

**CHIMES AT THE ABBEY.**

*Five Peal at Westminster Will Not Be Hung at the Coronation Service.*

The interest centered in Westminster Abbey owing to the coronation has drawn attention to the fact that the five peal of bells, one of the most noteworthy features of that national building, has been silent for some considerable time. Inquiries at Westminster as to whether the peals would be rung at the coronation service elicited the unpleasant news that the bell tower is not safe, and that it is a question whether it will not be necessary for them to remain silent on that occasion, says the New York Evening Telegram.

The upper portion of the old Saxon tower is of comparatively modern date, having been added by Wren towards the end of the seventeenth century. The addition of this heavy upper structure is probably the cause of the weakness, as it is only since the peal has been moved to the top of the modern upper portion that there have been any fears for the safety of the tower. The peal, which is an unusually heavy one, and is deservedly famous for the beauty of its tone, consists of only six bells, while the customary number is eight.

The big tenor bell is one of the finest in London, and weighs 3,600 pounds. The third and fifth bells bear Latin inscriptions, giving the name of the donor, Gabriel Goodman, who was dean from 1561 to 1601. The fourth bell is inscribed:

"Thomas Lester of London made me, And with the rest I will agree, 1743." There is a quaint custom in connection with the ringing of the large tenor bell. It is customary in many churches to ring the largest bell before a service when a sermon is to be preached, and at the Abbey there are to be precisely 40 strokes. The reason why 40 strokes was chosen in this arbitrary manner has never been clearly established.

As things stand at present either the bells will be silent at the coronation or else the peal will be rung at considerable risk to the stability of the tower. As the crown is placed on the king's head the bells ring, or, rather, should ring, out the news, to be taken up by every other bell within earshot; so the silence of the Abbey bells would spoil a customary feature of the ceremony. To remedy this state of things either the bells will have to be rehung and the vibration considerably lessened, or the whole tower must be thoroughly strengthened. Rehanging, with the addition of two bells, would cost about £700.

**BEAR-BAITING ROYAL SPORT.**

*In the Days of Queen Elizabeth the Brutal Exhibitions Were in High Favor.*

The first rise of the barbarous custom of bear-baiting cannot be satisfactorily ascertained, but it has the sanction of high antiquity, says the Boston Globe.

Fitzstephen, who lived in the reign of Henry II., and whose description of London was written in 1174, and supposed to be earliest extant, informs us that in the forenoon of every holiday during the winter season the young Londoners were amused with boars opposed to each other in battle; or with bulls and full-grown bears, baited by dogs.

The baiting of horses was never a general practice; but asses, which did not sufficiently answer the purpose of sport, were occasionally treated with the same inhumanity.

Erasmus, who visited England in the reign of Henry VIII., says that there were many herds of bears maintained in that country for the purpose of baiting. This sport made one of the amusements of the romantic age of Queen Elizabeth; and she caused the French ambassadors to be carried to the bear garden to divert them with these bloody spectacles.

"Herein," says Stowe, "were kept beares, bulls and other beasts to be bayted, as also mastives in several kennels, nourished to bayt them. These beares and other beasts are there kept in plots of ground, scaffolded about for the beholders to stand safe."

This place was situated on Bank-side; it was of an irregular form, and, probably, before it was used for the purpose of sports, had been literally a garden. We are not informed when this building was erected, though it appears in Aggas' plan published 1563.

When Queen Mary visited her sister Elizabeth, during her confinement at Hatfield, a great exhibition of bear-baiting was presented, immediately after mass in the morning, for their amusement.

**Oh, Fekaw!**  
The American stood near the imperial palace in the streets of Tehran as the gorgeously-caparisoned cavalcade wound by.  
"Kneel, dog of an infidel!" cried a Persian policeman, raising his scimiter. "None are permitted to stand in the presence of the mighty ruler."  
With a smile of disdain the American surveyed the passing potentate.  
"Oh, shah!" he said—Judge.

**Fame Due to Fortune Teller.**  
Lord Roberts makes no secret of the fact that years ago his great march from Cabul to Candahar was foretold to him by a "fortune teller," and that he was so impressed at the time that he had full faith in the prophecy.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Truthful Sarcasm.**  
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In Toledo, O., the postoffice department will place on each letter box an electrical device which will record at the central office when the box is opened. Some such apparatus is found to be necessary to prevent collectors from skipping boxes.

An ordinarily voracious chronicler tells this story of a suit brought against the Pennsylvania railroad by a farmer whose cow was killed by a train. There was a long trial, with learned arguments on both sides. The jury brought in this verdict: "If the train had been run as it should have been run; if the bell had been rung as it should have been rung; if the whistle had been blown as it should have been blown—both of which they did neither—the cow would not have been injured when she was killed."

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The Slay Association of Moscow has elected President Loubet, of France, an honorary member. This honor was conferred in recognition of the cordial reception of the Czech delegates in Paris by the French president on the occasion of the Victor Hugo centenary fetes.

When you swear, ever notice how guilty you feel? If you do not feel ashamed when you swear, you are not a decent man. Still, there are men who swear in the presence of women and children, and seem to think it "smart." Men of this sort never amount to anything; they never learn.

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