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BREACH OF PROMISE.

Twenty-five Year Old St. John Girl Suing a Carleton Octogenarian for \$10,000---

Interesting Case to be Tried This Month.

George Rowley, eighty-four years of age, a retired carpenter, residing in the west end, St. John, has been sued for breach of promise by Ethel Grace Gibbon, a young lady about twenty-five years old, a native of Bayswater, but who has for the last few years been acting as a nurse in Boston hospitals. The case will come up for hearing at the next sitting of the St. John circuit court, on the 19th of this month, before His Honor Judge McLeod.

Dr. L. A. Curry, K. C., yesterday speaking to the Sun, said he had sent word to Miss Gibbon to be on hand on the 19th, when the case is to come up for trial. Dr. Curry said that he had never met his client previous to her visit to him in February, when she had put the case in his hands. Dr. Curry stated that he had never seen the defendant, nor had any correspondence with him. He had asked the plaintiff if he was a young man, and she replied no, that he was "oldish." The plaintiff had told him that Mr. Rowley is very well off. The action, he said, was brought for \$10,000. Dr. Curry said that his client had entrusted to him a bundle of letters written by plaintiff, which he considered strong testimony on her behalf.

Rowley, although never making very high wages, he always lived carefully and spent prudently, is said to have \$4,000 stored away in the bank. About seven years ago his wife passed away and three months later his sister-in-law, who had been living with them also died. Mr. Rowley has been twice married, but his family all passed away with the exception of one daughter, Mrs. Marie Foster, who lives with her own family at Black Range, N. S.

Having retired entirely from his trade, Mr. Rowley devoted the most of his time to his little garden back of his house. There he found wholesome and light employment for his declining years, in his vegetable beds, not so much, as he himself says, for the results at harvest times, but rather to see the green things grow. His half dozen plum trees were his cherished pride. His best of tall lilacs the finest in the country.

And so, no doubt, in this peace and quietness, becoming to the life drawing to a close, the years may have gone by, until at last the end had come. THE LADY ARRIVES. But one May when the leaves were breaking green once more, "old spring fret" seized upon him and restless he became tired of his loneliness and looked for a change. As it happened, Mr. Rowley had relatives living in Bayswater, and untravelling, a visit there seemed just such a change as he longed for.

The arrangements were easily made and Mr. Rowley went to Bayswater where he spent a number of weeks. The time, however, came to return and Mr. Rowley did not view altogether with pleasure the idea of the hermit life once more. Meanwhile the story was spread around Bayswater that the elderly man was rich. In fact, it was positively stated that he was worth \$25,000, and thereupon a young girl, now the plaintiff in the case, the daughter of Charles Gibbon, living near at hand in Bayswater, was, it is said, most friendly to the old man.

THE ROMANCE CULMINATES. "There is no fool like an old fool," says Mr. Rowley. Before returning home Mr. Rowley proposed to the girl. She did not accept him at this time, however, but a friendly acquaintance was kept up.

Mr. Rowley was like a lover of twenty. He heaped presents on the young girl and was so infatuated that nothing that money could buy was

too good for her. He gave her a magnificent gold chain, furs and other presents, all of which were received willingly enough. SHE HAD A FRUGAL MIND. According to his friends the girl was at one time prepared to give her consent on certain terms. The old man was to deal over all his property to the bride a week before the wedding. His friends, however, became aware of it and grew suspicious. They claim that they had grounds to believe that the girl intended to leave for Boston. As a result the engagement was broken off.

His friends claim that the girl and her allies laid all sorts of plots to capture the old man again, but all without avail. Miss Gibbon then went to Boston where she studied in a Cambridge hospital to be a trained nurse.

A correspondence was kept up between the two, and when the girl became sick and wrote him that her wages had ceased, he forwarded her money.

THE MAID RETURNS. Last February, however, Miss Gibbon returned to this city and again visited the old man. As a particular request she asked him to destroy the letters which he had received from her, saying that she had already destroyed his. Mr. Rowley promised to accede to her request and would have burned the bundle, which he had treasured, bound in ribbon, if friends had not again intervened and advised him to keep them. The girl left once more for Boston, feeling satisfied of their destruction. Then came the sheriff's writ and the legal complications.

The letters which Mr. Rowley retained number twenty-three, and his friends think that they will be strong evidence for him. They claim that if the girl had known they were in existence she would never have taken the steps which she did.

MR. ROWLEY'S STORY. Mr. Rowley was seen yesterday afternoon in his house by a Sun reporter. The house is a small one and a half story wooden house on Prince street, not far from the water front. Mr. Rowley was as usual alone in the house. He is not young looking for his age, but he is feeble and shows his 84 years. His beard, of the Kruger description, adds very much to his ancient appearance.

He complained frequently of the pains and aches which racked his body, and said that he was far more troubled with them than with his legal difficulties. His opinion of Miss Gibbon's action is most decided. "It is not me that she wants," he said, "it is my money. It is all a game, as she thinks I am very rich. But I thank God I am not. She can get nothing from me. The only thing they could do would be to send me to prison. \$10,000, why I have not even 10,000 cents. I never had 10,000 shillings."

