

M.C.H. BE KNOCK-KNEED.  
Ohio Girl Refused to Exhibit and Lost Her Lawsuit.

Had Miss Marie Prevoncha, of Sandusky, O., been one of the ladies of the ballet instead of a professional nurse she might now be \$5,000 richer says the Chicago Chronicle. While on her way home one evening she stumbled over a piece of defective sidewalk, fell and sustained a severe injury to one of her legs above and below the knee. Subsequently she brought suit against the city, claiming \$5,000 damages on account of her injuries. When Miss Prevoncha was placed on the stand the counsel for the city raised a point as to the character of the injury, and insisted that in order that the jury could better judge of the facts Miss Prevoncha should exhibit her injured limb to the jury.

"Never," she fairly hissed, as she pointed her finger at the city prosecutor. "The demand is monstrous." The prosecutor insisted and quoted authorities, and there was a long argument. The judge finally decided that it would be indecent to enforce the demand and the case went to the jury, which returned a verdict for the city. It is believed that had the fair plaintiff made the exhibit suggested she would have secured damages. As she expressed it, however: "I am not a ballet girl, but a professional nurse, and prefer to leave the case rather than make such an exposure."

## BELIEVES IN SUFFOCATION.

Russian Sect Which Thinks Martyrdom Necessary to Reach Heaven.

Following upon the recent revelations concerning the self-immolating fanatics in the district of Tispol, Russia, the newspapers now report that there is a sect in the province of Kazan, the members of which advocate death by suffocation, believing that Heaven can only be gained by suffering martyrdom in this life. Consequently, says the London Daily News, when any member of the sect is supposed to be on the point of death, a small cushion is placed over the sufferer's mouth and held there until suffocation ensues, the other members standing around and singing psalms.

The work of suffocation is usually performed by an old woman, who is paid by the sect, and who is obliged to attend as once when a member is dying. As, however, it would be dangerous to carry on these practices in dwelling houses, the person to be suffocated is transported to a secret rendezvous, and, after death, is buried in some wood or ravine, all traces of the grave being carefully obliterated.

The report was recently current at Kazan that the police had discovered one of the meeting places of the sect, but no confirmation of this is obtainable.

## INSECT BORER.

Female Carries the Tools and Does All the Work.

This insect is one of the most interesting and curious creatures found in this region. It measures from 1% to 2½ inches long; yellowish brown in color; but the extraordinary feature is the set of two long saws and an orifice-potitor it carries trailing behind. The saws, says the New York World, are about five inches long and resemble black threads. But when the insect begins boring a hole in a hard wood tree, such as the hickory, for example, the casual observer would be apt to remark that the saws were all right. The female is the only member of the family provided with carpenter's tools, which she uses to great advantage by boring holes in the tree trunk and depositing one egg therein, which later on hatches and becomes a grub of wood-eating propensity.

After depositing the egg the orifice of the boring is closed up with pulp, and the male Ichneumon, generally two or three in number, stay near and guard the entrance of the hole from the attacks of grub-hunting ants and other insects that have a particular penchant for this food.

**He Loved Truthfulness.**

A careless mason dropped a brick from the second story of a building on which he was at work, says an exchange. Leaning over the wall and glancing downward, he discovered a respectable citizen with his silk hat jammed over his eyes and ears, rising from a recumbent posture. The mason, in tones of apprehension, inquired: "Did that brick hit anyone down there?" The citizen, with great difficulty extricating himself from the extinguisher into which his hat had been converted, replied, with considerable wrath: "Yes, sir. It did. It hit me."

"That's right," exclaimed the mason, in tones of undisguised admiration; "noblesman, I would rather have wasted a thousand bricks than have you tell me a lie about it."

## The Military Maid Servant.

The ideal maid servant is the military one who has been trained to exhibit obedience and never thinks. Hence the praise a man gave, giving his military servant: "Here's a capital fellow; always knows where you keep a thing and puts it there. Give you my word, if you ever let put half a brick on your dressing table, then that brick would stay till you blessed him for leaving it. Held dust it and replace it four square carefully, convinced that since you put it there it answers some purpose in your eyes."

