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Successful Detective Work.

Since the days of King Solomon, and his wise saying for the settlement of the ownership of the child brought before him, there have been, in Eastern nations, most clever ruses for the detection of guilt. Possibly the ignorance and superstition of the common people there gave ample scope for such methods as those which we employ with us. After a grand dinner in Aleppo, given by the English Consul, some of the silverware used at the feast mysteriously disappeared. Suspicion fell upon the servants, and even upon the police who were in the same house at the time.

The consul, after mature reflection, called upon the most intelligent of the police — or caravan, as they are termed in Turkey — and questioned him.

The caravan insisted that he did not steal the silver, and he had no idea who did. The consul being a very shrewd man, then said, "There is no need of your protesting. I have good reasons for suspecting you to be the thief, and I mean to place you in the hands of the authorities, unless you bring my silver to me within twenty-four hours."

"I will do all in my power to discover the robber," said the frightened caravan, "but I must beg of you, in return, to act passively as I shall bid you."

The consul promised, and the officer disappeared. In an hour he returned, leading a little donkey, and asked that the animal might be placed in a darkened room, and that all the servants of the house should then be assembled.

When these arrangements had been made, the caravan said, "Now, we are to enter this room, one by one, and are to take a pull at the donkey's tail. The donkey will make no sign unless the robber is among us, and if he is, a man may depend upon it that he will bray, and indicate the thief. "Now," to the consul, you go in first, and pull the tail."

Everyone complied with these directions, but the donkey did not bellow. "How strange it is," said the caravan, when the performance was over. "It seems that the thief is not to be found among us. I can not explain it otherwise. Stand about me in a circle, ladies and gentlemen, and hold up your hands."

Every one obeyed. "Here is your man, Mr. Consul," cried the caravan, pointing to a servant.

"You see, every one who pulled the donkey's tail got his hands blackened; this man did not touch the tail, and his hands are clean."

The man confessed, and the silver was returned.

Speaking English.

Speaking English is, in England at any rate, a matter which varies according to regions. The story is still commonly told of the doctor who told the English country boy to "show his tongue," when his mother called him to see what might ail him. The boy looked blank, and evidently did not know what the doctor meant.

"Show your tongue, I say," the doctor repeated.

"Speak English, doctor," said the mother, sharply; and then turning to her boy, "Hope thy gobbler and pop out thy hedger?"

The boy understood and thrust out his tongue.

Not unlike this is the story of a member of Parliament from Cumberland, esteemed a very elegant man at home, who went to a London shoemaker to get a pair of shoes for his little daughter, which were to have pink heels, pointed toes, and crapped straps for a clapsis.

"Sir," answered the shoemaker, "what's that you ask?"

"Why, I pray ye, no, and he repeated the question as before."

"The family who speak French," said the shoemaker, "live next door."

The Value of a Good Name.

A Chinaman who wished to secure work on a railroad, where most of the excavators were Irish, presented himself to the superintendent of the works and asked for a job. "You heap like me work," said he.

"What do you want to do?"

"I makes barrels. I keeps wash-house clean. I no care." "What's your name?"

"My name Patrick O'Laaffy!" "Patrick O'Griffferty! Now, that is stealing a name!"

"Welly goot name?"

"Oh, come, Hop Key, or what ever your name is, what did you give me an Irish name for?"

"If I no hub Patllick O'Laaffy faw my name, I no ketches con-tact? You see? — Yes."

Came to Confusion.

The story is told of a young man in Providence, who, having bought a pair of trousers, wore them for the first time to a party. Hair parted in the middle, faultless linen, brilliant necktie, shining boots, and his new trousers, all made him vain of his appearance, and led him to think that every one in the room was admiring him.

All would have gone well, if the young man had not, as proud heads will do, looked often with satisfaction at his feet and legs. But charmed with himself, and casting eyes too often at the new trousers, he discovered a bit of thread on his leg. He seized it to pick it off, but it eluded him. Conversation so absorbed him that, for a few minutes, the thread was forgotten. But, later on, the new trousers again attracted his eyes, and once more he saw the thread. With firmer grip he seized it, resolved this time to get rid of it.

A strong pull was too successful. The thread seemed to be endless. It came following the energetic pull so readily as to run out a yard or more, unravelling a yard of the seam, and leaving a gaping rent in the trousers' leg. The young man, in confusion, slid away to the dressing room, where he pinned himself up, and then went home, taking no more delight in his varied adornments. See! — NO.

"Uncle Allee, what are you doing this winter?"

"I've look-knew, beard."

"Dook keeping?"

"Yes, dad's it. De do 'woman takes in washin', 'n' I keeps do count o' de pieces." — NO.

