

ANCIENT TRICKSTERS.

Conjurers in ancient times were not very respectable members of society—when successful, they enjoyed the reputation of having sold their souls to the evil one, and when of inferior ability they gained notoriety by being either drowned or burned. The medieval magicians as well as the Egyptian magi and the Chaldean sages were only a strange mixture of chemist, conjurer and charlatan, and as these gentlemen were in the habit of using their supposed occult powers to their own advantage they were naturally unpopular. The feats of jugglery performed by these craftsmen were intended for the mystification and not the amusement of the public, and for centuries conjuring had to it only a black side.

The amateur conjurer of today is not always a popular individual, save with children and the unsophisticated yokel. To the general public he is merely a bore of greater or less magnitude, whose performance is so obvious as to deceive no one. It is hard to realize that this person is no mere mushroom growth of modern society, but in point of fact his role is one of a respectable antiquity, for he is to be found treading close upon the heels of the magicians and in the days when witchcraft was still rampant. This is significant of his reputation even in those early times, for had any one taken his tricks seriously he would doubtless have been run to earth and done to death as a wizard.

In the middle of the seventeenth century, in the earliest years of the restoration, a number of tricks were published in one of those facetious books which seem to have occupied the press to a great extent at this time, but which, owing to their popularity, have for the most part perished. The chief recommendation to the greater number of these tricks is that no apparatus beyond the utensils of everyday life is necessary. Also it is suggested to the performer that he can make some small profit out of his entertainment by prevailing on his audience to bet with him on the result of the trick.

"To set a horse's or an ass's head upon a man's head and shoulders" seems impossible out of the land of Faery, but we are informed that by boiling the head cut off from a living animal, "the flesh boy'd may runne into oyle," and then by mingling the hair beaten into powder with this oil and anointing the heads of the standers by, "they shall seem to have horses' or asses' heads"—a costly experiment and fearsome if successful.

But, besides this, one can "make people seem headless," and this without bloodshed and by the following simple receipt: "Broak arsenick very fine, and boyle it with sulphur in a cover'd pot, and kindle it with a new candle, and the standers-by will seem to be headless." Doubtless a strong imagination is necessary for success.

Some of the tricks are such as would nowadays cause the performer to be disliked, to put it mildly. For instance, "have a nut filled with ink, and give this unto another and bid him crack it and see what he can find in that," which being done "will cause much laughter."

"To keep a Tapster from frothing his Pots" must have been an amusement to the wags of the period, and for this "provide in readiness the skin of a red Hering, and when the Tapster is absent do but rub a little on the inside of his pots, and he will not be able to froth them, do what he can, in a good while after."

"To counterfeit a diamond with a white saphir" is a most useful accomplishment, but the fraud is likely in these days to be discovered and is more a chemical experiment than a trick.

Several tricks are recommended which have animals as their subject and are for the most part brutal to our modern ideas. Perhaps the least objectionable is "to seem to kill a horse and cure him again," which may be thus accomplished:

"Take the seed of henbane and give it the Horse in his Provender, and it will cast him into such a deep sleep that he will seem dead. If you will recover him again, rub his Nostrils with Vinegar, and he will seem to be revived." The "seem to be revived" sounds rather ominous, and it is to be noted that the correct quantity of henbane is not mentioned, so that it might be best to try this experiment on some one else's horse.

"To make a shoal of Goslings draw a Timber logge" sounds interesting, but unfortunately the directions are vague. "To make a shoal of Goslings or a Gaggle of Geese to seem to draw a Timber logge is done by the verie means that is us'd when a Cat draws a fool through a Pond, but handled somewhat further off from the Beholders."—London Standard.

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ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

St John Sun: Somebody wants to know why Mr. Sifton has appointed Mr. Greenway's son to an office. The reason is given by an Ontario paper. Mr. Sifton's own stock of relatives have gone out.

The St. John Sun remarks that Mr. Hardy is now trying to legislate into their seats members believed to be illegally elected, and to do it by the votes of three members, who before the regular time of meeting would probably be unseated. The act is the more base because his whole majority and the life of the government depends upon these votes.