How could a man working at his trade save \$10,000. Why I had to be most careful to save \$4,000."

He went on to say that his wife's death and the death of his sister-in-law had made a big hole in this little fortune. He hinted also that Miss Gibbon had tried to diminish considerably his little store.

"There is no fool like an old fool," said Mr. Rowley. "I thought her a decent girl, and I treated her as such, but she has acted like a snake in the grass."

Mr. Rowley says that the girl offered to come and keep house for him, but refused to marry him. She wanted him to move across the harbor and run an establishment in a style befitting her wishes and ideas.

Mr. Rowley says that his daughter has children, his grandchildren, who are older than the plaintiff.

A PRE-HISTORIC MONSTER.

Prof. Henry Osborn and Dr. Brown of the American Museum of Natural History are restoring from fossil remains found in the bad lands of Montana the greatest Saurian of them all, the king of living things in an age so remote that it is computed as 8,000,000 years ago. The quarry itself is a limestone hill, into which the bone hunters dug and blasted thirty feet back from the surface. Four men were occupied nearly three months in disinterring the bones of this prehistoric, although detached bones to the number of nearly a hundred were discovered while the excavations were in progress.

FOUND BY CHANCE. Some years ago Director William T. Hornaday of the New York Zoological Park discovered a Triceratops horn on the site of the present quarry and brought it back to New York. On the strength of his important discovery the Brown expedition was at once formed and dispatched to the scene. While hunting for other bones of the Triceratops the fossil hunters came across the Tyrannosaurus by mere chance. He is believed to have weighed about thirty tons when stripped and ready for battle, when, in other words, in the prime of his powers. As you may remember, the giant Brontosaurus weighed nearly eighty tons; but

compared with the Tyrannosaurus as a fighter he was but an unwieldy elephant beside a royal man-eater of the jungle.

A MOST AGILE FIGHTER.

For the Tyrannosaurus was not only formidable in weight, but was the most agile monster of his generation. True his foot covered an area of about twelve square feet, but it was built for agility as well as strength, being shaped like the foot of a bird, with three enormous toes in front and one extending backward. Each section of his gigantic backbone was ten inches in diameter, his thigh bone was six feet long, and he probably measured 40 feet from head to tail tip.

But, as was unusual with prehistoric animals, he was admirably constructed to walk or fight erect on his hind legs, the fore legs, or paws, being used to defend himself, while most of his attacking and rending were done with his teeth. And such razor-edged teeth as they were and still are! The jawbone measures between three and four feet, and many of the teeth are a foot long.

THE FABLED GRIFFIN.

While the dinosaurs exceeded in size the family of Tyrannosaurs, the former were herbivorous while the latter were carnivora. As Dr. Brown ventured, the Tyrannosaurus was so formidable a fighting machine that he easily preyed upon herbivorous neighbors twice his own size.

According to Dr. Brown, the newly-found Tyrannosaurus Rex is the nearest approach to the fabled griffin that archaeologist or geologist has ever discovered. Since his comparatively light skeleton is a walking rumbling or flying adaptation, rather than a swimming one, the saurian vertebrae is advanced as proof of a supreme fitness for the propulsion of an enormous frame during occasional incursions on land.

In a portion of the first thunder saurian skeleton found in the Como Bluffs, Prof. Osborn discovered interesting evidence as to the probable cause of extinction on the part of dinosaurs. On the side of the spine were discovered large furrows at regular intervals, made by sharply-pointed teeth, which intervals corresponding with the intervals between the teeth of the Tyrannosaurus. With less direct circumstantial evidence it is believed that the huge dinosaur had been attacked, probably at the throat, as the most vulnerable point.

CLAWS OF TREMENDOUS POWER

were not the only distinction of the monster. The serrated, serrated meat-eating Tyrannosaurus. Smaller in size, they were superior in agility, practically bipedal, with very long, powerful hind limbs, upon which they advanced by running and springing, and with short fore-limbs, the exact use of which it is difficult to ascertain. Both hands and feet were equipped with powerful tearing claws.

On the rear foot is the back claw, characteristic of birds, which during the Triassic period left its faint impression, said Prof. Osborn in the famous Connecticut valley imprints. That the fore limb and hand were of distinct use is proved by the enormous thumb claw.

Never before, added the same authority, in the history of the world, as we know it, have there been such remarkable land scenes as were presented during the reign of Tyrannosaurus—king of all the animal kingdom. Imagine herds of these enormous creatures, from 30 to 80 feet long, roving the earth and terrifying even the huger dinosaurs! The extinction of the dinosaur dynasty is believed to have been simultaneous the earth over, this explanation being deduced from similar catastrophes to other large types of animals. When an animal of such huge bulk, with a limited and specialized set of teeth fitted only to a certain sort of food, is subjected to foreign conditions, it at once becomes impossible for him to exist.

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