AN IDEAL DEATH.

"The ideal death," said a physician in charge of one of the New York city hospitals, " was that of my uncle. He was a and easy one. When the pupil presents hale, hearty man of 80, a bachelor, wealthy herself and has donned her bathing suit and surrounded with every comfort in a which consists of a sack, skirt and broad beautiful home not far from New York. He arose one morning apparantly in perfect health. His buoyancy of spirits was her arms and legs on a carpet. These was Loticed. He was singing some of the quant | tered, she is taken to the bathing pool old Scotch songs of his boyhood. He where a strap, so padded as not to hurt her, expected a visit from me and arose from is passed around her body, and is placed in the table after a hasty and partial meal, the water with her face down and kept saying he would drive down to the depot afloat by a rope passed through a pulley and bring me to the house. The old gentle. Here she goes through the motions of swimman had not driven more than a few rods ming, which, like her music lesson at home. from his own house when he was met by a are indicated by the voice of the female neighbor who noticed something strange in teacher, who counts one, two, three in his appearance. His horses stopped. The monotone that gives the time to the moneighbor dismounted and went to the side tions of the limbs. The next stage is of his carriage and spoke to him. The old swimming with a float or life-preserver gentleman did not answer. He sat upright around the body. In this the in his seat . lding the reins in his hand. He was dead. He had passed away with- free, and the pupil, accompanied by the out a sheek of any kind. There was no teacher, often succeeds in making a round apparent cause for his death, which was probably occasioned by heart disease."

THE PAINLESSNESS OF DEATH.

Said Dr. L. L. Seaman: "My observation convinces me that the dramatists and actors have far ov. astimated the pains of death, and especially the possibilities of

moment of dissolution. "It is, in fact, about as difficult to tell when a man dies as to determine when he goes to sleep. Deat . is gradual, not a sudden process. I am spraking now of death by disease, not of violer leath. Possibly in the representation of violent death the actors may come somewhere near the while with the girls the reverse is the case. truth, but generally their pictures of death Many of our lady swimmers dispense with by disease are, to one who knows the the skirt, which somewhat retards their truth, simply ridiculous. Dissolution painless and unconscious as The approach to it may be protracted and painful. There may be and agonizing scenes resulting disordered imagination. Death destroys one organ after another, not all at once. The last organs to yield are the lungs, which show their oppression in the breathing, and produce what is termed the death rattle. As soon as the lungs cease confessed that the only man whom he to act, the black venous blood is no longer changed to red arterial blood, but is propelled unpurified from the heart, and thus statesmen while under the mellowing inpoisons the body like a narcotic. The fluences of a good dinner and fine wines energies of the brain are gradually lulled lose for the moment somewhat of the as in the approach of sleep, and unconscious cerebral action produces the murmur | Jules Harder, the chef, for many years a of the names of friends, o. recollections of resident of this city, and now at the Palace past life or reference to whatever has passed through the mind. But that there ing way some of the peculiar traits of a few is pain in natural death I have long since of our prominent people. In conversation ceased to believe."

DEATH ED VISIONS ECSTACY.

" Have you ever observed the visions and ecstatio delights that are often spoken of by religious "riters?"

"Certainly. They are quite common, and not at all confined to religious persons. Experienced physicians testify that most persons die in a state of trance. Although they are apparently conscious, they pass away in a state of dreaming. Often they seem to be listening to musical sounds. Sometimes they seem to be beckoned to by

" And do you regard such exhibitions as purely physical?"

