

An Ancient Ceremony.

The quaint ceremony of electing a deputy-mayor in a belfry, a custom dating back to mediaeval times, was observed in the tower of the parish church at Brightlingsea. Having climbed a steep spiral staircase of stone, the jurats, or electors, established themselves in the belfry, and the chair was taken by the retiring deputy. Four new freemen were elected, from each of whom the ancient fee of 11d. was exacted. The Rev. Arthur Periwé, who is "Recorder," was unanimously chosen as deputy-mayor, and took the antique oath of allegiance to the King and state. He also undertook "if any harm be pretended to this member of Brightlingsea," he would give knowledge and warning thereof. Six "assistants" were appointed, their oath binding them to undertake the "punishment and reformation of all disorderly and unruly persons." The new deputy was then handed his robe and chain of office, the latter formed of golden oysters and silver sprats, with a seal attached, said to be one of the largest opals in the United Kingdom. Included in the insignia was the harbor master's staff a century-old wand of the special constable type, "with which to comprehend all vagrant persons," as the formula runs.

Blemishes That Are Beautiful.

There is no question whatever that in a great number of cases so-called blemishes and marks on a woman's face give character to the latter, and may almost be regarded, from the contrast between the blemish and its surroundings, as aids to beauty.

How very often, in recalling the face of some woman we have known and liked, we first of all think of some mole or slight mark, and it is a notable fact that most very beautiful women have some such distinguishing mark. In one such case the right eye-brow shows a broken line and a scar, but this fact, far from detracting from the world-renowned beauty of the owner, seems to give a peculiar character to the face. It might be noted that the smooth faces absolutely without blemish are very often indeed most insipid.

What the Subalterns Knew.

Gen. Sir E. Locke Elliott, who is retiring from the command at Lucknow, has long enjoyed the reputation of being the most sarcastic soldier in the army, and it must be admitted he does his best to live up to it. A lady was talking to him a short time ago of his length of service in India, and opined that he must know a lot about it. "Not a bit, madam; not a bit. The longer you serve in India the less you know about it. I have subalterns who could put me right upon every subject under the sun," he replied, "and if you doubt my statement, just ask them. They will confirm every word of it."

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

A severe earthquake was felt 27 miles from Lisbon.

Percy Harvey of Tweed, a miner, was killed by a powder blast.

The strike of the 18,000 miners of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. has been called off.

Antonio Amiconi, aged 23, fell into a tank of sulphuric acid at the Trail, B.C., smelter and perished.

A serious bush fire has been raging for nearly two weeks in McCarthy Township along Sturgeon River.

Cholera is increasing to a degree which is beginning to cause widespread anxiety in Russia. On Saturday last 127 cases were registered.

At Roanoke, Va., Claude Minor, who struck Harry Thompson of Montreal, Que., on the head with a dirk, causing death, was sentenced to six years in penitentiary.

Two bricks were hurled through a window in an attempt to wound Thos. French, license inspector, at St. Thomas. He had received intimations of impending troubles.

The Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada have defeated a proposition to amalgamate with the American Flint Glass Workers' Union. The vote was 197 to 23.

Thomas Sutcliffe, a Sudbury man, on Thursday night was struck on the head by a large stone, and robbed of \$13, at Portage Du Fort, Que. It is not thought likely that he will recover.

The monthly financial statement shows that the revenue is ahead of the figures for last year, but that it has not quite reached the record of 1907, the banner year. The expenditure, however, is greater than the two previous years.

Mrs. Baker G. Eddy, founder and leader of the Christian Science denomination, passed her 85th birthday yesterday at Boston. Members of Mrs. Eddy's household said that "the mother," as she is known by her followers, was in splendid health and was attending to her affairs with her usual vigor.

Louis Rosenberg, a cigarmaker of Cleveland, O., was murdered on a lonely island in the St. Clair flats. A few hours later Frank Elbera, also of Cleveland, who is charged with the murder, was also dead from a dose of poison, self-administered. A third Cleveland man, Sam Frisbie, is held as an accomplice.

A Shavian Reply.

There are few more original moralists to-day than Mr. George Bernard Shaw, and he may always be relied upon to say something that is out of the common. It is related that some time ago some amateurs wrote to him to say that they wished produce one of his plays. Their surprise may be imagined when they received the following reply: "Amateurs cannot perform my plays. Professionals cannot unless I am there to help them. By all means, do it if you want to, but Heaven help the audience!"

