THE WANDERING JEW.

VARIOUS VIEWS FROM THE PENAMBULATING ANAMORBUS.

The legend of the Wandering Jew, of which everyone has heard one or which most persons have so little is not found either in the apocryphal evangelists or in the Latin fathers of the church, says the Glasgow Mail. According to the best authorities, it originated at Constantinople. There are two versions—the oriental, in which the Jew is called Carthaphilus, and that of Europe, in which he is called Ahasuerus. In the Eastern version he is represented as a porter of Pontius Pilate; in the Western as a cobbler living on the slope of Mount Calvary, by whose door Christ passed bearing his cross to the place of crucifixion.

The oriental legend attributes to him a wife and five children, details omitted in that of the cobbler. The offence committed was the same in both cases—a brutal refusal to permit the Savior to enter into the residence of the porter or cobbler—a favor asked by himself of the Roman soldiers who were guarding him—accompanied with the suggestion that he had better walk on. With the greatest gentleness in manner, according to the legend, Christ informed the inhuman Jew that as a punishment of his unkindness it would be his fate to walk on till the day of judgment, a sentence he has since been and is believed by many to be still expiating.

In the thirteen century a knowledge of the wanderer began to be diffused by means of the bards and popular ballads among the common people of Europe, but it was only some 200 or 300 years later that the extraordinary tale of his sufferings became universally known, and his person was made familiar to all by the accounts of those who had seen and conversed with him. No one appears to have met him until late in the sixteenth century, but after that date he was often seen by persons of rank and education in England, Scotland, France, Italy, Hungary, Sweden, Poland, Denmark and other countries. In 1575 two ambassadors at the court of the Spanish monarch met him at Madrid. In 1599 he was seen at Vienna and in 1601 at Lubeck. In 1640 many persons saw and talked with him in Utrecht, Gravelin and at Moscow. The German cities were particularly favored with his flying visits, for he is heard of at Rostock, Weimar, Dantzig and Konigsberg, at each or which places he was treated with all the hospitality the brief time at his disposal permitted.

His positively last appearance according to the Glasgow paper, was at Brussels in 1774. He would probably have passed by this city with his usual haste had not the burgesses, attracted by the great venerability of his appearance, asked him stop a moment. He at first replied that he could not stop, but, being urged, paused briefly. Being invited into an inn to partake of a pot of Flemish beer, he commenced to drink the beer, but positively refused to sit down. However, he delayed long enough to tell of the entire history of his sin and its 1800 years of expiation. From his personal explanation it appears that he crossed seas, rivers, rivulets, deserts, mountains, hills, valleys and plains with the same facility. He passed through fire and water without harm. He had passed among warring beds in Europe and Asia without deviation from his course, and witnessed many deaths in America and Africa. He had neither house nor land, nor any sort of personal property, and his only financial resources were five cents, which, when spent, were constantly renewed in his pocket.

DERIVATION OF NAMES.

A SURNAME THAT ROSE FROM A PIGSTYE TO A LINE OF KINGS.

Blackwood's Magazine believes that a whole essay might be written—nay, very many have been written—on the subject of surnames derived from offices and trades. They are spontaneous growth wherever surnames are known, especially in those races where, as among the Celts, office and trades were hereditary.

The commonest surname of all is Smith, even in Scotland, where a pure patronymic—Macdonald—holds the second place, and an allusive name—Brown—the third. The Celtic word for Smith—Gow—is common in the Highlands. Lefevre has established itself in England, and the Italian equivalent became known to us through the excellence of the blades made in the eleventh century by Andrea Ferara or Maestro Andrea di Ferari of Belluno.

Mackintosh traces his lofty descent—man an toseach, the Pleach's son. On the other hand in Stewart a lowly office has been raised to very high levels. It is, in fact, the "stige ward," from the Anglo-Saxon stige ward, the master, not of the horse, but of the hogs—an important official in days when a lord's wealth was reckoned by his beetal, and gradually transferred to the chief officer of the household, the steward—senechalus or dapifer.

When the origin of the name is remembered, how trivial seem the squabbles whether it is rightly spelt with a or w. W of course, is signific in the name, and was only altered to u to suit the French alphabet. Cook, Butler, Spenser, Chamberlain, Dorward (door-ward), Caiser (caisier), have all risen in life.

WHEAT GROWING.

The Preparation of the Seed Bed and Fertilizer as Suitable Plant Food.