"Just as much so as a dream. They are controlled by the ordinary thoughts and feelings, the every-day life and education and imagination of the subject in precisely the same way as a dream is so controlled. Generally a dram is a reproduction of a waking thought. The curious jumble of subjects in a dream is the result of absence of volition. There is a suspension of the functions of the median tract of the brain. The same thing occurs in the mesmeric trance. The suspension may be temporary, good plain eater. The Princess Louise and then the person may not only return to consciousness, but remember some of the dishes, and the Princess adores anchovy marked. The prisoner was impassioned in curious things seen in the vision. Something of the same nature occurs in taking opium. In the earlier stages of opiumeating the subject oppears to have two favor Burgundy, but it is sometimes mental operations sing on at once: one is fantastic and odd, the other normal and regular. In such a case one is able to keep up a running comment on the visions pass-

LAST THOUGHTS.

ing before his eyes."

subject recently said: "Judging of the liver, Mr. Sam Ward. New York is the next morning at Montpelier, Vt., where he thoughts of men by their words just pre- fluest market-place in the world, and where took breakfast. Meeting William P. Hill vious to death, I should say it often hap. 25 years ago but a half-dozen New York about a fortnight ago in Montpelier, he told pens that a dying person gives no indica- families employed professional men cooks, him how he had paid twenty-five fares been the favorite topic of a lifetime. I have known active business men, with im- Francisco, for there are a great many there | the Concord Horse Railroad, was portant affairs unattended to, who died with words upon their lips that indicated to do so."-New York Mail and Express. absorption in some incident of the moment, generally relating to personal comfort. It was that sort of a death that Washington Irving died, saying: 'Well I must arrange my pillows for another weary night; if this ness here since Adam was a little boy, been gone for six months, and stating the could only end.' Long suffering under the called a new clerk to his desk one morning day on which it was found, and saying he afflictions of a painful disease will this week to have a talk with him. The was glad the true owner had made his serve to divert the mind of the clerk is very smart, and the proprietor said claim so clear .- Concord (N. H.) Monitor. strongest. Even the philosopher, Ben to him: "Young man, you are too smart. Franklin, was forced to say, with his last You have got so that you smell of gin. You breath, 'A dying man can do nothing easy. | wear neckties that would scare a horse, and It is a very common thing for a dying you seem to be a year shead of the styles. person to express sympathy with attend |Sir, the pants this year seemed to me to be ants who have been fatigued in attending tight enough, but those new pants you have them. Among the last words of Sir Walter | got are so tight that I don't see how you get Scott were 'Poor couls, I know you were all of yourself into them without using up all night."-New York Sun.

Beautiful Japan.

travels.

The young Queen of Spain reads American children's stories to the little princes.

We hear a good deal about the "rage of speculation," but the rage generally comes after the speculation.

TEACHING SWIMMING.

Method in Which Pupils Are Taught th Natatory Art. (Interview with a Professor of the Art.)

"Our process of teaching is a very simple trousers, she is taken to the preparatory room and is taught the proper motions of action of the limbs is perfectly of the bath in the second or third lesson. All her motions are closely watched, and her attention is sharply called to the false stroke or laggard movement. The motions once perfectly learned, the pupil soon gathers confidence in her ability to swim, and it is only in a few cases that we are not able to dispense with the float at the great mental effort just previous to the fifth lesson and send the young lady out to swim without any other aids than those given her by nature. Girls are taught the same stroke as boys, but I think there is an essential difference between them in the matter of using the propelling power of the lower limbs. The boy is more vigorous and more propulsive in his legs than his arms, motions, and wear simply the sack and the trousers. I think that is the most reasonable swimming costume, for the skirt is apt to hold the water and lessen the speed of the swimmer by giving her a heavier load to carry."

A Cook's Recollections.

Talleyrand, prince of diplomats, once suspected could read his secret thoughts was his cook. Certain it is that many habitual reserve which distinguishes them. Hotel, San Francisco, tells in an interesthe said : " I consider President Arthur the best liver of any President we ever had. He eats well and eats with judgment. He was not considered such a good liver when I remember him at the Union Club and Delmonico's, but that he did know how to live is evident from the way he lives now. Gen. Grant dines well now, but I remember him at the Grand Union when he was first made President, and he did not know much about dining then. After his trip around the world he showed great improvement. President Hayes never drank any wine at his dinners, and therefore did not Delmonico; I was with the Union Club; I was at the Grand Union in Saratoga; in fact, for twenty-six years I have prepared dishes for all classes of noted people, and President Hayes was the only one I met who did not drink wine with his dinner. Dom Pedro, the Emperor of Brazil, is a good plain diner, and lives in the French way as to hours of meals, but wants Brazilian seasoning. Alphonse Rothschild, falls upon me and takes away every fear, English house, was beautiful diner. Gov. Stanford is a and the Marquis of Lorne eat English paste. Really good livers care for three wines at dinner: sauterne, red wine and champagne. Good livers for a red wine changed for a lighter Bordeaux. Gen.

