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As a specimen of ready wit it would be difficult to beat the retort of Charles Burleigh, the great opponent of the slave trade. He was in the middle of one of his eloquent denunciations of slavery when a well-aimed and very rotten egg struck him full in the face.

"This," he said, calmly, as he produced his handkerchief and wiped his face, "is a striking evidence of what I have always maintained, that pro-slavery arguments are unsound."

The late Mr. John Bright was frequently very happy in repartee. Once, in the course of a speech which was punctuated by interruptions, he was saying, "Personally I do not feel disposed to wage war against these Philistines," when an unruly member of his audience shouted, "Hee-haw!" "If, however," Mr. Bright continued without pause, "my friend at the back of the hall will lend me one of his jaws I shall be encouraged to reconsider my attitudes, in view of the historic success of Samson when provided with a similar weapon."

This reminds one of a similar happy retort by another politician whose speech was constantly interrupted by cries of "Speak up!" "Louder!" from one of his audience.

Fixing his eye on the offender, the candidate said, calmly and impressively: "I do not propose to raise my voice, because I think the ears of the gentleman who interrupts me are quite long enough to hear even at that distance."

A good example of the witty answer that turns away wrath was furnished by the Abbe de Voisenon, who had been unfortunate enough to offend the great Conde and to lose his favor. When the Abbe went to court to make his peace with the offended Prince, the latter rudely turned his back on him.

"Thank Heaven, sir," the Abbe exclaimed, "I have been misinformed; your Highness does not treat me as if I were an enemy."

"Why do you say that?" the Prince demanded.

"Because, sir," answered the Abbe, "your



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The great Duke of Wellington answered a similar insult with equal, if more crushing cleverness. When the French King introduced one of his Field-Marshal to Wellington, the Field-Marshal turned his back on his former enemy and conqueror, Louis Philippe was naturally indignant, and apologized to the Duke for such rude behaviour.

"Pray forgive him, sire," the Iron Duke said, quietly; "I am afraid it was I who taught him to do that in the Peninsula."

Mr. Greve, when French President, once extricated himself from a predicament with wonderful presence of mind. He was being conducted round the Salon by an eminent artist when he saw a painting which displeased him.

"What a daub!" he exclaimed; "whose is it?"

"That picture, M. le President," said his cicerone, "is my own work."

"Ah!" said the President, without any sign of embarrassment at his awkward mistake, "in our country, when we particularly wish to purchase a thing, we always begin by running it down;" and, true to his part, he purchased the offending painting there and then.

The late Sir Frank Lockwood had few superiors in the art of repartee. The genial lawyer was a tall man, and for some reason not altogether transparent an unruly member of his audience once called out to him in the middle of his speech, "Go it, telescope!"

"My friend is mistaken in applying that term to me," Sir Frank said quietly; "he ought to claim it for himself, for, though he cannot draw me out, I think I can both see through him and shut him up."

On another occasion one of his political opponents rudely called out in the middle of a speech, "All lawyers are rogues."

"I am glad," Sir Frank politely rejoined, "to greet this gentleman as a member of my profession, but he need not proclaim our shortcomings to the world."

Equally prompt and happy was the retort of a youthful-looking member of Parliament, who was advised by a bibulous member of one of his audiences to "go home to his mother."

"I think," the young candidate said, "my friend might follow his own advice with advantage, for he does not seem to have outgrown his affection for the bottle."

How to Learn to Breathe.

(New York Tribune.)

"What on earth are you trying to do, Jim?"

The man to whom the question was addressed was standing in the centre of the gymnasium clad in the scanty apparel affected by athletes when at work. His heels were close together, his arms were equally close to his sides, the palms of his hands facing backward. Without replying he slowly raised his hands upward and forward until they were on parallel lines and at full length above his head. Then he lifted himself till he stood on the tips of his toes, holding his breath the while. Just as slowly and deliberately he resumed his original position, and as he did so replied to the question.

"I am learning to breathe," said he. "Learning to breathe? Why I thought that everybody did that during the first few seconds of existence."

"Not by any means, my boy, as you, will find out if you go into training under the instruction of a competent teacher. Not one man in a hundred knows how to breathe properly—that is, to fill the lungs to their utmost capacity and at the same time to control the muscles so as to make it easy to do. What I have just been doing is one of the movements by which the thorax is developed. Others there are for the purpose of strengthening the abdominal muscles, a prime necessity to enable one to breathe correctly."

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A short time ago he received a note from a well-known clerical brother conveying an urgent request that he would deliver a sermon upon some special church festival that was shortly to be held. The doctor replied to the effect that he would come and that he had just completed a sermon upon the Golden Calf which might be singularly appropriate for the occasion.