**Sympathy of Dog Owners.**

A woman arrested for keeping a dog without a license, a London peasant, declared poverty, and the magistrate allowed her 14 days to raise the money. The newsboys spoke of the case, and within a week the clerk of the court received \$100 from British dog fanciers for her relief.

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## THE VANISHING QUAKER.

Gradual Obliteration of the Old Orthodoxy.

"Only lately have Philadelphians begun to realize and reflect upon the disappearance of the Quakers as we knew them; only lately has it been brought home to us that a gradual obliteration of the old uncompromising orthodoxy has set in which means the ultimate absorption of the sect. Even now, says Lippincott, rare is the old garb on the streets, where it was such a common sight not so many years ago, the assertion that the society is diminishing would meet with doubt and hesitation.

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## CAPTURED BY ANTS.

Story of the Strange and Unpleasant Experience of an English Vessel.

When a vessel recently arrived in Liverpool with a cargo of logwood, everybody on board, from captain down to cook, rushed frantically ashore, as though pursued by some unseen enemy. As a matter of fact, the vessel was literally swarming with hordes of hungry Jamaica ants, says a London newspaper.

Notwithstanding that the Catskill deer are a nuisance, the farmers dare not use violence toward them, being restrained by the law.

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## Prevents Vessels Sinking.

A new invention for preventing vessels from sinking after being damaged by collision has been exhibited in London recently before a number of shipping experts. An iron model of a cargo ship was placed in water, after having been loaded with bricks. Then a hole, immense in size compared with the miniature vessel, was opened at the side. When the water had risen to a level with the deck a number of guttae bags fixed under the deck were inflated with carbonic acid gas and became almost immediately began to rise.

## Alarming Degeneracy in Italy.

Out of every 100 young men inscribed for military service in 1890 in Italy scarcely 42 were found fit for service, 10 were either held over till the following year or rejected altogether, while the remaining nine represented the degenerates. Italian sociologists ascribe the cause to backward condition of hygiene in remote localities, poor food, bad schools and the complete absence of an organized system of gymnastics for youth.

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In the Ladies' Home Journal George Ludington Weed writes of "When Dr. Whitman Added Three Stars to Our Flag" and shows conclusively that a party of five people, including two women, crossed the Rocky mountains at South pass in 1836, six years prior to Fremont's crossing. Concerning this interesting historical incident Mr. Weed writes: "The first wedding took place in the Huron tribe at the Indian Lorette, near Quebec, has brought into prominence his pretty 17-year-old daughter, Eugenie, who is now recognized as the princess of the tribe. Princess Eugenie is a refined and well-educated miss, who is versed freely in pure French and English, having had the advantage of eight years' thorough instruction in the convent of Charlesbourg, near Quebec. She is bright and vivacious, and possesses a good, well-trained soprano voice, which she uses with charming effect, while she skillfully plays her own accompaniments on either the organ or piano. Her father is a full-blooded Huron and her mother a French Canadian. Chief Philippe, the father of Princess Eugenie, is one of the pilots who takes the steamers through the Long Sioux and Lachine rapids on the St. Lawrence, the "gift" as they call it, of piloting the rapids being hereditary. The chief possesses a number of heirlooms, which the princess highly prizes, among them being medals presented to her grandfather and great-grandfather by George IV, Edmund Kean, Queen Victoria, the prince of Wales and other notables. For visitors whom she fancies the princess will occasionally don her father's famous "chief's jacket," a couple of hundred years old, and his crown of feathers, and when her pretty face roguishly peeps out from beneath the great crown she forms a charming picture.

"It is the Fourth of July. The party pauses in its journey. Patriotic words are spoken as the Bible and flag are taken from the wagon. The one is laid on a blanket spread upon the grass; the other is raised over all. The kneeling company offers prayer and praise and reverently takes possession of the region beyond in the name of God and of the United States." Only human witnesses to the scene are the two Nez Perce lads who witnessed the Whitman wedding ceremony at Angelica, N.Y., immediately preceding the start for Oregon."

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Cotton Mills in Switzerland.

In Baar, Switzerland, there is a 10,000-spindle cotton-mill run by electric power from the Rhine, which river is only a few hundred feet away. Three motors are kept, of which one drives the openers, cards, combing machines, drawing and filer frames, and supplies 200 lamps; the second drives the mules and the third the ventilating fan and workshop.

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