Having a Little Talk With a New Clerk.

a shoehorn or stretching them with a glove stretcher. You wear a number six hat with a washer inside of it, and number Gush however much one may, using twelve shees, and your coat tails are so picture was to be hung. "An old Scotch seeming hyperbole and superlative adjec. short I should think you would take your tives, yet it is impossible to express with. death of cold. And look at that diamond out their use that which will convey even pin, or is it alum? You have your fingera faint idea of the general and particular nails dressed by a professional corn doctor, beauties of the scenery of Japan. To and your hair is parted in the middle and appreciate how beautiful it is it is neces. plastered down with bandoline. You get sary to see for one's self and enjoy the \$9 a week, and pay \$6 for board, \$4 for luxury of experiencing the delights that whiskey and \$5 for cigars. Now, where do ravish the senses almost in satisty. I have you get your clothes? You think I am a met those who have seen all the quarters of fool to live here forty years and not get the globe, having visited all the States of on to a racket of a soft-headed kid like Europe and been over India and done you? Now, you go and sweep out the China from Hong Kong to the great store and come in here about the time you wall, who declare, without reserve, that usually go out for a drink, and I will have Japan excels, as a whole and in detail, a little time to give you some advice of the young man in tight trousers, but it is any country they have seen in all their that will do you good." The young fellow went out and did not come back .- Chicago Journal.

> -At a meeting in Syracuse the oth evening one of the speakers said: "S is writhing like a whirlpool, and we mus meet it with the point of the sword."

A Prisoner's Plea.

Death sentence was passed on Saturday ast upon three men-Martin Joseph, a negro, who killed two men; Tu-al-is-to, an As was expected by many, Finck, when Railroad tracks on Atlantic avenue. A asked by the judge if he had anything to train from Brighton Beach was coming say why sentence of death should not be down the track. The gateman watched passed upon him, arose, calm and collected, the fire engine crossing the tracks and and said in a distinct and rather musical voice:

which weighs the heaviest upon me-wonder or grief. Both weigh heavily upon me. his lantern signalling danger, but the railwhich I am called upon to make my appear. his train came thundering along on the ance before the court to day. This to me down grade with its speed unchecked. is most solemn and serious. It is as the Seven firemen were on the tender, sadness of death itself-death which in a and Frank Creighton, its brief while will come to me with sickle and was urging his horse along at the top of its terror. Alas! alas! for such unlucky stars speed. The horse's hoofs had struck the that beamed at my birth. But I am not railroad tracks before Creighton fully sentence of death passed upon him, or, placed, I cannot help but shudder, and must thrown off. Rising in his seat he plied the from her earlier years until her death." say that these are the saddest moments of

