WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

The calendar tell us that the 17th of March is "St Patricks Day," but who was St Patrick?

I once put the question to a modern namesake of the saint's, whom I met on this day with a neat little sprig of shamrock in his buttonhole. 'Well, Pat,' I began, 'what have you got

the green in your coat for?" Sure, and it's St Patrick's Day!' came the indgnant response.

'St Patrick's Day! Who was St Patrick?' 'Sure, your honor, he was-he was-er-

isn't it a fine day, your horour?'
'Now, Pat,' I said, sternly, 'that was not what I asked you. Who was St Patrick?' Pat hesitated; but at last he blurted out: He was -- he was, but sure, 'twas a bright idea struck him- sure, it's your honor should

be telling me, and not me, yer honor!" It was evident that no information was to be had from Pat, so I went sorrowfully home and took down some dusty old books of legends, that had been lying unopened there for many months, to see if I could find in them anything cout the saint, in whose honourso many Irishmen were wearing the shamrock that day.

He was born-so say my books, adopting the most generally received story-near the modern Boulogne-sur-Mer, about the year 387; but as each of the three countries of the United Kingdom also lays claim to the bosour of having produced him, there is some uncertainty as to his birth-place. Certain it is, however, that, at the age of sixteen, he was carried off by pirates and sold to an Irish farmer, who employed him as a swineheard, and whom he served for seven years. During this time he acquired a know-ledge of the Irish people, and of their life, habits, and character, which afterwards proved

of great service to him. Having made his escape from slavery, he pasted into France, where he was ordained priest. In the year 431 he visited Rome, whence he was sent by the Pope as a missionary to Ireland, and landed there in the year 432.

For some time his mission was fiercely opposed by the Druids, who had previously been the religious teachers of the people. These Druids were great believers and practitioners in magic and sorcery, and the legend states that the saint fought them with their own weapons. He laid a ban upon their fertile fields, and they became waste bogs; upon their vettles, and they refused to boil; and, finally, upon the Druids themselves, and they were swallowed up by the earth.

The saint's miraculous powers were not directed simply against human enemies. The country was overrun with snakes, and the saint is reputed to have banished them from the island by merely beating a drum. He would appear to have been an impetuous man, for in his ardour he struck the drum so violently that he burst it, whereupon an angel mended the drum, and enabled the saint to complete his task. It is almost needless to add that the drum thus repaired was long preserved as a relic.

On the occasion of this miracle the saint is said to have chained a monster serpent in Lough Delvern, telling it to remain there till Monday; and it is said that to this day the serpent calls to St Patrick every Monday, 'It's a long Monday, Patrick' I must say that I have never come across any one who has actually heard the voice, but I give the story for what it is worth.

Another legend tells of a homelier application of his powers. He and his followers found themselves upon a bleak mountain side one day, with no means of kindling a fire where. taken. with to warm their numbed limbs, or cook their morning meal. The saint ordered his half frozen friends to make a pile of ice-blocks and snowballs, and this having been done, he breathed upon it, and it at once became a

brightly-burning fire. The shamrock, or white clover, so universally worn by Irishmen on the 17th of March, is said to have been used by the saint to explain the doctrine of the Trinity to the pagan Irishmen,

but the story rests on no very firm foundation. The saint died at a good old age, though what the latter exactly was is a matter of dispute. Some historians ascert he was at least one hundred and twenty-one years of age. The place of his burial has also been disputed, but it is generally supposed to be Downpatrick, which is accordingly greatly venerated by the peeple of the Emerald Isle, whose patron saint he has since become.

GENERAL FORREST'S BILL O' FARE.

Captain James Dinkins, assistant general passenger agent of the Illicois Central, is a great admirer of the late General N R Forrest, and thinks that history does not furnish his equal as a cavalry commander. He was with Forrest much during the war, and never tires of telling about the General's successful great bard or poet. exploits against the enemy, says the Memphis Commercial.

'Speaking of General Forrest,' said Captain Dinking to an old rebel comrade the other day, did you ever hear the story of the lady who interviewed him in New York after the war?

General Forrest was always an early riser, and on this occasion had gotten up, put on his shoes and trousers and was sitting on the side of the bed. While sitting on the bed thinking over his business matters, the door was suddenly opened by a typical New England old maid She had on a close-fitting jacket and wore a sun bonnet, was very tall and slender, with the corners of her lips drawn down, and very small, black eyes. She held the door open, fearing, no doubt, some harm might come to her 'She asked:-'Is this the rebel, General

Forrest? *The General answered, *Yes, my name is

Forrest.' "Well, she said, 'I am going to ask you a question, and I want the truth. I do not want any evasion. I want to know if it is true, as stated, that you killed all the poor coloured people at Fort Pillow. I want to know right this minute."

"Yes," said General Forrest, 'I killed all the men and women and ate the babies for breakfast.'

'The old maid find, giving scream after scream until she reached the street. The peopie in the hotel rushed to the General's rooms to ascertain the cause, and found him and Captain Forrest in convulsions of laughter.

POACHERS WIVES.

