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In Chancery.

The funds in court in 1894 amounted to the huge total of £64,075,187 4s. 1d.; but the proportion of this sum in want of owners is not stated. It is interesting to note that during the preceding year payments were made to successful claimants and others amounting to £10,324,152 3s. There is also a large sum in court under the heading "Foreign Currencies," made up of rupees, crowns, dollars, florins, francs, guilders, lire and marks. Reference should also be made to a long list of boxes and other miscellaneous effects remaining in the custody of the Bank of England, on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

An official list of the titles of Chancery causes undealt with for fifteen years or upward is published triennially; but as the names of the testators or persons entitled to the funds are in the majority of cases not stated, the information is of little value to the general public. To give an instance: In 1823 Nathaniel Briggs, one of the next of kin of Thomas Storke, who died in 1760, was advertised for by order of the Court of Chancery. The fund was not claimed; and in the latest list of dormant funds we find the title of the Chancery suit given thus: "Pomeroy vs. Brewer." No mention is made that the next of kin of Thomas Storke are wanted.

An idea of the large number of similar cases may be gained from the fact that the list of unclaimed funds fills 187 pages. This list is only an index to the titles of accounts, and is not in any sense either a register of next of kin wanted, or of lapsed legacies, intestates' estates, unclaimed dividends, prize money, etc.—Chambers' Journal.

A Big Mistake.

The biggest mistake and the funniest I ever knew a merchant to make was when one of my friends concluded to spend $70 to have illustrated signs painted on fences and barns in the country. The pictures were all humorous and in colors, to be painted on a white background. One was a bullfrog reaching out after a bug; another a dog, catching a fellow by the seat of his pants, and another a snake and a bird, a sort of a take-off on the "early bird catches the first worm." Well, the painter used whitewash and cheap colors. After the first rain the bullfrog picture and the words of the advertisement got wonderfully blended together, and the bull dog was made to chew the advertiser's name instead of the other fellow's trousers; at least that is the way the blur made it appear. After the second rain there was only a vague sort of an indication of an advertisement, the water having washed out some words and letters and leaving others untouched. For instance, the line "Purchase your Buggies" on one sign appeared as "Chase our Bug."—Farm Machinery.

Ambiguous.

A provincial paper concluded an account of a local wedding with the following surprising announcement:

"The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome diamond brooch, besides many other beautiful things in cut glass."

Nicotinized Nerves.

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It is often only by patient study that a wise man discovers what a fool stumbles upon.

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Nobody can help noticing the shortcomings of the man who is always behind time.

E. B. Walthall & Co., Druggists, Horse Cave, Ky., say: "Hall's Catarrh Cure cures every one that takes it." Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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A Victoria cross once changed hands in Durham, England, for £125.

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CANNIBALS OF VANCOUVER

HORRIBLE PRACTICES OF THE FORT RUPERT INDIANS.

Primitive Savages of British Columbia—Blankets the Circulating Medium—The Potlatch.

DR. FRANZ BOAS has just brought to this city some wooden masks, carvings and other things of interest collected from the so-called Fort Rupert Indians, who dwell at the north end of the Island of Vancouver. These are the most primitive savages on the northwest coast, and they still practice cannibalism. Formerly they kept slaves, whom they would kill and eat at their ceremonials, but the whites have put a stop to that. So now they devour dead bodies instead. The latter are mummies, in fact, being inclosed in boxes after death and placed high up in the branches of tall trees. This is the method of burial customary with the tribe. The corpses thus disposed of do not decay, but dry up. When one of them is needed for the purpose here referred to it is taken from the tree and put in a spot where the sea water will flow over it. There it remains for some days, after which it is smoked, so it is said.

Dr. Boas has secured a mask of the Cannibal Spirit, such as is worn at the ceremonies of the Society of Cannibals in the tribe. It looks like the head of a huge alligator cut out of wood, with a sort of wig of cedar bark to represent hair. A person who is to be initiated into the society spends several months in the woods, fasting, and is much emaciated when he reappears. After a mock chase he is captured by the other Indians and fetched to the village. He is supposed to be quite wild, and it is his privilege to bite a piece out of the arm or leg of anybody. A festival is held, the ostensible purpose of which is to tame him. It is a very elaborate affair, lasting six weeks, and the climax is reached when the novice disappears and returns with a dead body in his arms. This is immediately cut up and devoured by himself and his fellow-cannibals. It is absolutely necessary that the corpse should be that of one of his own relatives.