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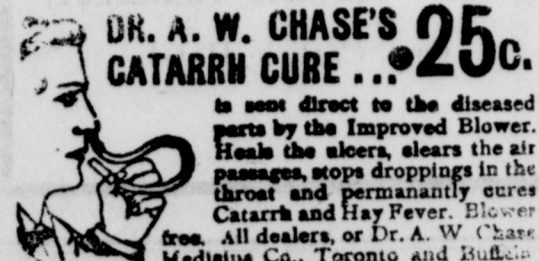
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You are therefore required to cite the heirs, creditors, and next of kin of the said George Kilpatrick deceased, and all others whom it may concern, to appear before the Judge of Probate for the County of Carleton, at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the County of Carleton at the office of the said Judge of Probate in the Town of Woodstock, in said County, on FRIDAY the SEVENTEENTH day of OCTOBER next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to show cause (if any) why Letters of Administration of the said estate should not be granted to the said Richard Gray as prayed for by him.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the L.S. said Probate Court this fifth day of September, A. D. 1902.

(Signed) LEWIS P. FISHER,
Judge of Probate for County of Carleton.
(Signed) DENIS B. GALLAGHER,
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Agricultural Conditions in Hungary.

J. Smith, jr., gives in The Friend an account of a visit to Hungary paid by forty-seven English agriculturists, mainly from the County of Essex, who went to study agricultural conditions in the land of Kossuth. The party was organized by T. S. Dymond, staff chemist of the Technical Instruction Committee of Essex County Council. The party first visited Archduke Frederick's farms of many thousands of acres, on which 3,000 milking cows are continually housed. Another day they were with Count George Erdody, there meeting his English dairymaid, an Essex girl trained in the county dairy school, who for the past five years has increased the price of the butter from 100 cows 50 per cent. "Later," says Mr. Smith, "we visited the State farms, with their wonderful horse-breeding establishments, their horses almost entirely descended from pure Arabs or English thoroughbreds. These farms, although exclusively worked by native oxen, we found in first-rate cultivation, covered with most promising crops of wheat, maize, sugar beet, rye, and forage crops. There were stalls containing as many as 100 fat bullocks, some weighing up to 1,600 lbs. dead weight, also herds of sheep and pigs. Agriculture takes a leading place in the Government of Hungary; the State maintains the agricultural college at Magyarovar, with its large and interesting experimental station; bee and poultry farms at Godollo; a school for gardening at Budapest, and another large agricultural college at Parlag, including the growth of and experiments with tobacco and vines. In the neighborhood of Budapest we visited a co-operative creamery, which was started by farmers in a small way sixteen years since, and last year returned to its members for milk alone £791,000. The veterinary college, with its 300 pupils, some of the large roller flour mills, a sugar factory dealing during the season with 1,800 tons of roots per day, and many other places of interest were visited, all showing the energy and business-like ability of our Hungarian friends.

"Another interesting day was spent on the Hortobagy plain or common of 50,000 acres, near Debreczen, with its herd of cattle and horses. Some of these we inspected, the former numbering up to 1,600, the latter to 650, all belonging to neighboring farms. One day was spent on the Danube, with a visit to Hercules' Bath, a truly wonderful place of scenery on the Roumanian frontier. A day in the Tatra Mountains, still covered with snow, on the northern frontier, with one night in Berlin, affording a glance at Potsdam and the palace and relics of Frederick the Great, finished our most enjoyable tour, returning to London on June 4.

"Travelling as we did, in nineteen days about 4,000 miles by rail and about 400 by road, with carriages and pairs principally provided by the State, and as many as ninety-six horses being used in one day, we had little time to study the social and domestic life of the working classes. From what we saw, however, in meeting them on two or three occasions when whole villages made holiday in our honor and mixed freely with us on the village green, they appeared a thrifty and industrious people who would favorably compare with our agricultural population at home. The hospitality we met with was unbounded, the kindly feeling and cordial welcome shown to us as the representatives of England, both publicly and privately, by all classes, were most marked. The kindred representative government the struggles for freedom in the past, gratitude to us for sheltering their great patriot in 1849, were continually referred to. Some things, chiefly connected with bad roads, want of sanitation, the employment of women in large gangs in the fields, seemed to us reminiscent of feudal times. But with a fertile soil, cheap labor from surrounding poorer districts, but little national debt, a Government apparently to the fore in fostering all educational efforts, and with a people filled with energy and with the hope of complete independence in the near future, the possibilities of this little ancient kingdom cannot well be estimated. In parts of Hungary there are many Roman Catholics, but in others the people are almost exclusively Lutherans, or, as they are called, Calvinists. In Debreczen we had an early morning service in the great church in which Kossuth read his famous proclamation declaring the independence of Hungary. This service was conducted in English by the dean. The building was as plain and simple as a Friend's meeting house, and the church has a foundation which maintains two students at Edinburgh University. One other incident was interesting to me. After what many thought an impressive Church of England service in the hotel at Budapest, two young Hungarian ladies remarked to one of our party, 'it had not been so inspiring a time as the Friends' they had attended at Westminster when in England.'

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