been recently, under investigation. This does not include the department of agriculture and the public printing office at Washington. Such a state of political affairs might operate to prevent women from wishing to assume any responsibility as a governing factor were it not that the underlying force in the woman suffrage movement is a sense of duty, and a feeling that woman's criminality in these political matters has been her indifference and willingness to skirk the rightful duties and burdens of citizenship.

Thinking men are beginning to feel their inability to cope with the growing dishonesty in public life and to feel that in some way they ought to have the aid of the reserved moral force there is in women. Often do they sign eagerly a woman suffrage petition, saying: "Yes, I am for that; women cannot do any worse than men have done, and I believe in giving them a trial, to see if they can help us out."

Our greatest encouragement to hope that they will lies in our belief that men and women together can accomplish for good in any direction more than either can alone.—Exchange.

Remarkable Cure.

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A wise man lets his wife have her own way—otherwise she would have it anyway.

Most men find it easier to get in debt than to get out, but some are unable to get in at all.

A man will trust his wife with the care of his children, but not with the care of his prize chickens.

You can't tell what a man knows until you hear him say things. Silence doesn't always indicate wisdom.

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The proprietor of this newspaper returns thanks to Mr. David Gramling, of Centerville for a nice lot of new varieties of yellow sweet potatoes which he left with us last Saturday. They were of the very best we ever sampled, and we believe it would be a good idea for others to secure some to plant another

A True Gentleman.

"I beg your pardon!" and with a smile and a touch of his hat Harry Esmond handed to an old man against whom he had accidentally stumbled, the cane which he had knocked from his hand. "I hope I did not hurt you; we were playing too roughly."

"Not a bit," said the old man. "Boys will be boys, and it's best they should be. You didn't harm me."

"I am glad to hear it," and lifting his hat again Harry turned to join the playmates with whom he had been frolicking at the time of the accident.

"What do you raise your hat to that old fellow for?" asked his companion, Charlie Gray. "He is only Old Giles, the huckster."

"That makes no difference," said Harry; "the question is not whether he is a gentleman, but whether I am one; and no true gentleman will be less polite to a man because he wears a shabby coat, or hawks vegetables through the streets, instead of sitting in a counting house."

Which was right?—Selected.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone I could not sit on a chair without a cushion, and suffered from dreadful backache, headache and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by all druggists; price 50c."

Visitors to the Tampa fair should pay special attention to the specimens of tobacco from Quincy, Floridians are proud of the fact that Gadsden county now holds the gold medal from Paris for the finest tobacco on earth—Cuba not excepted.—Times-Union. Yes, and Mr. Julius Hirschberg, the Bannerman brothers, Mr. Will Cromartie and others are raising and handling an article of the same tobacco in this county which is equally as good, and said by some to be better.

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GERSELLE B. HART.

THE DOG DAYS.

In the Course of Time Sirius May Rise in Midwinter.

Dog days begin, according to the traditions of boyhood in certain parts of the United States, when the green scum, algae, begins to appear on the surface of the lakes and rivers. Then it is supposed to be unsafe to go in swimming. And it is then that, according to the tradition of many adults as well as of boys, dogs most frequently go mad. All nations and races of civilization apparently have had a period during the summer known as dog days when many maladies were supposed to be common. But the madness of dogs, hydrophobia, was never associated with dog days by the ancients.

Dog days are a rather indefinite period, according to this green scum rule, but there is a disagreement of authorities as to when dog days really do begin and end. According to the dictionary, "dog days are part of the year about the time of the heliacal rising of the dog star, Sirius"—that is, when the dog star rises in conjunction with the sun or as nearly in conjunction as may be observed. Various dates from July 3 to Aug. 15 have been assigned for the beginning of dog days, and they are given various durations of from thirty to fifty days.

It seems to have been from the heliacal rising of Sirius that the ancients most commonly reckoned the dog days. Thus at the present time dog days would begin July 3 and will end Aug. 11. Sirius is the brightest star in the heavens, and it was easy to associate the mutual heat of the brightest star and of the sun with the hottest and most unkindly period of the year. Hippocrates (450 B. C.) declared the dog days to be the most unhealthy part of the summer.

Dog days are continually dropping further back in the calendar. Now they are twelve days behind the schedule to which they held in the period of the pharaohs. In time Sirius may rise in the dead of winter. The Egyptians maintained that the first indication of the rise of the Nile took place on the morning of the longest day, when, as they said, the sun and Sothis (Sirius) rose together. They attributed the rise of the river entirely to the great heat generated by this star in conjunction with the sun.

Sirius is situated in the month of the constellation Canis Major (the "great dog"). The Latin name of dog days was "dies canicularis," and from this comes the term "canicular year," which was known among the Egyptians and Ethiopians. It was computed from one heliacal rising of Sirius to the next and consisted ordinarily of 365 days, every fourth year having 366 days.—Chicago News.

Giants of History.

Turner, the naturalist, declares that he once saw upon the coast of Brazil a race of gigantic savages whose average height was over ten feet, some individuals exceeding twelve and a half feet. M. Thevet of France in his description of America, which was published in Paris in 1575, says that he was once present when the skeleton of a South American savage eleven feet and two inches in height was disinterred. The Chinese have a record of several giants between twelve and sixteen feet in height which have lived in the Flowery Kingdom within the last 300 years. Josephus mentions a Jew who was ten feet two inches, and Ptolemy was well acquainted with Gubath, the Arabian giant, who was nine feet nine inches in height. Coming down to modern times, we find that John Middleton, who lived in the time of James I., was nine feet three inches and had a hand seventeen inches long by eight and a half broad. Murphy, one of the celebrated trio of Irish giants (Charles Byrne and O'Brien being the other two), was eight feet ten inches and O'Brien two inches taller.

Old Thunder Notions.

The "Prognostication Everlasting of one Leonard Digges," published in 1556, tells us that thunder in the morning denotes wind, at noon rain and in the evening a great tempest. He goes further still and declares that "Sunday's thunder should bring the death of learned men, Judges and others, Monday's the death of women, Tuesday's plenty of grain, Wednesday's bloodshed, Thursday's plenty of sheep and corn, Friday's the slaughter of a great man and other horrible murders, Saturday's a great pestilent plague and great dearth."

The Blazer.

The name "blazer" was originally applied to the bright red uniform of the Lady Margaret Boat club of St. John's college, Cambridge. The brilliant scarlet which was the invariable characteristic of the Johnian "blazer" doubtless suggested the name, and as an expressive slang epithet it proved a hit. In course of time the application of the term widened and is now extended to any bright or pale colored flannel jacket, striped or plain, whether for cricket, football, tennis, boating or seaside wear.—London Standard.

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