AN UPRIGHT JUDGE. Stories of Sir Matthew Begbie, Chief Justice of British Columbia.

The late Sir Matthew Begbie, Chief Justice of British Columbia, was an uncommon man. He will probably be best remembered for the courageous part he played in the early and troublous life of British Columbia, when men's minds were fired by the gold fever. He was appointed judge of the Mainland of British Columbia as far back as 1858. Those were the days when on the whole of the Pacific slope of North America shooting was promiscuous and law uncared for. Chinamen were looked upon as other than human, and killing them was a little more than a pastime when work was slack or when John had a good claim. Judge Begbie went up to Cariboo amongst this lawless crew and the men looked forward to a bit of sport in the shape of judge-baiting, and many were the boasts and schemes got up and talked of.

But the judge was a big, bony man, and his whole atmosphere and carriage suggested courage and determination. He soon saw what was before him in Caribou. A Chinaman had been killed by a white tough only a short time before his visit to the district. Begbie swore in some sort of a jury, and passed the death sentence, to be carried into execution next morning at daybreak. No one thought it would be carried out. Many were the murderous plots and rescue schemes discussed during that night, but the man was banged next morning. and Begbie saw it done with his Winchester ready for use in his hands. The result was remarkable. The toughs at once said that a country where a white man was hung for potting a Chinaman was no kind of a country at all, and many of the worst sort left. But Begbie slung up many a min in

the gold country at Caribou. Many tales are told of the decided way in which the late Chief Justice would say what he thought. A little while ago the journalists of the Province came under his caustic notice. Sometimes the jurymen serving under him were very severely dealt with. For example, in 1883 a man was charged in Victoria with killing another man with a sandbag, and in the face of the judge's summing up, the jury's verdict was "Not guilty." This gained for them a very pointed judicial admonition. Said the

Chief Justice: "Gentlemen of the jury, mind, that is your verdict, not mine. On your conscience will rest the stigma of returning such a disgraceful verdict. Many repetitions of such conduct as yours will make trial by jury a horrible farce, and the city of Victoria a nest of immorality and crime. Go: I have nothing more to say to you. And then, turning to the prisoner, the

Chief Justice sald: "You are discharged. Go and sandbag some of those jurymen; they deserve

Better Paid than Zola.

Every now and then the papers publish how much Zola, probably the best paid of of all living authors, gets for his books. We read of the 200,000 francs which Zola gets for one single novel.

There is in Ribe, Denmark, one author, however, who is paid much better for his work than Zola. That man is the venerable Bishop of Ribe, Mr. Balslev, the author of "Luther's Little Catechism, with Explanatory Remarks." Up to date the little catechism has appeared in 160 editions, about the same number which "Nana" has reached. But while every edition of "Nana" only consists of 1,000 copies, that of the catechism amounts to 10,000, and, although it contains only seventy-two small pages, half of which are crowded with quotations, the Bishop of Ribe has derived as large a revenue from Luther's little catechism as Zola has from his own big "Nana," which numbers nearly 500 pages, closely printed. An exact calculation will show that one single verse of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," accompanied by the explanatory remark, "Pray for that only which you need!" is worth \$1,000 to the Bishop.

When Clergymen Should Be Careful.

Clergymen who borrow their sermons should be careful to read them over beforehand, and see that they are appropriate. We can imagine the feelings of the young curate, who had hastily accepted the loan of a sermon from his rector, when he found himself committed to the statement, "My friends, when I first came amongst you more than forty years ago"; or those of another, who, preaching in the church of a very rural parish, came suddenly on the words, "In the teeming streets of this great metropolis."

Accommodating.

Swiss Guide (to English tourist, who is accompanied by his daughter)-There, monsieur, before you is the place where the celebrated Marquis d'Uri was precipitated into the terrible abyss below. Englishman-How's that? That place

is two hours' journey from here. You showed it me last year. Guide (politely but firmly)-Just so,

monsieur, you are quite right. But that is too long a journey for mademoiselle, your daughter."

Humble Mindedness.

"The humble-minded man," writes Edward Garrest, "does not kick down the ladder by which he has risen. If his origin be lowly, he does not vaunt himself, in season and out of season, for having left it so far behind; but he mentions it candidly and tenderly. He does not thrust aside the simple old belongings that are redolent of his youth, and which he holds very dear. Above all, cherishes his old friends."

A Roland for his Oliver.

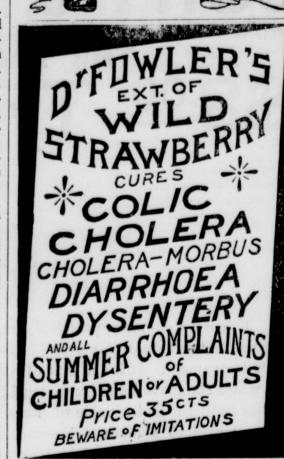
Summer hotel clerk, (pointing to new used to scare the young ladies he took row ing by rocking the boat."

