DAILY INTELLIGENCER.

Saturday, January 10, 1880

A CAT STORY.

There is a popular superstition that a cat, if allowed the opportunity, will "suck the breath of a child," though how this is accomplished is not apparent. Cats are subjected to much suspicion, and, indeed, no animal petted by man is at once so much admired and detested. A circumstance came to our knowledge recently, says the *American Union*, which seems to indicate that the numerous charges made against the feline race are not altogether unfounded. The other evening, at a residence only a few miles from Boston, a cat was discovered sitting upon the chest of a little boy four years of age, her mouth placed close to the little child's lips, and the cat evidently very much absorbed in the operation. An effort was made to drive the cat away by speaking sharply to her. She paid no attention to this, and was equally unmindful of a series of blows with a stick. She was finally pushed off the body of the child and off the bed, but could not be driven in the usual way. She had a bewildered and wild look all the time, and exhibited a sign of ferocity by springing upon the servant who was forcing her down stairs.

The cat was instantly killed, as a warning to all cats not to be too intimate with sleeping children. The little boy woke up during the noise made, and was naturally somewhat frightened. He did not seem to be injured.

Though no harm was done, evil might have ensued had not the cat been discovered and removed. Her weight on the child's chest would necessarily reduce the quantity of air inspired, and tend to cause suffocation, while the child would inspire only carbonic acid gas as taken from the mouth of the cat. These two causes might produce death even. They may have originated the superstition that a cat "sucks the breath of a child." The case is interesting and novel, and may have the purpose of eliciting inquiry and putting some parents on their guard against the treacherous and stealthy pets with which their children play.

GREELEY ON LAWYERS.

'Mr Greeley,' said Partridge, 'this is Mr Denslow, a young attorney.' Greeley uttered a short grunt of recognition, but did not even look around. I, embarrassed, shrunk away to one corner and took a chair. He went on around the room, looking at pictures and what not, and in about five minutes, when his back was turned on me and I thought he had forgotten me, he suddenly, without looking at me, said: "Hem! So you're an attorney, are you?' I confessed it. 'I hate lawyers!' he exclaimed emphatically. 'I hate lawyers; they do more mischief than their heads are worth.'

'I suppose they are a necessary evil,' I suggested, deprecatingly.

'Wholly unnecessary,' he insisted.

'I suppose you will acknowledge,' I said, 'that they promote good order and remove impediments to good government.'

'Just the contrary! just the contrary!' he squeaked, in his odd falsetto; 'they cause disorder, and they are the chief obstacles to good government.'

I thought the man was crazy. 'Perhaps you will tell me,' I suggested, 'how debts would be collected without lawyers?'

'Don't want 'em collected; don't want 'em collected!' he squeaked. 'If A lets B have his property without payment, I don't see why C, D, E F and all the rest of the alphabet should be called on to serve as a police to get it back. No debt should be collected by law. It's monstrous! Let a man trust another man at his own risk. Even a gambler pays his debts that he isn't legally obliged to pay, and calls them debts of honor; but men will put their property out of their hands to prevent legal collection of their grocer bills. Abolish all laws for the collection of debt, and that would abolish most of your lawyers—good riddance.'

THE WAY HE ANSWERED HIM.

Old Interest was what rude people would call a usurer, that is, he helped people out of pecuniary difficulties for a 'consideration.' No one knew how much the old man was worth, though pretty extensive guesses were made at the probable amount of his pile.

Ned A——, a man pretty well known in town, met the old gent one day and thinking it a good opportunity to quiz him, engaged in a conversation on money matters. After Mr Interest had duly informed Ned that the city was going to the devil, and that things were not the same as they were seventy years ago and other statistical facts, Ned suddenly exclaimed:

'By the way, Mr Interest, what will you do with your money when you die?'

Mr Interest—'Have you got a wife?'

Ned—'Yes, of course I have.'

Interest—'What will you do with her when you die?'

Ned—'Why, I'll leave her behind me I guess.'

Interest—'Well, that's just what I'll do with my money.'

And off he went like an enraged turkey gobbler.

Six boys at Hennepin, Iowa, organized as bandits, on a plan suggested by a thrilling novel which they had read. They could not find a natural cave, and therefore dug one in the side of a hill. Their first exploit was to rob all the clothes lines of the neighborhood on a wash day night. Great excitement ensued, and several innocent tramps were arrested; but the mystery was explained when, on the following night, the young amateur thieves stole a horse and wagon, and were caught taking a load of the clothes to the nearest city.