Not so many years ago this point in the performance would have been marked by the killing of a slave with a war club, the body being immediately cut up and eaten. The ceremony concludes with the washing of the new cannibal, which operation requires five hours, according to the ritual. When it is finished he is supposed to be cured of his propensity for biting without provocation. But at any of the numerous tribal ceremonials, if anybody utters a wrong word in a song or misses the rhythm of the music, every member of the Society of Cannibals present is privileged to take a little bite out of anybody else. Usually pieces of flesh about as big as a half dollar are bitten out. There is also a society of female cannibals, composed of women, but they do not bite.

The ceremonial season among the Fort Rupert Indians occurs in the winter. Then for a time the entire social organization of the tribe undergoes a metamorphosis. The ordinary divisions of the people by clans are ignored, and they arrange themselves according to the various societies to which they belong. There is the Ghost Society, the Bear Society, the Society of the Witch Woman, the Society of Fools and many others. These societies are religious in character, being associated also with the tribal myths and traditions. The ancestors of the present generation received from mythical beings certain supernatural secrets, upon which the societies and the ceremonials are based. One of the societies is the War Society. A person undergoing initiation into it is suspended from the rafters of the ceremonial house by a rope passed through strips of the flesh of his back, which are cut for that purpose. Beneath him stand the members of the Society of Fools, with sharp lances upraised. If he falls he is impaled by the lances, and etiquette demands that he shall be eaten at once by the cannibals. It is more than suspected that these Indians do now and then kill an individual and eat him secretly.

There are six distinct tribes of Indians on the Island of Vancouver, no two of which speak or understand the same language. In all these savages number about 5000. In the southern part of the island they have become civilized to some extent through contact with the whites. It will be remembered that at the extreme southeast corner of the island is the city of Victoria, which is the capital of British Columbia and the center of the fishing trade of all that region. In the extreme north and on the west coast the natives are quite wild and wholly indisposed to adopt the customs of civilization. Missionary work among them has been a total failure. In those parts there are only a very few whites—traders, lumbermen and managers of salmon canneries. The island is about twice as long as Long Island and is densely wooded with gigantic pines and cedars. Huge mountains rise to a height of 7000 feet, crowned by glaciers. Thus it is hardly practicable to cross from the eastern to the western shore.

The wildest of the native tribes is that of the Fort Rupert Indians, at the north end. They live on fish chiefly, which they dry for winter. They catch the bear and seal also, and gather berries, of which there is an enormous abundance — raspberries, blackberries, salmon berries and huckleberries. These savages are nearly white, with reddish-brown hair. Their faces are very broad, with high noses and small and Mongoloid eyes. They are of small stature, with short legs. At the same time they are remarkably intelligent. The heads of infants are deformed by tying about them hard cushions of cedar bark, thus giving them a sugar-loaf shape. Men and women go barefoot. They wear blankets and cotton shirts. The women have adopted petticoats, which have replaced cedar bark aprons. Members of the tribe sometimes visit Victoria, adopting the apparel of white people temporarily, and go back to their native garb on their return. They use steel knives, axes and other civilized implements.

The Fort Rupert Indians are good carpenters and great boat builders. They make huge wooden canoes for traveling, and such boats were formerly employed for war expeditions. Smaller boats they employ for fishing and sealing. They are admirable carvers, all of their designs having a mythological significance and referring to legends of the clans or of the secret societies. Their morals are by no means first-rate. Wealth determines the position of the man, and they will do anything to accumulate property. Their houses are square in shape and built of wood. Around the interior runs a platform four feet wide, on which are erected small sheds for bed rooms. Ordinarily each house is occupied by four families, and in each corner is a fire, one for each family. The floor is of earth, as well as the platform, which is banked with planks.