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The facility with which Irishmen fall out among themselves and kill one another is the strongest argument ever advanced against home rule for that unfortunate island.

The success of the commissioners of the United States in the Samoan Conference was another triumph of American diplomacy. As in the Geneva Conference for the settlement of the Alabama Claims, and in the forming of our commercial treaties with foreign nations, the Americans have shown themselves a match for the European diplomats.

We were somewhat in error in stating that a million persons were drowned in China a few years ago when the Ho burst its banks turned a whole province into a lake and forced its way into the sea more than a hundred miles from the place of its former mouth. The number of the drowned was about one hundred thousand, but two million people were rendered homeless. Every few weeks we hear of the famine and distress which even yet is felt in that country as a result of the flood. The same thing has happened several times in the history of the country. About fifty years ago this great river, equal in size to the Mississippi, broke through the embankments and for several hundred miles forced a new bed through cities, villages and farms till it finally reached the sea nearly two hundred miles from its old mouth. It now enters the ocean near its former mouth.

If a person were to leave Dayton for ten or ten years he would find on his return that Miami City had grown into one of the business parts of the city during his absence. The people of capital and business skill are finding out that the West Side furnishes one of the best locations in the city for opening a new store. They are on the look-out for suitable rooms in good localities, and for the first time in the history of the West Side, are even anxious to open stores over here. Since the room recently occupied by Silvex & Salisbury was rented, five applications for the room have been made; three of them for shoe stores. We are almost sorry that one of the shoe stores did not get into the room. We need it so much, while we already have several drug stores. It is a real pleasure to see those nice store rooms of Dr. Walters going up so rapidly. They are needed. Every thing seems to indicate that we are now on the eve of a great business awakening. The day of depression is almost past. A little determined effort on the part of our people will soon put a new face upon our business situation. Shall we not make it? If any one is acquainted with some one who has a thought of entering upon a business enterprise over here, he should at once inform one of the members of the business committee of the West Side Improvement Association. They are Messrs. Kuhrs, Donson, Hill, and Booth. It may be that by so doing a enterprise of value may be secured for our part of the city. Mere rumors are sometimes worth looking up. What we need is to get the ball started rolling. Shrewd men with capital are always on the lookout for a good opening. Let us lock up some of these.

LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. Wm. McKee spent a few days in Indiana last week. Little Joe Hoffman is trying to put up a telephone from the store to his house.

Dr. Davis is building a six room frame house on the lot back of Hoffman & Bartels grocery. J. Allen Gilbert, who graduates at Oberlin University this week, will return home next week.

Quite a number of West Side residences are receiving a new coat of paint.

A. H. Harris' new butcher wag on beats any thing of the kind in the city.

Mr. A. G. Feight has moved into his new house on Horace street.

Miss Della Mason has returned to her home in Junction City, Ohio.

Mr. J. G. Feight of Hawthorne street will soon start on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Noc, near Marengo, Ohio.

Dr. J. F. Landis went up to Wooster Thursday to attend an examination.

Henry Ruse is laying the pipes to bring the water from his tank on Second street to a plug on Third street.

Mr. J. Haywood Francis, a young gentleman of Westerville, Ohio, spent Thursday evening in this city.

Mr. Neil an old gentleman living on West First street, fell from a cherry tree a few days ago and was seriously injured. He is nearly eighty years old.

The graduating exercises of the senior class of the Central High School will occur next Tuesday evening, at the Grand Opera House.

Mrs. Lafayette Madden will spend several weeks visiting at the home of her mother in Michigan.

Quite a number of our West Side people went out to Beightley's ice park last Wednesday and had a delightful picnic.

Mr. John Rider, the gardener living below town, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Tuesday. It is feared that he will not recover.

There is no better place to buy Gents' furnishing goods in the city than at Bates & Roesch's. They have the largest stock and at the lowest prices.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Landis were the recipients of a pleasant serenade on the occasion of their remarriage into their new place of residence on Fourth street.

Thieves broke into Mrs. Bow's home on Hawthorne street last Thursday afternoon and took all the valuables they could lay their hands on.

Leslie Husted, the young man who formerly worked in High's grocery, is dead. After lying several weeks in an unconscious condition, he passed away last Monday night.

The foundation of the new Government building on Fifth street will now be completed. The structure will present a handsome appearance when finished.

Mr. Will Troup who recently bought out Cappel & Turner's baker was met with a serious loss in the death of his horse. The loss is peculiarly trying because it happened at the beginning of his new business undertaking.

The Improvement Association will hold a called meeting, Tuesday evening, to consider the report of the committee appointed so look up the matter of location of the new school house.