Proprietor—"Tell him the place is crowded and you'll have to put him with that old gentleman from Barne's Corners. That old duck looks as if he blow out the

"There are few more dissapointing things in life,' says the Man; unk philospher, "than a balloon ascension to a man with a stiff neck."

She-"Mamma says I would make an ideal wife." He (regretfully)—"And I am looking for a real wife."





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A TALK TO JIM. And How It Happened that Jim Made no

Reply.

The other day in a corner of a veranda, the Listener happened to hear a man who was on the other side of a lattice engaged evidently in a little triendly admonition ot another man. "Now, Jim," said he. you've got to stop it; it's a foolish habit. It makes people think you're crazy; and I'll be hanged it I don't know but you're getting so." Jim said not a word in reply. He seemed to be taking this plain talk well, or else he was a surly, dogged fellow. "Just think of it!" the voice went on; 'yon're no sooner alone then you begin jabbering to yourselt like an idiot. Sometimes you talk to yourself about serious concerns. If the habit grows on you, as it seems to be doing, you'll presently be giving yourself away badly. Some of your affairs of the heart will be coming out next, and getting you into trouble No Jim, it won't dot won't do." Still Jim held his tongue. 'Now you'll rattle on to yourself about things that aren't ot much consequence, or ordinary business affairs; and it doesn't make a great deal of difference about those even it somebedy does hear them; but suppose, when the habit is so fixed on you that you don't kno v what you are saying, some of the boys should overhear you murmuring to yourself, 'Oh, Emily, Emily, Emily!' Wouldn't you be guyed unmercifully, though! and it would serve you right."

Jim still doggedly held his peace, though the voice waited five minutes, perhaps, for a reply. "Yes, quit it, Jim!" presently the voice began, "before it gets a firm grip on you! Whenever you hear yourselt be-ginning to utter a word, choke it right off in the middle. Bite it in two. Stop talking aloud to yourself-stop it, I say, stop it, or it'll get the better of you!" Then there was a sigh-evidently from Jim. The Listener could not resist the temptation to peep around the lattice at the fellows. He did so; and there was only one man there.

Is the Pope in a Dungeon?

A most sensational case has been brought before the Courts of Rome. It appears that several French adventurers started the rumor that the present occupant of St. Peter's Chair is not the real Leo XIII., but a substitute, put into the Vatican to destroy the power of the catholic church. The adventurers succeeded in convincing numerous persons that the real Pope is a prisoner in the vaults beneath the Vatican, and the dupes, among whom are several nobles of high rank, parted with large sums to bribe the supposed jailers of His Holiness to give him back to the world. Four persons have been sentenced to one year's alleged swindling.

"The most wonderful thing about the whole matter," says the Echo, Berlin, "is that the Countess of Arnaud, the Marquis Martinuzzi, the Duke of Bustelli Foscolo, and Baron Penacetti continue to maintain their assertion that the Pope who reigns at the Vatican is spurious. They are led to this belief because they were unable to obtain an audience with His Holiness. They believe that the last Arch-Duke Johann Salvator is the Pope's jailer. 1t is quite certain that the accused persons endeavored to win the Emperor of Austria and the King of Italy for their attempt to release the supposed prisoner, and that they spent large fortunes in the realization of their object. The two Frenchmen who contributed twenty thousand francs, the Abbe Xae and the Solicitor Genard, also continue to believe the story."

Aphorisms.

Remedy your deficiencies and your merts will take care of themselves. - Bulwer-He that catches at more than belongs to

him, justly deserves to lose what he has .-Stories to suit the public taste must be

half epigrams and halt pleasant vice .-Faith is to believe what we do not see and the reward of faith is to see what we

believe .- Augustine. The more the diamond is cut the brighter it sparkles, and in what seems hard dealing God has no end in view but to protect his people's graces.—Guthrie.

I have read in Plato and Cicero, sayings that are very wise and beautiful; but I never read in either of them: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."-Augus-

How Genius is Handicapped. First Printer-How did you lose your

Second Printer-'I made some queer mistakes in setting up a leading editorial. Why, sir, they were so funny that they started the whole town to laughing. Yes, sir. Never saw people so amused. And yet the editor got mad and bounced me. That shows how genius is handicapped. No matter how much you please the public, you will get fired if you don't please the one little fraction who happens to be

A Lucky Dream.

To prove that there is something in dreams, James Payn tells a story about a servant girl who won a big prize in a lot-tery. She was asked how she came to hit upon the lucky number, and declared that it was revealed to her in a dream. "I dreamt about the figure 7 and dreamt about it three times, and as three times seven make twenty-three I chose that number and it won the prize.'

