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A Tale of a Famous Marksman.

In a book published recently by T. F. Freemantle, who is an authority on rifle shooting, the following story is told of a man who is famous in the history of international rifle matches:

Sir Henry Halford on one occasion—it was not a very clear day—was about to begin shooting at 1,000 yards and, thinking that the marker must now be ready for him to begin, asked him through the telephone, "Are you all right?" The marker replied, "All right, sir, in a minute." But unluckily Sir Henry took "All right, sir," instead of the whole sentence and removed the telephone from his ear. He lay down and fired his shot and on looking through the telescope to see where it had hit was horrified to see the marker with a perfectly white face staggering away toward the shelter. He was intensely alarmed, and in a moment there came a ring at the telephone. "What has happened? Are you badly hurt?" "No, sir, I am not hurt, but I had a bucket of whitewash between my legs painting the target, and you put a bullet into it and splashed it all up in my face."

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As the genuine mummy was then expensive, recipes were given by many ancient writers for converting human flesh into mummy. Usually only certain portions of the body were used, and these were beaten, dried, macerated and spiced out of all likeness to their natural condition; hence "beaten to a mummy."

Numerous allusions are made to the practice in ancient literature, and in an old play, "Bird in a Cage," are the directions, "Make mummy of my flesh and sell me to the apothecaries."

Crossed Vegetables.

A cross between a headless cabbage and the turnip produced the rape plant. Cabbage and turnips themselves are relatives; the lettuce plant also claims near kin to them, and far back in plant life grew a parent plant with some of the characteristics that each now claims as its own, from which all three, and many another plant also, descended.

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What It Has Cost the City of London to Entertain Royalty.

Exactly a quarter of a century ago the City Fathers were welcoming another Prince of Wales from India, and it has been estimated that the £27,000 spent on the reception was twice the weight the King Edward in those days. Years before the city had spent nearly as much in celebration of the Prince's wedding, £10,000 being the price of a necklace of which Queen Alexandra may well be proud even now that she has a crown. Far back in the 60's the Sultan came from Yurkey, and the city spent £24,000 to make him happy for a single day. Sixteen thousand satisfied the Shah, and the Czar of all the Russias was entertained the following year for only £13,000.

What the city will spend next year the city only knows. The coronation of Queen Victoria, we may be sure, is no precedent for in 1837, when the Queen attended the Lord Mayor's banquet, the entertaining bill was hardly more than £8,000, and fourteen years later, when the Queen again visited the city, the cost of the visit to the corporation was less than £6,000. Queen Victoria's visits to the city, indeed, were the least costly of all the Royal visits to the Lord Mayor's kingdom. Thanksgiving Day for the recovery of the Prince of Wales cost the city £13,000, and the 1887 Jubilee celebrations accounted for an expenditure of nearly £12,000. Altogether the nine Royal celebrations mentioned cost the city over £130,000—an average, to be exact, of £14,868 for each Royal visit.

Whether the city has made up its mind to be more economical or not one does not know, but in our own time the city has entertained the German Emperor, the Shah of Persia, and the King of Denmark for an aggregate sum of less than £8,000—less than a third of the sum spent on welcoming the Sultan in 1867. It would seem almost as if the coronation were returning to the simple ways of their fathers, who entertained George II. at a cost of £37 13s. and King Victor Emmanuel for £1 38s.

Bologna's Leaning Tower.

Bologna has two great square towers, the Asinelli, which is 315 feet high and was erected in 1109, and its rival, the Garisenda, which was built one year later and was originally much higher and is rendered peculiar by its decided inclination to one side. It is now only 153 feet high, the width of one side is 23 feet, the walls at the base are 6 feet 6 inches thick, while higher up they are 4 feet 9 inches. Its origin is somewhat obscure, but it was certainly intended to outdo the Asinelli, and both were for retreat in troublous times. Some say the original intention was to make it lean, but others contend that either the ground has settled or there was a defect in the engineering. This unique relic was so little thought of by one of its later possessors that it was sold in 1266 for 220 lire, something less than \$44.

A Jury Experience.

A man who had been summoned to serve on a jury in the New York city supreme court the other day was asked if he had ever served on a jury before. In a deep, rich brogue he replied: "Indade Oi hove. 'Twas on a corner's jury down beyant south Jersey. What looked like the remains of a corpse had been washed ashore furinst a shipwreck.

"We sat in hated deliberation on what might be the cause of death for twelve mortal hours, whin we called in an expert, who informed us that the remains had been dead 4,000 years an' was nothin' more'n a haythen Egyptian mummy.

"But that was not all, for the county refused to pay our fees on some technicality of the law. Indade Oi hove served on a jury!" He was excused.

On the Trail of Fame.

"And now that you are through college, what are you going to do?" asked a friend of the youthful candidate.

"I shall study medicine," was the grave reply of the young man.

"But isn't that profession already overcrowded?" asked the friend.

"Possibly it is," answered the knowing youth, "but I propose to study medicine just the same, and those who are already in the profession will have to take their chances."



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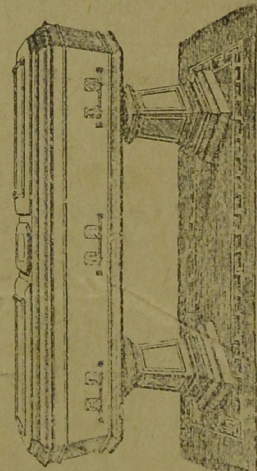
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