

Mark Twain as a Pensioner.

On the 29th of June, General Black addressed the following letter to Samuel Clements, Elma, N. Y., a pensioner claimant:

"Replying to your inquiry relative to your pension claim certificate No. 297,520, it is proper to state that so much therein as is based on rheumatism, piles and sore eyes was rejected on May 23, 1885, on the ground that there has been no pensionable disability therefrom since June 20, 1884, the date the claim therefor was filed."

Clements' claim was being looked after by Senator Hawley, and Mrs. Hawley attends to all her husband's pension-office business. She sent Clements the following postal card:

I am informed that your pension is allowed, and I congratulate you very truly, JOSEPH H. HAWLEY, "Per H. W. Hawley."

Instead of going to Samuel Clements, of Elma, N. Y., it went to Samuel Clements, Elma, N. Y. ("Mark Twain"), and that gentleman replied as follows:

ELMA, N. Y., July 8, 1885.—John C. Black, Esq., Commissioner: DEAR SIR—I have not applied for a pension. I have often wanted a pension—often, ever so often, I may say; but inasmuch as the only military service I performed during the war was in the Confederate army, I have always felt a delicacy about asking for it. However, since you have suggested the thing yourself, I feel strengthened. I haven't any very pensionable disease myself, but I can furnish a substitute—a man who is just simply a chaos—a museum of all the different kinds of aches and pains, fractures, dislocations and malformations there are, a man who would regard "rheumatism, piles and sore eyes" as mere recreation and refreshment after the serious occupations of his day. If you grant me the pension, dear sir, please hand it to General Hawley, United States senator—I mean, hand him the certificate not the money, and he will forward it to me. You will observe by his post-card, which I inclose, that he takes a friendly interest in the matter. He thinks I've already got the pension, whereas I've only got the rheumatism; but I don't want that; I had that before. I wish it were catching; I know a man that I would load up with it pretty early. Lord! but we all feel that way sometimes. I've seen the day when—but never mind that—you may be busy. Just hand it to Hawley—the certificate, you understand, if not transferable.

Very truly yours, S. L. CLEMENS, Known to the police as "Mark Twain."

One of the Plunger's Plunges.

From the Philadelphia News. One of Walton's intimate friends told me the true story of his big winning on the Grand Prix and how he made it. Archer, the famous jockey, was to ride Foxhall. Walton learned that it was the ambition of Archer's life to be a land proprietor, and that he was saving money to buy a certain little farm upon which his covetous eyes had long been fixed. The price of the place was £10,000. Walton bought it and then went to Archer and said: "That farm you are after is mine. It shall be yours on certain conditions, which won't interfere with your duty to your employer." "And what are your conditions?" asked Archer. "Your aim to win that race and satisfy me beyond question beforehand that you can win it." "But what will satisfy you?" "A private running between Foxhall and the best of his competitors at daybreak on the morning of the race." To make a long story short, Archer took the bait. Tips of £50, more or less, made it all right with the trainer and the opposing horse. At daybreak on the race day there was a regular heat between the two, with Walton as the only spectator. Foxhall was shown to be an easy winner. Walton went out and put every dollar he could raise, and he was then very flush, upon his choice, and the day closed with his own fortune swelled by nearly \$400,000 and Archer a landed proprietor.

Checky Reporters.

Chicago Herald. "Talking about checky reporters," said Gen. Logan one day last spring at Springfield. "I think the Chicago reporter is at the head of his class. One night Mrs. Logan and myself had retired to our room in a Chicago hotel, when a reporter sent up his card. Of course I would not see him. He sent back a note, saying it was an urgent case, and begging me to see him. Again I refused. Ten minutes later I was just dozing off to sleep, when Mrs. Logan heard a rapping at the door, and called me. I called, 'Who's there?' and heard in response, 'A telegram.' As I was expecting an important message, I went to the door, and there, with the messenger boy, stood the reporter. Now, General," he said, "since this pesky telegram has called you out of bed, won't you oblige me with a little talk? And at that he pushed his way into my room and sat down. I admired the man's cheek, and sat down and talked with him. The gas was burning low, and, as he wanted to take some notes, he reached up and turned it on. Then he discovered that Mrs. Logan was in the room. Startle him? Not a bit. Nothing could startle a man like that.

Current Notes.

The head of the Roman Catholic missions in China reports that 10,000 native converts have been massacred within ten years. Five white missionaries have been lost.

The old Parliaments of both France and England have finally adjourned, and will be replaced by freshly chosen Parliaments this autumn. The general elections in France will take place in October; and those for a new House of Commons in Great Britain and Ireland will occur in November.

The authorities of the Congo Free State have forbidden the importation into that country of percussion guns and breech loaders, and announce that they will fine any trader 25,000 francs who violates this regulation. Among the largest articles of import are flint locks and very poor shot-guns made for the African trade. Traders are still permitted to sell the natives as many of these arms as they will buy, but in the interest of the public security it has been deemed best to prohibit the sale of improved weapons.

A New Yorker in looking for rooms for winter quarters struck a good-looking landlady on Shawmut avenue, and, after terms were arranged for supper, and was met with the reply they always had it. On taking his seat first evening, with a slim-looking spread before him, he remarked to the girl that he expected something hot, when Bridget said: "Fots the matter wid the tay?"

During the first quarter of the present year there were 308 suicides in the United States, an increase of 104 over the corresponding quarter of last year. Of this number 218 were males and 90 were females. There were 62 bachelors. Farmers furnished the largest number, and merchants came next. The only classes not represented were journalists and clergymen.

It may not be generally known that the District of Columbia is more plentifully endowed with female population than any other state or territory, having 112,524 females to 100,000 males. Next comes Rhode Island, with 107,870 females to 100,000 males, followed by Massachusetts, with 107,712 females to 100,000 males. Connecticut, New Hampshire, North Carolina, New York, Virginia and Alabama average about 103,000 females to 100,000 males, or an excess of 2 1/2 per cent. to 5 per cent. of the males. Then come Maryland, Georgia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, where the excess is less than 2 1/2 per cent. of the males, Pennsylvania having 100,448 females to 100,000 males. In the remaining states and territories the males predominate.

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