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THE ORIGIN OF SOME NAMES. How a Grert Many Common Surnames Come

From Christian Names. How many people know the origin of their names? It will surprise many Snookses to learn that their name was once Sevenoaks. Some persons are not aware that El abeth is to be accounted an uncouth form of Isabel, which was formed from Isabeau on a false supposition that Isabeau was masculine. Eliza, it is stated, is not a shortened form of Elizabeth, but is the equivalent of Alice. Marion, we know, is in line with Marie, Mary and Maria. Patronymics have been much multiplied through pet names by adding to the original nameoften abbreviated-kin and cock, and the

Normans introduced et and ot, en and on. From William we have the pet names Will, Wilcock. Wilken, Willet, Willy, Willamont, Willen, Bill and Guill, (Latin) From these we get, in order, Williams, MacWilliam, Williamson, Wills, Wilson, Wilcox. Wilkins, Wilkison, Wilkinson, Willet, Willetson, Wilmot, Willing, Bilson, Gill, Gilson, Gilkins, Gilkinson, Gilson and Gillott, Robert—through Robin, Dodd, Hob, Rob and Hobkin- gives us Roberts, Robertson. Robins, Robinson, Robison, Probyn, Dobbs, Dobson, Hobbs, Hobson, Robbs, Robson, Hopkins and Hopkinson. Philip gives us Philipps, Philplot and Philpotts. Richard has been distorted by affection into the pet names Rich, Richie, Dick, Diccon. Hitchin and Hitchcock. From these in turn we have Richard, Richardson. Richards. Pritchard, Rixon, Richie, Ritchison, Dick, Dickie, Dixon, Dickens, Dickenson, Hitchins, Hitchison, Hitchcock and Hitchcox. David has given us Davidson, Dodson, Dodds, Davy, Davison, Daw, Dawson, Dawkins and O'Dowd.

We have from Henry the derivation Hal, Hallet, Harry, Harriet and Hawkins. From John we get Jack and Jenkins; Simeon Simkins. Thackeray's ancester was a thatcher. Malthus got his name from malthouse, and the common family name of Bacchus would be more correctly spelt bake-house. Macpherson means parson's son. Vickerson was the vicar's son. Wallace means a Welshman, and Bruce is a Norman name. Sinclair, Montgomery, Hav and Vance are, like Bruce, names de rived from lands in Normandy. Many English surnames end in tord, ham, (house), lea, ton (tarm) and by (town), from the old practice of naming persons after their native place. Aylestord, Grimston, Habersham and Ormsby are examples. The reader will perceive that many of our Christian nau es and surnames have had curious histories.

A number of years ago Signor Crispi, the famous Italian statesman, was on an election tour. In a certain small town a dinner was given in his honor. Next to him, during the meal, there sat a somewhat insignificant-looking young man, with whom Crispi did not exchange a word all through dinner. At dessert, however, the young man could not stand this neglect any longer, and suddenly turned to the politician, remarking-

"It seems you don't know who I am?" "No," replied Crispi, quietly, "I do

"I am the son of the mayor," said the other, grandly.
Signor Crispi looked at him earnestly, shook his head, and said solemnly-

"So young! and already the son of the

Flower Ghosts.

Anyone who wishes to see the ghost of a flower has only to make a very simple experiment. Let him go up to a cluster of blossoms and look very intently for several minutes at one side of it. Then very suddenly he must turn his gaze upon the other side of the same cluster. He will at once distinctly see a faint and delicate circle of colored light around this second half of the cluster. The light is always in the bue which is "complementary" to that of the flower. The spectre of the scarlet poppy is of a greenish white. The ghost of the primrose is purple. The ghost of the blue fringed gentian is of a pale gold tint. In these circles of color the shapes of the flower's petals are always faintly but

clearly seen. A Bridge Built by the Devil.

Near Aberystwith, on the west coast of Wales, where the Monk river flows through a black, yawning abyss, there is a single arch bridge of unknown antiquity. The popular legend says that it was built by the devil, and far and near it is known as "The Bridge of Devils," or "The Bridge of the Evil Man." British antiquarians are united in the belief that it was built by the early monks, but that fact does not affect the popular legend in the least, "Old Harry's" part in its erection being never questioned by the inhabitants of Cardiganshire. Grose says that "the bridge is an honor to the hand that built it, whether that hand be Satan's or that of some monk."

Blasts From The Ram's Horn. There are men who ask God to lead

them in many things who trust to their own judgment in politics. The true leader must be willing sometimes to stand alone.

The religion that does not make men like Christ does not come from Him. People who never worry do a good deal of missionary work that they never

The man who does not put good reading matter into the hands of his children has never done any real praying for their

A False Alarm.

get credit for.

Father (from top of stairs) - "Annie, has that young man gone ?" Annie-"Whyser-no, tather. Father (with sigh of relief) Ser—no, tather. Father (with sigh of relief)
—Ah, all right! I thought perhaps you The Sunday Sun had let another one escape.

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Wool-How do you like your new flat? Van Pelt-All right, except that the man across the hall is learning to play the flute. Wool-You ought to get an accordion. Van Pelt-I did; that's why he got the

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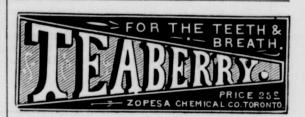
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