A very important social institution is the "potlatch." A man invites his friends to a feast and gives them presents. It may be a small potlatch, only a few blankets being given away, or perhaps as many as 10,000 blankets will be donated. The gifts are not such in reality, however, but are loans, which the recipients are obliged to repay with interest at a later period. Customarily it is expected that they shall return double the value received. Blankets are a common medium of exchange in that region, representing fifty cents apiece. Double blankets are worth $1.50 apiece. These blankets are of British manufacture. Of course, no family would possess 10,000 blankets, but at a potlatch those actually given are borrowed back immediately and given away again, so that the same blanket may be given half a dozen times. A man appointed for that office keeps tally, and thus record is made of all debts.

The currency of the United States would suffice to settle only a small fraction of the debts outstanding in this country, and it is the same way with business among the Fort Rupert Indians. A few thousand blankets kept constantly in circulation satisfy the financial problem. Every member of the tribe must pay what he owes, sooner or later, however, on penalty of losing his social consideration. Another form of money in common use is "coppers"—that is, sheets of copper of a peculiar shape, stamped with faces. These used to be manufactured by the Hudson Bay Company. They might be compared to bank notes, but, oddly enough, their value does not depend upon their intrinsic worth. They become more valuable in proportion to the number of times they are given away. Dr. Boas has seen a copper that was valued at 7000 blankets or $3500. A brand-new one of equal weight might not be worth more than two or three blankets. This idea has something to do with the native mythology. Copper, by the way, is supposed to represent the sunset.—Washington Star.

WISE WORDS.

Never get scared until a woman gets after you.

A woman's fads thrive on a man's objections.

There are more balky drivers than balky horses.

A man's stomach is the highway to his amiability.

The first test of a truly great man is his humility.

The men who make history have not time to write it.

False face must hide what the false heart doth know.

We enjoy thoroughly only the pleasure that we give.

It is worth working hard all day to enjoy a hearty meal, and sleep well at night.

It would be better for many grown-up children if they could be seen, but not heard.

Half the people of the world are working the other half for chumps and doing well.

No difference how poor a man's memory is, he never forgets when you owe him money.

We expect other people to change their opinions, while we tenaciously cling to our own.

Because we are to prepare for a rainy day, is no reason we should steal our neighbor's rubbers.

Don't forget that your children will pay more attention to your tracks than they will to your precepts.

There is a time to keep sweet, and a time to fight, but these two good qualities should never be mixed.

The characteristic of genius is not to be faultless, but to have qualities enough to cause faults to be forgiven.

Some men's affection for their children is similar to the feeling they have in raising an unusually large cabbage.

Apparently the heads of some people were given them merely as convenient bumps upon which to do up their hair.—The South-West.

Conquest of the Northwest.

In 1776, when independence was declared, the United States included only the thirteen original States on the seaboard. With the exception of a few hunters, there were no white men west of the Alleghany Mountains, and there was not even an American hunter in the great country out of which we have since made the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. All this region north of the Ohio River then formed a part of the Province of Quebec. It was a wilderness of forest and prairie, teeming with game, and inhabited by many warlike tribes of Indians.

Here and there through it were dotted quaint little towns of French Creoles, the most important being Detroit, Vincennes on the Wabash, and Kaskaskia and Kahokia on the Illinois. These French villages were ruled by British officers commanding small bodies of regular soldiers or Tory rangers and Creole partisans. The towns were completely in the power of the British Government; none of the American States had actual possession of a foot of property in the Northwestern Territory.

The Northwest was acquired at the time of the Revolution only by armed conquest, and if it had not been so acquired, it would have remained a part of the British Dominion of Canada.

The man to whom this conquest was due was a famous backwoods leader, a mighty hunter, a noted Indian fighter—George Rogers Clark. He was a very strong man, with light hair and blue eyes, of a good Virginian family, who, early in his youth embarked on the adventurous career of a backwoods surveyor, exactly as Washington and so many other young Virginians of spirit did at that period. He traveled out to Kentucky soon after it was opened up by Boone, and lived there for a year, either at the stations, or camping by himself in the woods, surveying, hunting and making war against the Indians like any other settler; but all the while his mind was bent on vaster schemes than were dreamed of by the men around him. He had his spies out in the Northwestern Territory, and became convinced that with a small force of resolute backwoodsmen he could conquer it for the United States. When he went back to Virginia Governor Patrick Henry entered heartily into Clark's schemes and gave him authority to fit out a force for his purpose.—St. Nicholas.