my life. It is an effort to seek justice, and to save the reputation of my family, whose and reeking with sweat, turned sharply off emeried until her sides shine like silver. honor is dearer to me than my life. For the track, and safely dragged the tender She has also been provided with electric what is life? It is but a vapor; it appears upon the paved highway just as the loco- batteries, which diffuse a constant current but a little while and then it vanisheth motive barely grazed by. People who all over her, so as to prevent the adhesion away. It is but a spark struck out of noth- watched the incident expected to see horse and growth of barnacles and marineingness and expires in darkness Nay, it is and men thrown into the air, and mangled grasses. but a flash out of darkness, soon again to under the locomotive wheels.—New York return. As the old Saxon imagination Times. pictured it, it is, 'like the swift flight of a bird from the night without, through a lighted chamber filled with guests, heated with the breath of passion, back into the cold night again.' The strange uncertainty of life is but a mcck theme of pathos. No description can touch all the sorrowful tenderness which death in me excites, now become so tragic and so bitter. Oh! ignominy! thou art bitterer to me than the gall which Socrates drank. It is not death I fear-it is the form of death-its ignominy and the shame of the gallows. Under my present circumstances I cannot but fill my mind with the gloomy images of death, and torment the present by apprehensions of the future. But religion does not countenance any such morbid anxiety. She comes bringing vinasses." Having arrived at the in her hands the flowers of hope, and, like the angel which she is, whispers of the crucified Christ, 'He is risen.' The star of hope that first beamed on men like me shone from the murderer's dying faith, as he hung from the cross, a companion in death with Christ, and that same star of hope scatters its rays in my heart. Yet I find it hard to banish the dread events from me. Yet why so? I have always been honest, and stand guiltless to-day of the crimes for which I am about to be sentenced. I stand here and boldly say and with a clear conscience, that I did not kill those two men. If I speak know how to dine. I was ten years with falsely, miserable or happy souls, whoever you are, make your appearance upon the threshhold of this room and cry out, Thou liest!' And to you (addressing the between the elementary constituents of Judge) whose duty it is to be tender as well as just, I ask all clemency you can give. And now, farewell earth, made wet with tears and blood, farewell; and to my the face of eternity, a ray of celestial joy

> and I now know how easy it is to die." Thus ended the most elequent plea ever made by any prisoner at this court. The effect on the Judge and audience was his utterance, and was more than ever pathetic and touching .- Fort Smith Special.

A Gold Piece in the Fare Box.

On Dec. 16th, last year, C. U. Lathrop. Barnes and Mr. J. G. Bennett care only Esq., of Williamstown, Vt., was in this city for champagne. Mr. Jay Gould is a good, on business, and visited the state prison in regular diner, whom a chef can serve with- the afternoon with two other gentlemen. out an order all the year round if he knows | On returning from the prison in a horsehim, but Mr. Vanderbilt is eccentric, and car he put a \$2.50 gold piece in the fareinsists on ordering his own dinners. Of box, supposing at the time it was a cent, A veteran physician speaking on this course there is only one good American and did not discover the mistake until the now, I suppose, there are 150 chefs so instead of three. Mr. Hill remarked that employed. Next to New York I place San Hon. Mose Humphrey, Superientendent of who know how to live and have the money " square dealer," and would, no doubt, return the gold, which must have been found in the box. A letter was written to Supt. Humphrey stating the facts, and on Saturday, 23rd ult., a letter was received from An old merchant, who has been in busi- him inclosing the gold piece, which had

A Scotch Anecdote of Gladstone.

Mr. J. Brinsley-Richards says that Mr. Gladstone's fluency in argumentation, though a natural gift, was purposely fostered by his father; indeed, all the family were accustomed to argue about everything that turned up at table or elsewhere. On one occasion William Gladstone and his sister Mary disputed as to where a certain servant came in with a ladder and stood convinced of course. The servant then hung up the picture where the young lady ordered; but when he had done this he

It is wrong to laugh at the crooked legs Cromwell. perfectly proper to laugh at the tight trousers upon the man with crooked logs.

sir, he's out.' "I don't believe it." "Well, then, he'll come down and tell you himself. Perhaps you'll believe him. Testing the naked truth—Giving the bare Seven Men on a Fire Engine are Chased by a Locomotive.

Seven firemen belonging to the Brooklyn Fire Department had an almost miracu-Indian, and William H. Finck. They were lous escape from death recently. An alarm sentenced to hang on the 29th of June. of fire called out the engine, and its driver Finck is a quadroon, with decided Italian sent his horses on the jump through Vanfeatures, and a man of unusual intelligence. derbit avenue and across the Long Island realized that there was danger ahead for its tender, which is just behind with its "May it please the court: I know not horse on the gallop, unless the railroad train was brought to a stop. He waved I must first call to mind the occasion road engineer paid no attention to it, and lash to the startled beast, and away it went down the track. The tender's wheels "Death is the destiny of all men; and jumped from sleeper to sleeper, and swayed

