



A "COMMON" OCCURRENCE.

**How he Escaped.**

First Citizen—I hear that Beat, the policeman, has been arrested, indicted and held in \$5,000 bail for clubbing a crippled saloon-keeper named Brown.

Second Citizen (in blank surprise)—Don't understand it at all. If that is the case they will probably draw and quarter Brown.

First Citizen—They probably would have punished him severely, but, unfortunately, they couldn't.

Second Citizen—Skipped the town?

First Citizen—Yes—after a fashion. You see, he died from the clubbing.

Street urchin to a companion—"I tell yer, Patey, who's der best pelliceman on der force. He's der boss."

Patey—"An' who's dat?"

Street urchin—"I fureget what's his name. He isn't on now; he's been discharged."

Our Indians are up to the times. A leading chief of the Ogallala Sioux is named "Two Strikes." He is not a Knight of Labor, however.—Exchange. Perhaps he belongs to a base ball nine.

Men may talk about their love for the old homestead and women may prattle about its memories being wound around their hearts, but we have noticed that there is nothing clings to it so closely as a good, healthy mortgage. It never loses its interest in the old place.

SOUND PRINCIPLE BUT POOR POETRY.—Jacob Halstead, who died recently at Elbridge, N. Y., is said to have lived according to the following motto:

I'll get my living by the sweat of my face,  
And bear good will to the human race;  
I'll pay my debts as soon as due,  
And wear my old clothes till I can make new.

"BALLS."—The match game of base ball, played recently between the insurance clerks and the North wharf employes, was "endowed" with many "striking" features. Good playing was at a "premium," and the errors made were the "life" of the occasion. Had the wharf clerks made "provision" for the game their "risk" would have been, comparatively speaking, smaller, but their "fire" department had not a straight eye in its head, which showed bad "policy" on the part of the captain, who by "accident" chose some "travellers" as players, which ruined the company.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONING.—"Hello, Phila! Give me Atlantic City." "O. K." "That you, Clara?" "Yes. Where are you?" "New York. How's baby; got that tooth yet?" "Yes." "Ta ta. All right, Central."

An Irishman's pat description of what he calls the Incandison light: All you have to do is to turn a button and the light comes on a hair-pin in a bottle; but you can't light your pipe by it.

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