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STRANGE THINGS IN MISSOURI.

They Are Found in the Hotels of That Famous Old State.

When there are only two hotels in a small country town the entente cordiale is quite frequently strained. For instance:

It was in Missouri. There had been a sudden influx of trade and the register contained six names, the record for the year. It was the evening of the second day, also supper time. The first man in the dining-room noticed the absence of butter. Quoth he to the Belle of the Ozarks who was distributing prunes and other delicacies:

"Kindly give me some butter."

The Belle of the Ozarks paused a moment. Then she decided to make a clean breast of the whole affair.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we ain't got none. There's none in town, except at the other hotel, and they won't let us have none. They're jealous because we've got you gents. Will you have some apple butter?"

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The humor in a small hotel is not always furnished by the people who live therein. In one case—also in Missouri—it was the letter head of the institution that furnished a smile. It was built something like this:

THE AVENUE HOUSE.
(Best in Town.)
MRS. EDWARD SMITHERS,
Proprietoress.
Ed Smithers (husband), Clerk.

And yet the village gossips say there is not a female suffragist in town. They do not seem to realize they are entertaining the "new woman" unawares.

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The man who is responsible for the following is not addicted to the fishing story habit, neither has he ever made a campaign affidavit. So his story is at least entitled to some consideration:

"Just across the street from my room—this also was in Missouri—was the town clock. I had left a call for 6. I was awakened by a vigorous pounding on the door, and when I responded 'all right,' the man who was doing the work of an alarm clock drawled out:

"'Just wanted to tell you, stranger, that if you heard that clock strike 6 you have twenty minutes more to sleep. The clock's that much fast.'"

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There's one town in Missouri on the Santa Fe—not far from the scene of a recent train robbery—in which there are seven houses. Five of them bear the sign "Hotel." The others flaunt a legend "Rooms to Rent." As trains only stop there to take water it's pretty hard guessing where the revenue comes in.

Brain Foods.

Brain workers require the most concentrated and easily digested foods; they should eat fresh beef and mutton, fish, eggs—cooked in many forms, but never hard boiled nor fried—oysters, and all fresh green vegetables, especially cool, crisp salads, lettuce, chicory, tomatoes, watercress, etc., with mayonnaise, or French dressing. They should begin the day with fruit, and make it form the principal part of luncheon; and be very sparing in their use of cereals, eschewing entirely white bread and oatmeal.

Kindness Rewarded.

A young mechanic passed daily over London bridge. Occasionally he tossed a penny to a beggar who held his seat towards the end of the bridge in sunshine and in storm.

One day the mendicant stopped the mechanic and said to him, "I'm going into the country. You have been kind to me and I want to make you a present. There is a fortune in this little piece of paper. I am a Waterloo soldier and I got the paper in the army. Follow the instructions faithfully and you will be rich."

That paper was the original receipt for "Day & Martin's" blacking.

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Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

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Proverbs of Savages.

The proverbs of savages are shrewd and pithy. The Basutos say, "The thief catches himself;" the Yorubas, "He who injures another injures himself;" Wolofs, "Before healing others, heal yourself." In Accra they say, "Nobody is twice a fool;" among the Oji, "The moon does not grow full in a day," "The poor man has no friends." A Pashto proverb says, "A feather does not stick without gum." Others are—"A crab does not bring forth a bird;" "A razor cannot shave itself;" "Cross the river before you abuse the crocodile;" "Truth is spoken only by a strong man or a fool;" "Perseverance always triumphs;" "The thread follows the needle."

A Witty Judge.

Mr. Justice Hawkins is one of London's wittiest judges. He was one day sitting hearing a case, and while the counsel for the plaintiff was addressing him was obviously more intent on giving instructions to the attendants to close a window and try to stop a draught than attending to the arguments put forth. At length, when his lordship was more composed, the learned Q. C., annoyed at his argument going to the winds in such a manner, said:

"I am not quite sure whether your lordship caught that point."

The judge was all attention again.

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