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EARLY NEW ENGLAND.

When Bachelors Were Fined and Women Were Old at 25.

Life in early Puritan times in New England was widely different from what it is to-day. When the Puritan baby opened its eyes in the raw New England atmosphere it began the hard struggle for life. In summer it might be warm enough for the little stranger, but in winter its transition from the hot fireside to the distance of a few feet would bring it within a range of temperature sufficient to benumb it and possibly to freeze it. Large families were the order of the day and twenty children was by no means an abnormal number. Bachelors then were in a bad plight. They were looked upon with intense scorn and disfavor by the community. Confirmed bachelors were not often allowed to live alone, but had to take up their abode wherever and with whomever the "cut" thought fit. In Haddam, Conn., they had to pay a fine of 20 shillings a week, apparently that they might not profit by the fact of their having no family to support.

Old maids were scorned, and women who did not marry before their twenty-fifth year were regarded as old maids. In the early history of New England a formal ceremony of betrothal took place in public a little before the actual marriage, and a minister was usually employed to preach on the occasion. On the Sunday of the young couple's first appearance in church a special sermon was preached and the bride was allowed to select the text for the minister. We are told in some communities the happy couple entertained the public by occupying a prominent seat in the gallery, and in the midst of their serious attention to the feet and turning slowly around several times, so that their gazing, gossiping friends and neighbors might admire their finery from every point of view.

FOR YOUNG REPORTERS.

Journalistic Landmarks that Mustn't Be Kicked Over.

"Look here, Simpkins," said the city editor sternly, as the new reporter stood quaking at his desk, "what kind of a break is this anyway? In writing up this story about the fellow that cut his coat with the bottom of a broken bottle you say: 'The man was found lying on the sidewalk writhing in agony.' 'Yes, sir, he was.' 'Now, that's just like a fresh reporter. You haven't been in the business a week and you want to destroy all the traditions of the profession. I want you to understand that you can't kick over the old landmarks in this office.' 'Why, I'm sure, sir,' stammered the amazed reporter, 'I didn't intend to do anything of that kind. That would be very presumptuous.' 'Is it possible that you don't know any better? Then let me give you a pointer or two. When a person takes 'Rough on Rats,' carbolic acid or arsenic, or if this man had pounded up the glass and swallowed it—in such cases and I want you to remember—the person always writes in a story: 'But if a person shoots himself or cuts his throat he invariably welters in his blood.' Now, don't you forget that."

A Versatile Englishman.

One of the most versatile of Englishmen is Henry Labouchere, the leader of the radicals in the House of Commons. He is an interesting story-teller, and many anecdotes are related of himself. Early in his career he was appointed to the Russian mission and applied for an allowance to pay his expenses in traveling to his post but was refused. Nothing further was heard of him for some six months; then it was discovered that instead of being at the Russian capital he was in Hongkong. Lord Russell, who was then at the head of the Foreign Office, sent him a very sharp dispatch. La bouchere replied that, though his means were small, his zeal for the British service was great, and as the Government would not pay his railway fare he was walking to Russia, which he hoped to reach in about six months. As editor of Truth he has an income of \$125,000 a year, but the bulk of this is expended in fighting the almost countless libel suits that have been brought against him by the army of swindlers and adventurers whom he has exposed.

The Signers' Witty Remarks.

The signing of the Declaration of Independence was a solemn act. The signers were subjects of King George, and their act was treason. If the King could have caught them he would have hung them, every one, and this they knew; but, according to the tradition that have come down to us, this knowledge did not deter certain of them from leaving the solemnity of the occasion with the rational flow of their wit and humor. The remarks attributed to them are not exactly authenticated by history, but they are too good to be believed. It is said that when John Hancock affixed his bold autograph he remarked: "The Englishmen will have no difficulty in reading that." That when Franklin signed he said, "Now we must all hang together or we will hang separately," and that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, when asked why he wrote his place of residence, replied that there was another Charles Carroll, and he didn't want them to hang the wrong man.

Expensive Education.

A class book recently issued by the graduating class at Yale throws some light on the cost of getting an education in a university of the highest grade, and incidentally emphasizes the fact that cheapness is no longer the desiderium in it on a w. In the book each member of the graduating class has given, as nearly as he could, the amount of his expenses during the four-year course. The figures range as low as \$201 a year for the four years; but the average is very much higher. As foreshadowed in the book the average cost for the freshman year has been \$941; for the sophomore year, \$1,099; for the junior year, \$1,213; and for the senior year, \$1,255.

Extent of the British Empire.

Roughly speaking, the British Empire extends over one continent, 100 peninsulas, 70 promontories, 1,000 lakes, 240 rivers and 10,000 islands. The Assyrian Empire was not so wealthy as this. The Roman Empire was not so populous. The Persian Empire was not so extensive. The Spanish Empire was not so powerful.

Change in Time.

Commencing to-morrow (Sunday) the following changes will take place in the Alton time card. The Hummer will leave Chicago at 5 p. m. and the Accommodation at 6. An even exchange is no robbery.

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TAXES AND TAXATION.

THE house tax in Greece brings \$400,000 a year. THE tithes in England amount to £4,050,000 a year. IN the time of Queen Anne soap was taxed £28 per ton. RUSSIA raises \$1,500,000 a year by the sale of passports. A TAX on dogs was levied in Rome during the reign of Nero.

IN Portugal the tobacco tax brings £100,000, the land tax £7,000,000.

IN 1888 the people of Great Britain paid taxes on 492,400 carriages.

A HEARTH tax was formerly assessed in many of the German States.

IN parts of Peru taxes are paid in coca leaves and Peruvian bark.

THE rate of taxation has nearly quadrupled in France since 1830.

THE French people pay over \$10,000,000 a year taxes on their windows.

THE soap duty in Holland brings \$750,000 a year to the Government.

CHARLES II. farmed all the customs for an annual payment of £300,000.

THE Australians pay £10,000,000 in taxes to support their Government.

HOLLAND is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

MALE servants are taxed in Great Britain and several other countries.

GERMANY pays \$1,000,000 a year taxes on salt and \$13,000,000 on sugar.

THE taxes of the people of this country equal about \$10 to each inhabitant.

UNTIL about forty years ago the Persians in Government levied a tax on cats.

THE capital on oil tax is believed to have been the earliest form of taxation.

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