London Chronicle: The news to hand that the Chinese Emperor has issued an edict ordering that in future the examinations of the "literati" shall comprise subjects which form the basis of examination at European universities, instead, as hitherto, of being limited to the Chinese classics, supplies the most important item of news received from the Far East for some time past. If this announcement is to be relied on, it marks the first step in a social revolution which can only end in the rejuvenation of China. The one great stumbling block to the progress of the Celestial Empire has all along been the attitude assumed by the Mandarin class, which grossly ignorant of all that concerns the well-being of the country, has directed its energies to corrupt influence and personal gain. If once the principles of liberal education be admitted into the Chinese curriculum, there will undoubtedly be hope for the solidarity of the Empire, which for nearly 5,000 years has managed to survive its foes. The principle on which the Chinese Government has hitherto been carried on has been corruption, tempered by the survival of the fittest.

EXHIBITION NOTES.

A large and varied exhibit of natural history collections is assured for the St. John Exhibition. The New Brunswick Government, the Department of Marine and Fisheries, the University of New Brunswick, the St. John Natural History Society and many private collectors will contribute.

Collectors everywhere are invited to send in their collections. \$150 is offered in prizes, and glass cases will be provided for all desirable specimens.

No expense will be spared in making this department of the Exhibition one of the best of such exhibitions ever held.

There will be high-class double vaudeville performance twice daily in Amusement Hall.

There will be seven nights of pyrotechnic display with many new features, showing the blowing up of battleships and assaults on fortresses. Everyone should take in the great New Brunswick holiday. Arrangement have been concluded for through trains to carry live stock from St. John to Halifax on the 21st September next. Stock can be loaded at the platforms in the exhibition grounds St. John and unloaded on the Halifax grounds. There will be no transfers and no delays.

Everyone who has a collection of stuffed animals, birds, fishes, or mounted insects, plants, fungi or minerals, is invited to send them to the St. John Exhibition, where they will be shown and protected by glass cases.

Intending collectors should send for prize list of the Exhibition showing prizes offered and giving full directions how to make and mount collections. Address, C. T. Everett, Sec'y Exhibition Association St. John, N. B.

The amusements at the International Exhibition, St. John, N. B., will this year be of an especially entertaining character. The outdoor attractions will include, wonderful feats in slack wire balancing, man fired from a cannon, and high diving.

It will afford a chance for all lovers of nature study to learn all about the appearance and occurrence of the animals, birds, fishes, insects, plants and fungi natural to this country. A great special feature will be the fish exhibit.

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News Notes.

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The inaugural meeting of the Anglo-American League was held in London on Wednesday under the presidency of the Duke of Sutherland, who was supported by Earl Grey, the Earl of Jersey, Baron Farrer, Baron Brassey, Baron Tennyson, Baron Monkswell, Sir John Lubbock, Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Mr. James Bryce, Radical member of Parliament for Aberdeen, and author of "The American Commonwealth." Others present were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, Cardinal Vaughan, and the Duke of Westminster. The Duke of Sutherland, in opening the proceedings, said the league was quite apart from ordinary politics, its object being to express the feeling of cordiality which existed between the people of Great Britain and the United States, an effort which he believed would be appreciated and reciprocated in America. On the motion of Lord Brassey, the following resolution was adopted: "Considering that the people of the British Empire and the United States are closely allied by blood, inherit the same literature and laws, hold the same principles of self-government, recognize the same ideals of freedom and humanity in the guidance of their national policy, and are drawn together by strong common interests in many parts of the world, this meeting is of opinion that every effort should be made in the interests of civilization and peace to secure the most cordial and constant co-operation on the part of the two nations." A representative executive of the league was then appointed.

—President Mr. McKinley listened a few days ago to a sermon from which the following extract is made:—

"Was the Declaration of Independence less providential than the decalogue of Sinai? Were the guns of Dewey and Sampson less providential than the rams of Joshua, the lamps and pitchers of Gideon, or the rod of Moses? Were Manila and Santiago less providential in the history of human freedom than Jericho and A?"

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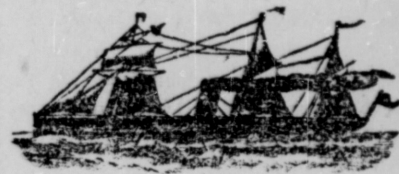
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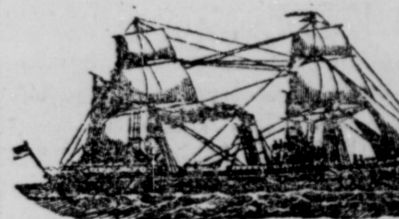
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