As was the case with the smugglers womenkind, the peachers' wives are a considerable aid to their husbands; it is to a certain extent true to say that without their sid posching could not be carried on. They are both solive and passive agents in the exciting game; it is their business to get the posched fish into town or

Experienced poschera rarely carry game upon them, choosing to secrete it in some stack or luck? 'Yes, some-I didn't get drowned.' rick or disused quarry, until such time as it | can be borne away in safety. Even more so | man three thousand years to read all the stantican country carriers and early morning milkmen women are their successful agents

Sometimes they are seen labouring under a heavy load carried in a sack, with faggots and rotten sticks protruding from the mouth; or with a large basket innocently covered with twist. crisp, green crosses which effectually hide the

bright silvery fish. the police would make a raid upon a certain | practical auditor on the floor cottage where an illegal net was known to be kept. The dwelling was a disused tollbar, and commanded a long stretch of turnpike road. The woman of the house saw the constables

approaching, and made the most of her time. Taking off her gown, she fastened the end of | the long, narrow net to a projecting crook in the wall; then, retiring to the further side of the kitchen, attached the other and to the whalebone of her stays, and, by turning round and round, wound the net about her capacions person. When the constables arrived she accompanied them in their vain search into every Ecok and corner of the cottage .- Land and Water.

'What makes the milt so warm?' said Betty artist said he must keep abreast of the progress to the milkman, when he brought the pale to of invention.

TROUBLE PHYSICIANS HAVE.

The greatest trouble encountered by dispensary physicians and surgeons is to keep charity patients from disobeying orders and dosing themselves with quack medicines. It is astronomically the way there provides tonishing the way these people act. They get expert treatment for nothing and medicine thrown in. Then they go home and somebody advises them to take Bolus's Bolivars for unhinged liver, or M'Swindle's Celebrated Ointment for the cure of all diseases, and they will do it. There is nothing that a physician dreads so much as to treat a case in a house where there is an old woman, for he is hardly out of the door before she goes at the patient with blisters and plasters and nearly drowns him with 'yarb' ton. The patient perhaps dies and we got the blame."

TWO FAMOUS JOKES.

The memory of Theodore Hook, the celebrated humorist, is very appropriately associated with the most audacious jest on record, viz, his announcement, when recalled from his post as Governor of Mauritius on a charge of embezzling £12,000 of the public money, that he had come home 'on account of a disorder in his chest.'

But the most brilliant of his feats was achieved in concert with his famous rival Tom Hood. The two were strolling one summer evening on the outskirts of London with their friend. Charles Mathews, the great actor, when Hood aaid to Hook:—

'They call us the 'inseparables'; but, after

Brave, Tom!' cried Hook, 'that's the best I've heard for a long time! I say, suppose we have a match which of us two can make the best joke on the spur of the moment? Charlie Mathews here shall be umpire, and the loser

shall stand treat for a supper for three.'
'Done!' said Hood, and scarcely was the word uttered when they espied a signboard, the owner of which, wishing to advertise that he sold beer, had unluckily worded the announcemrnt. Bear sold here.

'Oho!' said Hook, 'I suppose that bear is ia his own Bruin!" Well done!' cried Charles Mathews, 'You'll

have hard work to beat that, friend Thomas." 'I dare say he'll do it, though, said Theodore, he carries more than two faces under one Hood —eh, Tom?'

At that moment they turned a sharp corner, and came in sight of a small tumble down house standing in the midst of a wretched little plot of worn and trampled grass, just in front of which was displayed a huge board with the following inscription, 'Beware the dog.' Hood looked warily round him in all direc-

tions, and finding no dog anywhere visible, picked up a broken piece of brick, and scribbled underneath the warning, 'Ware be the dog!' 'Well, I'll tell you what it is, my boys,' said Charles Mathews, 'I can't decide between two such jokes as these, and, what's more, I'm not going to try, so we had better all go and sup together, and after satisfying our appetite, each pay his own share."

NAMES OF THE PRESIDENTS. Washington was originally from Wessyngton, su English manor of that name existing about the middle of the 15th century, whose owner took, according to custom, the title of the estate as surhame.

Adams is of Hebrew origin, and the oldest of all proper names. It is derived from adams. red earth, from which the first man, Adam, was

Jefferson is simply a corruption of Geoffrey, or Godfrey, a favourite name of the Middle Ages, meaning 'God's peace.' Madison is also of Hebrew origin, and signifies

Matthew's son,' The Conquest, introduced Matthew as a proper name into England. Monroe is an Irish name, taken from Mount Roe, a mountain in Leland on the River Roe. Jackson is literary the son of John or James. The French form of James, 'Jacques,' was brought into England by soldiers of the camp

transition to our ' Jack' was easy. Van Buren is Dutch, and signifies of or belonging to the town of Buren, in Holland. Harrison is partly Norman origin, and is the son of Henry or Harry.' Harry is from a

of the Black Prince and of Henry V, and its

Saxon word meaning 'ever rich.' Tyler has a very plain significance, meaning simply 'a layer of tiles.' Polk is an abbreviation of Pollock, from the

parish of Pollock, in Scotland. The word is from the Oselic 'pollag,' a little pond. Taylor, it's Tyler is taken from the name of

a trade. Fillmore is of Saxon origin, 'fille,' fullness, and mero,' a moist piece of ground; literally a fertile piece of ground. It maiso ascribed to the Celtie 'files,' a bard, and 'mor,' great, a

