

SAVED HIS CAPITAL.

A Bank President Who Did Not Forget His Old Time Friend.

"Come in in the morning, and the bank will have something for you to do," said the president of a Broadway bank to a meek looking man whose hair was white and whose eyes were marked by deep crow's feet as he left the office, with a bright look of satisfaction on his face that had not been there before.

"Let me tell you a story," said the president as he motioned to me to remain. "I was living in Iowa, and three city lots composed the capital that I looked to to give me a start in business. I held on to them for a long time while working for \$35 a month in a real estate office until they had advanced in value to \$3,000, when I sold them to a St. Louis man.

"It was nearly 3 o'clock, and I hurried to the bank. I made out the deposit slip and laid it, with my gold and bankbook, in front of the receiving teller.

"It is closing time now," he said, "and you had better not make your deposit until morning."

"Charley," I said, for I knew him well, "that is ridiculous. It is a half minute before closing time, and I insist that you take my deposit. I don't want to be robbed of all that I have on earth before morning."

"I will fix it for you," he said as he gathered up the money and bankbook and disappeared in the vault with them. In a minute he was back, and I was astonished at his actions.

"I have put it in my private box," he continued, "where it will be safe, and in the morning you can make the deposit if you want to."

"Next morning the bank's failure was announced.

"I hurried to Charley's house, which was near by, and asked him about the bank.

"Yes, it has failed and won't pay a cent," he said. "Just five minutes before you came in with your money yesterday the directors decided not to open this morning. I was told to give out no information until business hours today, and that is the reason I didn't tell you. If you had made your deposit, the money would have all gone. Now it is safe in my box, and you can have it any moment you please."

"I did get it, and it was the foundation of my fortune. The man who was just here is that Charley and was the teller who saved my capital for me."

POULTRY POINTERS.

Pure water is more essential than clean grass.

Even though turkeys are good foragers it will not pay to let them go without proper feeding.

Everything in the rearing of young poultry depends upon their care and management at least until well feathered.

Fowls inclined to fatten too easily are not good layers. The flesh they carry makes them lazy, and this never promotes laying.

Middlings make a good food for poultry, but if wet up alone it is too sticky. The better plan is to mix with bran or corn and wet with milk or scalding water.

Whitewash is better than paint on the poultry houses, for the reason that it costs less and has a purifying influence. It may be applied as often as once a month to advantage.

The properties of sunflower seed are peculiar, and a small quantity fed at the proper time will essentially aid in imparting to the plumage of adult fowls a gloss that no other grain will produce.

Gainsborough and His Carrier.

One of the earliest members of the Royal academy, it was Gainsborough's custom to have his pictures conveyed to the metropolis by a prosperous London carrier, a Mr. Wiltshire of Shock-erwick, near Bath. This man refused to accept payment on the ground that he loved pictures too well. He was not, however, allowed to go unrewarded, for Gainsborough presented him with six of his best works, and some idea of their ultimate value may be gained from the fact that when at length they were sold the National gallery secured two, "The Parish Clerk of Bradford-on-Avon," for 500 guineas, and "The Harvest Wagon," for £2,500, these prices being considered low. Later "The Sisters" from another gallery realized close upon £10,000.

PIKE AND MUSKELLUNGE.

How You May Easily Tell Them Apart by Their Markings.

In the muskellunge the upper half of cheek and gill cover is scaled, the lower half being naked. The pike has a gill cover scaled like the 'hunge's, but the entire cheek is scaled. The eastern and grass pickerel have cheek and gill covers scaled all over. Hence, if only the upper half of the fish's cheek is scaled, it is a 'hunge; if the entire cheek and half the gill cover show scales, the specimen is a great northern pike.

Young muskellunge are distinctly spotted with blackish on a greenish or grayish ground. The mature fish shows less distinct markings, although they usually are discernible in the region of the tail. I have, however, seen big, old fish upon which the eye could detect no spot, the general color being gray-

ish green, with a few dim reflections. Again I have seen fine fish of a nondescript tint, as like that of an old, dry rubber boot as anything I can think of. The young and old of the great northern pike have the sides marked with oval whitish or yellowish spots several shades lighter than the ground color; hence a fish with spots darker than the ground color is a 'hunge; with lighter spots, a northern pike.

The Oldest British Game.

In one form or another football, the oldest British game, has existed for centuries. Some see it in the game "bapaston," played by the Greeks, the name of which, they say, by derivation, suggests that the ball might be seized and carried into goal. No trace of the game, as now understood, is found outside of Britain, but in England it has flourished for centuries. Shrove Tuesday, in olden times, was the great annual football day, when the fun was fast and furious, shops and houses being closed for fear of damage and both sexes and all ages taking part.

Fitzstephen in his "History of London, 1175," makes the earliest mention of the game in England. He tells us of young men of the city annually going into the fields after dinner to play at the well known game of ball on Shrove Tuesday. Traditions of Chester and Derby bear this out, where it was long the custom to do the same, Chester's first ball being the head of a Dane.

What He Wanted to Know.

It may not be generally known, but a certain prominent resident belongs to a family in which he is one of twenty-four brothers and sisters, sixteen of whom are now living. There were two mothers in the family, the first having eleven children and the second thirteen. The man in question belongs to the second group. One of his sisters grew to maturity, married, had seven children and died before he was born. He was an uncle before birth and a great-uncle at five years of age. It is said that when the latter event came to pass and the youngster was informed that he was now really and truly a great-uncle he who had been an uncle for five long years cocked his features into an expression of sadness and replied, "That may be all right, but when am I going to be a gran'pa?"

An Insinuation.

It was a warm Sunday morning in church. Fans were fluttering, hymnals flopping, handkerchiefs mopping streaming faces, and the minister thought his audience a little lax in attention. Finally he led up to a rebuke for its lack of consideration for sacred and important things. Said he:

"People are prone to attend to the unimportant things of life."

And he gave a few examples to illustrate his idea. Presently he made his pertinent application.

"Now," said he, "you are attentive to your own comfort this morning, to the sinful neglect of the holy word. Take no thought for the heat," he said dramatically, "for you may be dead tomorrow."

Influence of Chess.

If a Scottish scientist is to be believed, the people of those countries in which chess is most frequently played are invariably more civilized than those who inhabit countries in which little attention is paid to this great game.

The best chess players in the world, he points out, were to be found in Spain during the period of its splendor and in Italy during the renaissance, whereas today there are few persons in those countries who care for the game.

Just the Thing.

"I don't know what to use to raise my bread," said the young wife petulantly. "I've tried everything."

"Judging by the samples I have seen," suggested her inhuman husband, "I should think a couple of jack-screws or a derrick ought to do it." And he wondered why he got a cold supper that night.

Nearly every person you meet is looking for "encouragement," but the most successful men have found it necessary to encourage themselves.—Atchison Globe.

A Ghastly Joke.

Raynor—Yes, I believe in ghosts. I have seen at least one in my life.

Shyne—Well, I have never seen any. You have a shade the best of me.

Perpetual Motion.

When George Stephenson was asked, "Do you believe in perpetual motion?" he replied, "Yes, if you lift yourself by the waist-band of the trousers, and carry yourself three times round the room."

Just so, and a woman would just as soon believe that she has not to pay dearly for common premium soaps, in the low quality of soap, in ruined hands and clothes. She would be kept in perpetual motion trying to do with common soap what she could so easily do with Sunlight Soap—Octagon Bar. 216

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