George Martin the former clerk at Hoovers drug store, and Isaac Shoemaker intend to start a new business enterprise in town about the first of next month.

Wm. Ryan, the soldier who tried to shoot Mrs. Spurgeon some time ago, pleaded guilty of the charge brought against him, and will spend a year behind the prison bars.

A pleasant wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. George Stephens on First street, last Thursday evening, when Wm. Wm. Spicer and Miss Patrick were united in marriage, Rev. V. F. Brown officiating.

Mr. William Brown, a nephew of the late Mrs. D. G. Brown, who has been east attending school, stopped off on his way back to his home in Missouri, and spent several days visiting his relatives in this city.

Mr. William Wagner of Hawthorne street fell from the loft of his stable last Friday morning and suffered injuries from which he will be laid up several days. No bones were broken, but he was bruised to such an extent as to confine him to his bed for several days.

The West Side business men take a proper pride in keeping their wagons in good shape. Nearly every week we notice a new wagon, or a wagon newly painted, and we notice the wagon of another of our grocers in the shop being fixed. A handsome delivery wagon is a first class advertisement to its owner.

Tuesday morning as a gardener was driving down Third street, on his way to market, he noticed that the front window of Mrs. Land's was open. He informed Officer Ely, who at once proceeded to investigate the matter. He found that the front window had been opened, but the thieves had evidently been frightened away before they had time to take anything.

Thursday night officer Shaffer gave chase to a thief who had been breaking into a house upon King street, and by using a horse he succeeded in overtaking him at the toll house west of town. The thief finding that he could not escape by flight drew a pistol and attempted to shoot, but before he could fire, the officer hit him over the head with his club and soon brought him to time. The patrol was called and he was taken to the station house. When brought into court he plead guilty of house breaking and resisting an officer, for which he was fined $395.55 and given two months in the work house.

The horse attached to the delivery wagon of A. Olinski decided to run off a few days ago. It started from in front of the store on the corner of Fifth and Ohio streets, and ran west on Fifth
street at the top of its speed, crossing the bridge at a time when fortunately, there were no other wagons on it. At Mount street it turned north, but before it had gone far it ran upon the side walk to avoid a man who was attempting to catch it, and upsetting the wagon, it delivered the contents to the four winds of the heavens. Neither the horse nor the wagon suffered any serious injury.

Chadwick & Francisco are making the cornice frames for the new state house at Columbia, South Carolina.

The West Side has been favored this week with a visit from a genuine ghost. The essential facts in the story are these. One night last week a colored boy in the employ of Mr. Johnson, heard a weird and unearthly noise resembling the crying of a child coming from the pottery building on Summit street. For several nights the noise was repeated till at length it began to be whispered about that there were spirits about. Finally a young man of great courage entered the building to investigate the matter. Searched he passed the door when an unearthly noise came to his ears, seemingly from a point not two feet from his face. He put out his hands, but could touch nothing. The next moment he felt the touch of the ghost upon his shoulder. His courage forsake him. Catching his lips between his teeth to keep back the involuntary cry that almost escaped him, he turned and fled from the building.

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"I don't know," answered Fletch­er, trying to walk on. The negro seized him; but Fletcher, being a trained wrestler, grappled and threw the man, who, however, held on to him, and drew a clay-knife.

"Listen to me, my man," said Fletcher; "what is the good of your shedding blood and getting a hemp-crat? I have no money and no valuables; what do you want?"

"Your pin; and I'll have it, if I have to swing for it," replied the negro.

"You shall," said Fletcher, "only I don't care to go home with my scarf open as if I were drunk. If you will let me have any other pin, you may have mine."

"Agreed," replied the negro, taking out a turquoise cameo pin, and putting Fletcher's paste pin in.

What must have been the feelings of the thief the next day, when he offered his "diamond" to some "receiver," to find that the pin he had bartered for it was worth ten times the value of the paste pin!

Cat's Tails.

Sometimes it is the most commonplace question which proves most puzzling. A class of young girls, in taking an examination in natural history, stopped in de­spair, with uplifted pens, at the question, "How many legs has a fly?"

One of them, however, was equal to the occasion, and slyly counted the members of one fly which had luckily alighted near her.

Another class was asked during an examination, a question which staggered every member in it: "How many toes has a cat?"

In the emergency, the principal was applied to for a solution; and he, also, with a good-natured smile, gave it up, when one of the teachers, determined not to be beaten by so simple a question, hit on the idea of sending out a delegation of boys to scour the neighborhood for a cat.

When this idea was announced, the whole class wanted to join in the hunt. Several boys went out, and soon returned successful. A returning board was appointed, and the toes counted, and thus it was learned that a cat possesses eighteen toes, ten on the front and eight on the hind-feet.

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