Molasses as a Manure. In England we flatter ourselves that we know how to "sweeten the soil." In the north of France they do it literally-with treacle! This statement is certainly startling, and, fearing to jeopardize even for a moment our reputation for sober sincerity, we hasten to shed a little light on this singular employment of sweetness. In the region just specified many of the farmers are also manufacturers. They not only cultivate the beet, but extract from it a sort of sugar, which, if we err not, is the pet abomination of every properly dignified British housewife. The refinement of this sugar leaves a residue of treacle, of molasses, of what the French term stuff last named, the force of refinement can no further go; vinasses are-or, rather, were formerly—regarded as a waste product. Not knowing how otherwise to get rid of this liquid, the refining farmers distributed it over their land by means of irrigation. Sweet are the uses of adversity, arose an unexpected virtue. According to the chemists, this liquid contains all the fertilizing agents which are absorbed from the soil by the parent beet. It therefore follows that if the vinasses be returned in sufficient quantity no other manure need be used. Moreover, land thus dressed will for a time yield splendid crops of cereals, including wheat—a fact that oddly suggests the existence of a subtle affinity bread and treacle. Under this treatment, however, cereal crops gradually deteriorate both in quality and quantity, unless the cultivator resort to the liberal use of enemies, farewell. Time's brief work in phosphate of lime in addition to his vinasses .- London Live Stock Journal.

A Novel Rat-Catcher.

Hon. John B. Garnier, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., has quite a curiosity in his garden. It is a pet turtle, of the hard shell kind. Its peculiarity consists in its ability to catch rats. Ever since the late flood those rodent pests, being driven from Oldtown by the water, have been almost an intolerable nuisance to the inhabitants of Newtown, which is fortunately located on high ground. Mr. Garnier and family have frequently noticed the pet turtle feasting on the carcass of dead rats, and had wondered at this strange sight; but recently, as the gentleman was showing some friends KIDNEYS. through his beautiful garden of flowers, their attention was attracted to the rustling of plants near by, accompanied by a scratching and whining noise. On investigating the cause of this disturbance, what was their surprise to find the turtle engaged in a fierce battle with a large rat. The turtle had the rat by the side, and was dexterously using its claws on the struggling animal. The rat was resisting its enemy, furiously biting and scratching the hard shell of its assailant, but without making an impression. It was squarely what was resisted to the day declare that nearly every disease is caused by deranged kidneys or liver. To restore thes herefore is the only way by which health can be secured. Here is where Warner's Safe time that a schieved its great reputation. It acts directly upon the kidneys and liver and by placthem in a healthy condition drives disease and pain from the system. For all Kidney, Liver and Urinary troubles, for the distressing disorders of women, for Malaria and physical troubles generally, this great remedy has no gating the cause of this disturbance, what making an impression. It was squealing troubles generally, this great remedy has no most piteously, and while the visitors were equal. Beware of impostors, imitations and most piteously, and while the visitors were looking on in astonishment the turtle coolly | For Diabetes ask for Warner's Safe Diacompleted its work of death, and the rat rolled over a corpse

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"Henceforth we meet as strangers!" exclaimed Brown in a fit of anger. "Thank you, Brown, my dear fellow!" gushed Fogg effusively; "you always did treat strangers better than your friends and acquaintances, and you make me exceeding happy that I am henceforth to share in your distinguished considera-

An eucalyptus tree has been discovered irresolute while the argument progressed; in Victoria, Australia, that far surpasses but as Miss Mary would not yield, William any of the great trees of California. It is gallantly ceased from speech, though un- claimed that it is 430 feet tall, and measures sixty feet around the trunk at a considerable distance above the roots.

There is a report that Mrs. Alexander crossed the room and hammered a nail Carlyle, the favorite niece of the author, is into the opposite wall. He was asked going to write something about her uncle. why he did this: 'Aweel, Miss, that'll do This lady is the wife of the head of a boardto hang the picture on when ye'll have ing school near Wimbledon, and has two come roond to Master Willie's opeenion." sons, one named after her uncle, and the other after her uncle's favorite hero, Oliver

-A Berlin piano firm ha bought most of the oaken piles lately taken out of the Rhine at Mayence, and believed to be part "Mary, is your master at home?" "No, of a bridge mentioned by Cæsar.