Pierce is one of the forms of Bercy, he great English family of Northumberland, which took

its name from Percy Forest, called probably from the German 'pirson,' to hunt. Buchsons was a parish in Sterling, Scotladd, whose name's deriviation is uncertain, but probably from the same root as Buchan, the Gaelic

words being 'boca' and 'dier,' a place full of Lincoln is from the Gaelic 'lin' a lake, and coln,' the ridge of a bill. Lincoln in England is so named because it is on the top and side of a steep hill on the River Witham.

Johnson is merely 'the son of John,' and comes from the Hebrew. Grant has three origins ascribed to it. The Saxon, 'grant,' crooked; the Saxon name of

Cambridge is Grantbridge, the old Irish dark, or swarty, and the French 'grand' great or Hayes is an Angle-Norman origin, and comes

from 'bay,' a hedge or enclosure. The word haves' 16 used by Chaucer. Garfield is from a Saxon word, 'garwin,' ready, prepared. It is also ascubed to the German 'gar,' and field, meaning a place where

all is prepared for an army. Arthur is British, and means a strong man, from 'ar.' a man, and Thor, the German Jupi-

Cleveland comes from Yorkshire, England, and it is a corruption of Cliffland. The Anglo-Saxon is a 'cleve,' a cliff, and 'land,' a people.

WIT AND HUMOUR. They call the moonimelancholy, but she always looks at the bright side of things.

You were always a fault-finder,' growled the wife. 'Yes, my dear,' responded the husband meesly, 'I found you.' Verbally Speaking-Teck-' Woman is a

creature of mood.' Peck-' True, and my wife's mood is the imperative." It is a sign that her husband is making money when a woman begins to get the look on

her face of looking at you without seeing you. 'I hear you were fishing yesterday,' said one friend to another 'Yes.' 'Had you any It has been estimated that it would take a

dard works. Most men would prefer to knock off at 75. It is not often that a woman has her head completely turned, but passing by another woman's now bounet gives the head a good

'Yes,' bawled a social orator. 'I am in favour of the early closing movement for the great! On one occasion it got noised about that mass of toilers.' Well, shut up now !' yelled a

· How long are you going to stay here?" Why, my little dear?' 'Cause I'm hungry, mamma says we will have dinner as soon as that dreadful nuisance goes away."

A writer makes his living by his marks, a pedestrian by his steps, a soldier by his arms, a singer by his notes, a gambler by his chips, while a fiddler scrapes for his living.

'I hope that Thomas keeps good company while he is away at school, said the young man's mother. 'Well,' replied his father com-fortingly, 'It ought to be good. It certainly e ata enough." At an American exhibition of pictures two weeks ago. Father Time was represented with a

mowing machine instead of a scythe. The

the door one morning. Please, mum, the A return of the hoopskirt would enable the propphandle's broke and missus took the water William goat to go back to the diet of his fore-A return of the hoopskirt would enable the fathere.

Some time ago a Paris paper offered a prize for the best specimen of microscopic hand-writing, and several wonderful examples of skill with the pen were sent in by competitors. The winner of the prize was a man who had copied out in full on a postcard the contents of the first two pages of a big newspaper. Another candidate, ingeniously alluding to the famous incident, wrote on an egg an account of the career of Columbus: A third submitted the 19,000 words of François Coppec's novel of 'Henrietta,' written on the back of a cabinet photograph. The doers of such feats seem to have small regard for their eyesight .- From Little Folks for

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT, YOUNG MAN.

Albert G. Brown, Mississippi, circuit judge three times in the legislature, three times in congress, three times a senator, twice a governor, a brigadier general of militia, and captain in the rebel army, just before his death wrote the following to a young friend:— True, as you say, I had many offices. Indeed, I may say that I never knew defeat in any of my aspirations. And it is just because I had success which people called wonderful that I feel competent to administer a word of caution to the young men of this generation. My young friend, do not be deceived by the glitter of office. I am now past my three score years and am fast travelling into the ten. I have held all, it is only natural that Hook and eye should almost every office in the gift of the people, and always be together—eh, Theo?" vanity and vexation of spirit.' Looking back over a long and I hope not unsuccessful life, I can say with a clear conscience my greatest regret is that I have ever made a political speech or held an office. There is a fascination in office which beguiles men, but be assured, my young friend, it is the fascination of the serpent; or to change the figure, it is the ignis fatuus which coaxee you to inevitable min. I speak of that which I know. If my young friends will be guided by my advice, I have this to say :-- After all my successes as a public man, now, when my head is blossoming for the grave, I feel that it would have been better for me if I had followed the occupation of my father and been a farmer."

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