A bunch of flowers,
A book or two,
A little billing,
A little coo,
A little cooing,
And going, till
They go to church,
And say "I will."

"Pa," said a little four-year-old, "there's a man out there that would give anything to see you." "Who is it, my son?" "It's a blind man."

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROBATE NOTICE.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF KING COUNTY, Washington Territory.

In the matter of the estate of Gustavus Morrill, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of C. H. Hanford, the Administrator of the estate of Gustavus Morrill, deceased, setting forth that said estate is in a proper condition to be closed, and that a portion of said estate remains to be divided among the heirs of said deceased.

Now, therefore, it is ordered by this Court that all persons interested in the estate of said Gustavus, Morrill, deceased, be and appear before said Probate Court, in the City of Seattle, in said King county, on Saturday, the 7th day of February, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any there be, why an order of distribution should not be made of the remainder of said estate among the heirs of said deceased according to law.

And it is further ordered by the Court that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks before said 7th day of February, A. D. 1880, in THE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER, a newspaper printed and published in said King county, and of general circulation in said County and Territory.

Done in open Court this 27th day of December, A. D. 1879. THOMAS BURKE, Judge of the Probate Court.

TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON, County of King. } ss.

I, Thomas Burke, Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order duly made by said Court on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1879, and duly entered upon the records of said Court.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court (L.S.) this 30th day of December, A. D 1879.

THOMAS BURKE,
Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of King county, Washington Territory. je3w5t

SUMMONS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD Judicial District of Washington Territory, holding terms at Seattle, for the Counties of King and Kitsap.

Julia F. Grove, plaintiff, vs. Franklin H. Grove, defendant.

No. 2314. Complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of said District Court.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SEND GREETING

To Franklin H. Grove, defendant

You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of Washington, holding terms at the City of Seattle, in the County of King, for the Counties of King and Kitsap, and to answer the complaint filed therein within twenty days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons, if served within the County of King, or if served out of that County, but in this District, within thirty days, otherwise within forty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you, according to the prayer of the complaint.

The object of this action is brought for a divorce of the plaintiff from the defendant, and the grounds of said action are that the defendant, the husband of the plaintiff herein, has abandoned the plaintiff his wife, for a period of over one year.

{L.S.} Witness the Honorable Roger S. Greene, Judge of said District Court, and the seal thereof, this 6th day of November, A. D. 1879.

JAMES GRAVES, Clerk.

By JAMES P. LOVEJOY, Deputy.
C. Jacobs Solicitor. n22-w7t

NOTICE TO ABSENT CREDITOR.

TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON, County of King. } ss.

In Justice Court, before S. F. Coombs, J. P.

To C. E. Sears:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT H. A. Pratt has filed a verified claim against you in said Court which will come on to be heard at my office in Seattle, in the County of King, W. T., on the 24th day of January, 1880, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M., and unless you appear and then and there answer, the same will be taken as confessed and the demand of the plaintiff granted. The object and demand of said claim is to recover the sum of Eighty one Dollars, a balance due said plaintiff for board of the said defendant and wife. Claim filed the 16th day of December, 1879.

S. F. COOMBS,
Justice of the Peace in and for King county.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Puget Mill Company vs. Fred Foss. No. 2026.

IN AND BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION ISSUED out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of Washington Territory, holding terms at Seattle, in King county, on the 16th day of November, A. D., 1879, to me directed and delivered, commanding me to levy upon the property of Fred Foss to satisfy a judgment recovered by the Puget Mill Company against him, amounting to the sum of $1,536 66-100 and costs taxed at $31 75.

Therefore, in pursuance of said writ, I have levied upon the following described real property, situate in Snohomish county, W. T., to wit: Lot No. one (1), S. ½ of NE ¼, NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section No. thirty (6,) Township No. twenty-eight north, of Range six east, containing 161 20-100 acres, and will proceed to sell the same, or so much thereof as will satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and I expect costs, at public auction, in front of the Court House, in Snohomish City, Snohomish county, on Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1880, at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M., to the highest bidder for cash, gold coin.

Dated this 2d day of December, A. D 1879.

WM. WHITFIELD,
Sheriff of Snohomish County, W. T.
McNaught Bros., Attorneys for Plaintiff. jan10