MEMORIAL TO VANCOUVER.

West Proposes to Honor the Name of Explorer of Pacific Coast.

The Vancouver Province deals interestingly with a proposition to place some fitting memorial—as a tribute from British Columbians, and especially from the people of Vancouver—in the church in Surrey, England, in which the eminent navigator, Captain George Vancouver lies buried.

The Province says: "We feel sure that this suggestion will meet with the approval of many of our readers. It is not exactly to our credit that the last resting-place of a man so intimately and so exemplarily connected with our early history should have nothing to mark it beyond the ordinary and customary gravestone that in a frugal and simpler age was placed there by family affection—no more, in fact, than was usually accorded the graves in which 'the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep'."

"We have opened up communication with the rector of the church, in whom, according to English ecclesiastical law, the freehold of the church and churchyard is vested, and who is responsible for the care and upkeep of the fabric. It is proposed to call, as soon as possible, a meeting of the subscribers to the fund, to discuss the form the memorial shall take, so that a definite suggestion from the donors may accompany their gift. Should this proposal meet with public favor it may later come within the bounds of possibility to erect a monument in commemoration of Captain Vancouver in Stanley Park. An obelisk of dignified proportions on Prospect Point, overlooking the narrows up which he sailed more than a century ago on his way to the inlet that he named after Sir Henry Burrard, of the royal navy, would seem to be a suitable memorial. Besides perpetuating the memory of the great navigator it would be an object of interest to visitors and a landmark to those who follow the sea and come up the passage that he dared when its waters were uncharted and unknown. For such a worthy object the co-operation of our school children might be obtained, and we feel sure it would excite a kindred interest to that evoked by the monument they placed in Stanley Park to the memory of the late Queen Victoria."

How Kaiser Got Order.

An entertaining story of doubtful authorship is being circulated as to how Krupps got orders for rails in Canada from Sir William Van Horne. During his visit to Germany he was much gratified by the attention paid him by the Kaiser. On one occasion the latter invited Van Horne to Potsdam, the Kaiser stating he wished him to meet a particular friend. This proved to be Krupp, and the Emperor got at least one good order for Germany.

JUST DREAMS.

An Entire Lifetime of Horror Lived One Brief Minute.

A characteristic of dreams which, as the rather materialistic Dr. Clarke says, "hints at a life that has neither beginning nor end, and is bounded by no limits which human thoughts can compass," is the rapidity with which events happen in the dream world. writes John R. Meader in The Bohemian. Thus, when asleep and dreaming, we live an entire lifetime in a minute—in a space of time that is scarcely more than a second we pass through experiences that could not be duplicated in this objective sphere in hours, perhaps in years. Count Lavalette relates that one night, when imprisoned and under sentence of death, he dreamed that he stood for five hours at a Paris street corner, where he witnessed a continuous succession of harrowing scenes of blood, every one of which wrought his soul to the highest pitch of excitement. When he awoke he found that he had been asleep less than two minutes. In a more recent experiment—made expressly to test the truth of these theories—the subject was aroused from sleep by a few drops of water being sprinkled on his forehead. It took but an instant to accomplish this result, and yet, in that incalculably brief space of time, the man dreamed of going on an excursion; of an accident by which he was plunged into a lake, and, during the long struggle to escape death that followed, all the experiences of his life seemed to flash before him, just as they are said to appear to a person who is actually drowning.

An Arsenal in a Bedroom.

The best-armed monarch in Europe to-day is the new Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria. His bedroom is filled with weapons which are not there for any ornamental purpose, but for use. The sinister collection includes guns, revolvers, daggers, and here and there, on chairs, are cudgels and knuckle-dusters. A small and wicked-looking revolver, with all its chambers loaded, lies at the head of his bed. Though he takes all these precautions, Ferdinand is a courageous man, but he suffers at night from a constant dread of assassination. A few weeks ago the palace at Sofia was awakened at the dead of night by a pistol-shot ringing out in the stillness. No one ever heard what it was all about, but the shot was probably fired off by the prince in a fit of nervousness.

Ireland.

The inhabitants of Ireland were called "Scots" long before Scotland acquired her present name. The first name under which Ireland was known was Jernis.

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