The preparation of the seed bed and the food are the two chief points to be considered in wheat growing, concerning which The Rural New Yorker makes the following recommendations:

"The upper two inches of the soil are about all the wheat plant has any use for, but this part cannot be too carefully or finely worked. To plow and stir the soil as deeply for wheat as we do for potatoes would injure rather than help the crop, because the seed would be placed too deep in a soil that would surely run together, 'puddle' and heavy in winter wet or frost cause in excess. The 'dead seed bed' would be two inches of soil on one and upon as a bed of adhesive clay of a firm, solid foundation. We see from this why the roller is so popular with those who plow their wheat ground deeply. The heavy roller firms and compacts the soil, cracking and pulverizing the lumps and pushing the 'seed bed' into a solid and compact form. Without the roller such deeply plowed soil would be too open, and the seed would not only be delayed in starting up, but would be injured by the heaving and settling of the ground. This also explains why potato ground that is to follow wheat is seldom or never plowed for the best growers. The work of the potato digger and cultivator, or one of the new diggers, like the Delaney harrow, is sufficient to stir up the ground to the necessary depth, and if thoroughly fined with a harrow such ground will usually do better than when plowed deeply. In fact, the best place for wheat in a rotation is after some crop like potatoes, that had so much working during the growing season that a light harrowing or cultivating will properly fit the land for wheat. The use of the roller is becoming more general, particularly on farms where wheat is sown on newly plowed grounds or on a summer fallow."

The following reasons for using the roller are given by the Wisconsin experiment station:

First—Rolling makes the temperature at 1½ inches below the surface from 1 deg. to 3 degs. Fahrenheit warmer than similar unrolled ground in the same locality, and at three inches 1 deg. to 2 degs. warmer.

Second—Rolled land by lifting the soil increases its power of drawing water to the surface from below, and this influence has been observed to extend to a depth of three feet.

Third—The evaporation of moisture is more rapid from unrolled ground, unless the surface soil is very wet, and then the reverse is true, and the drying.

Fourth—In cases of broadcast seeding, germination is more rapid and complete on rolled than on unrolled. It was 33 per cent. greater on rolled, greatest in dry and least in wet weather, and weighed about two pounds per bushel the most. Rolled oats yielded a trifle over two bushels more per acre.

In this case, rolling and not suitable plant food must be placed evenly and in a fine condition. Big, dirty lumps of stable manure are out of place in a wheat seeding. The great work of preparing the seed bed has been to crush up all clods and lumps. The young wheat plant is tender. It will have a hard trial during the winter and must make a good growth and push its roots in firmly before it can hope to live. Its food must be within reach and so soluble that the plant can readily use it. With the usual fitting that wheat ground receives stable manure is not a good dressing for wheat seeding. We should prefer to use all the stable manure on the corn, thus condensing the farm's fertility and manuring the corn directly and the wheat indirectly. If used on wheat at all, we should prefer to apply it in winter as a mulch for the young crop.

East Winds.

There seems to be a fatality connected with the east winds which often prevail about the time that the fruit trees have blossomed and shed their blossom leaves and the coming fruit has just begun to be visible. Then a long succession of east winds pour their blighting effects on trees and fruit bearing shrubs. Young cherries drop in great numbers to the ground, currants drop from their stems, and the hopes of the fruit grower are likewise blighted for the season. Frost is not needed for the destruction of fruit; a few days of cold east winds efficiently does the work. There seems but one thing to do and that is only a partial remedy, and that is to protect as far as possible every tree or fruit bearing shrub. An evergreen hedge thickly set and well cared for a year or two on the east side of the rows of cherry trees would assist wonderfully in protecting the fruit. If buildings and sheds could be arranged so that they would stand between the fruit and the winds it would help very much in the matter. This should be thought of when trees are being set in the ground. Windbreaks, if nothing more than high board fences, might be provided, writes a southern Wisconsin farmer.

Agricultural Statistics.

Canned salmon is a New Zealand export.

The oat crop is reported a fair average one.

The Kansas wheat crop is reported unusually large.

Ireland has now 1,000,000 more sheep than in 1891.

Great damage has been done to Spanish vineyards through the ravages of phylloxera.

The shipments of new crop India wheat to the English market are less than those of last year.

A Californian who has 6,000 colonies producing 200,000 pounds of honey yearly is said to be the largest beekeeper in the world.

Reports of much damage to hop fields by a recent storm, which tore down vines and overturned poles, come from parts of Madison and Oneida counties, N. Y.

Potato Experiments.

A brief summary of results obtained in experiments with potatoes at the Utah agricultural experiment station is as follows:

Increasing the size of the pieces of seed potatoes planted increases the yield, but it is questionable if pieces larger than fourths will yield enough more to pay for the extra amount of seed required.

Seed from stem end of potato yielded better than from seed end—result of one year's trial.

So far as tried, no results that would lead to any conclusion have been obtained from the use of large and small potatoes for seed.

Level cultivation of potatoes gave better results than ridged cultivation with potatoes. (Second year's trial.)

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