Conversation-"You say that Snaggs won't pay you that note? Is he embar-rassed?" "Well, he won't pay the note; says he can't, but he didn't seem to be a bit embarrassed! Never saw such cheek."

Miscellaneous Items.

A German paper in translating Yankee Doodle says : " The word doodle signifies a lazy scoundrel, a bummer."

Mr. Gladstone's published "works" and their translations and criticisms number 291 titles and fill thirteen pages of the Great British Museum catalogue.

A Liverpool thief wished to get into a pawnbroker's office, and thought he could slip down the chimney if naked. So he took his clothes off and made the trial, only get stuck fast in the flue. He remained there all night, and was glad when finally taken into custody by the police, because they had to rescue him.

A crank went into the Sunday School at Unity Church, Des Moines, lowa, on Sunday morning, with his arm ornamented with a live garter snake twined about it, and seated himself in the Bible class. The people were much put out at the introduction of the primitive foe of mankind.

London World says: "The biography possessed of that obstinate stubbor ness realized what the warning shout of the of George Eliot, which has been intercharacteristic of one who is about to have gateman meant. He then saw that the rupted in its preparation by Mr. Cross' long railroad train was close upon him. In an indisposition, will, now that he has recovmore generally speaking, a hardened instant he had whirled his horse's head ered, make rapid progress. I hear that criminal. Being truly sensible of the around, turning the tender so sharply about Mr. Cross is working from the minute and singular and serious position in which I am that some of the firemen were nearly uninterrupted diary which his wife kept

The inexperienced person who conceives a steel ship or a steel yacht to be a shiny being a debt of nature which must be paid, violently against the rails. The seven of a knife blade or a pair of scissors, is clung for their lives. For one long block usually wrong. Shipbuilders' steel is, for But I shudder—I fear—the best of us do so, this unequal race between locomotive and the most part, a dull gray, lustreless subto die a disgraceful and ignominious death. horse lasted. Carleton avenue was reached, stance, easily confounded with common and Creighton jerked his rein again as iron. But the fast English cutter-yacht suddenly as before. The animal, snorting Vanduara has been sand-papered and

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> Baron Wertheim, the great Austrian manufacturer of iron safes, was of uncertain origin, and began as an apprentice; he learned in youth the secret of the American safe, and died with 6,000,000 floring and a title. He subjected his safe's publicly to the action of fire as an advertisement, and obtained forty decorations from the rulers to whom he sent magnificent specimens of them.

> A very polite and impressible gentleman, meeting a boy in the street, said, "My dear boy, may I inquire where Robiuson's shop is?" "Certainly, sir," said the boy, very respectfully. After waiting a few minutes, the gentleman said, "Well, my boy, where is it?" "I have not the least idea," said the urchin.

-A woman writes to the Boston Globe that, finding she could earn more in busihowever, and out of this dire necessity ness than her husband, they reversed the usual order of things. She now goes to business, and he does all the home work and does it excellently. The plan works very satisfactorily.



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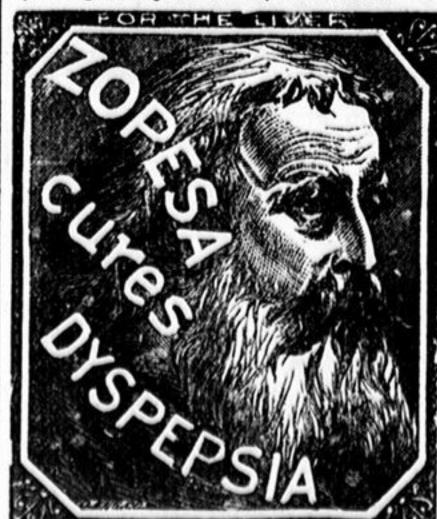
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