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A LITTLE

"One Who Knows" the inside workings of Harvard University writes to the New York Herald giving an idea of the kind of cure to which hazers there subject their victims, and which has made him a physical wreck. Part of the performance is thus described:
The victim is taken out of bed in his night clothes, regardless of time or weather, rolled down stairs into the street, then blindfolded, and made to run a great distance, led by one of the comrades. He is made to eat decayed meat. A hole is buried up to his neck, and then he is brought, more dead than alive, to more suffering. He is burned with lighted cigars, on the arms generally. Towels wrung out of boiling water are twisted about his throat, until the skin peels off. He is then placed in a wooden coffin, blindfolded, and dropped from a height of about ten feet, the victim not knowing how far.

Two angry women, armed with shot-guns, arrayed against each other, while three carpenters hurriedly built a fence, presented an unusual spectacle at Scranton, Pa., last week. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Michael Holland were the principals. Mrs. Hayes engaged three carpenters, and against the violent protestations of Mrs. Holland, proceeded to erect a fence between their adjoining properties. Mrs. Holland maintained that the other was encroaching upon her land two feet in so doing, and both parties resorted to shotguns to carry convictions.

Mrs. Hayes got the drop on her rival and built the fence. She was arrested and held under \$300 bail. The Holland woman was in turn arrested for interfering with workmen. Napoleon, who was a coiner on an extensive scale of base money, is credited with devising an exceedingly ingenious scheme for getting rid of a large issue of five-franc pieces, at which the public (probably with great wisdom) looked askance. He had, in sooth, a report circulated to the effect that he had caused to be concealed in one of the coins an assignment written on asbestos paper of 100,000 francs, and had afterwards had the coin reminted in order to make it indistinguishable from the remainder. Needless to say, treasure seekers who split open the coins in their search for the hidden fortune found their quest somewhat expensive, the value of the defaced money at the market rate of silver being but a fraction of the five francs it nominally represented.

General John A. Kasson of Iowa refuses to accept a salary of \$10,000 a year as a Reciprocity Commissioner on the ground that he has not earned it. The news will probably be broken gently to President McKinley or the surprise might jar him to death.

He was lost in thought. True enough. But being of ordinary intelligence, he wasn't so badly tangled as to need a compass and a professional guide to get him out.

Pretty schoolma'am.
Box of chalk,
White complexion
Awful shock.

King Edward will ride in an automobile that can make a fifty-mile-an-hour clip. A spurt or two on the London streets and King Edward's subjects will be subjects for an autopsy.

Toronto News: J. J. Kelso, superintendent of neglected children, says that not a day passes in which he does not receive at least a half dozen letters asking for children of both ages from twelve to fourteen years of age to engage in work in the country. They are wanted for light work around the farms and would be sent to school during their time of service. The demand for this youthful labor is so great that "It reveals a curious state of things" there is no possibility of filling it, said Mr. Kelso, "and it is going to be one of the most serious problems of the age. All the young people are leaving the country for the cities, and the old folks are left alone. Centralization is the great tendency of the age, and this movement towards the cities is only another evidence of it."

Packet: Orillia business men complain sometimes of the dead beat. But let them think of the city of Vancouver, and breathe a sigh of relief. Vancouver grocers have prepared a black list of seven hundred and forty-two names. On the usual basis of five to a family, one family in every ten in the Pacific coast town does not pay its debts. It is doubtful if there are many cities in the entire East which can equal this record.

The dead beat has gone west and grown up with the country.

The Doukbobors have issued an appeal to the nations' stating that they are being persecuted for conscience sake, and desire an asylum in some free country. After all that the Dominion government has done for them that seems ungrateful.

A New York farmer read in a Department of agriculture bulletin that there was money in Angora goats. He purchased a flock, and one of his signalled its advent by masticating a purse containing \$1,037. The goat was killed, and the department's assertion received a brilliant vindication.

The Gainsborough picture Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has bought in England will be a pleasing memento of the capital he this year heaped together by his railway and steel amalgamations.

Toronto Mail: In 1896 Mr. E. F. R. Zoeliner, of Mount Forest, Ont., a prominent furniture manufacturer, met with business reverses, and could realize a dividend of only 35 cents on the dollar, leaving from \$15,000 to \$20,000 of unpaid liabilities. Although relieved from all further responsibility in the eyes of the law, Mr. Zoeliner declared then and there that he would eventually pay his creditors in full. With this noble resolution he set forth to work to retrieve his fallen fortunes. Success smiled on him, and he has now, after five years, been able to implement his pledge to the letter. Wednesday night he crowned his victory over adverse circumstances by tendering his creditors a banquet at the Arlington hotel.

The incomplete mansion at Silverton, Ont., which was commenced fifty years ago by Earl Egremont, is for sale. It has 250 marble mantel pieces, door knobs of amber and a bath tub made of a solid block of marble. It cost £250,000 so far as completed.

It occurred to an alchemist one day that it would be a fine thing to take sulphur, saltpetre and dried toads, pound them into a powder and submerge them together in an alembic, which he carefully luted and set on the furnace to heat. says a writer in Ainslee's Magazine. He poked up the fire and waited around, thinking what he would do with all his money if this would turn out to be the powder of reduction that would burn base metals into gold, when bang! went the alembic and the windows blew out, and the door ripped off its hinges and fell down, blam! The alchemist rushed out over the ruins of the furnace, shook a red-hot coal or two out of his shoe and the ashes of himself, and wondered what had struck him. He tried it again and again, and each time with the same result, and then it dawned on him that he had discovered a fair article of blasting powder. Since then about all that has been done to his recipe has been to put in a little better grade of charcoal, say that of willow twigs, instead of toasted toads.

Little did the old alchemist dream what potency was in that "powder of reduction." For such it was. Although it never has turned lead into gold by its mere touch, yet when a small, round piece of lead is put with the powder into a round tube of curious workmanship and fire laid thereto it is possible to convert another man's gold into the possession of him that has the iron tube of curious workmanship, and not gold only but all manner of goods and chattels, houses and lands, messuages, easements and hereditaments, even men's souls and bodies.

Milwaukee has taken a step in advance in the way of conducting funerals. In order to provide pallbearers at funerals where families cannot or will not make arrangements for them, a pallbearers' association has been formed which will furnish at short notice and a reasonable cost a uniformed escort for the dead. The uniform will consist of a black coat with lace ruffles at the wrists and wide white lace collar. Knee breeches, black stockings, buckled shoes, a black hat like those worn by the Knights Templar, and a sword complete the outfit in pleasant weather, but when it rains or in cold weather, a heavy black military cloak will be worn over all.

The coronation of King Edward will take place at the end of June, 1902. Westminster Abbey will be closed for four months previous to allow preparations to be made for the ceremony.

At a meeting of the National Directory of the United Irish League, Dublin, at which Mr. J. E. Redman presided, it was resolved to accept or acknowledge subscriptions to the league fund from any person identified with the addresses presented to Queen Victoria during her visit to Ireland last year, as their action was in direct opposition to the principles of the league.

He won a prize for boxing, And one for wrestling, too. And in his country's battles A many men he slew; He also won a medal For saving some one's life, But coming in, past midnight, He couldn't face his wife.

Lena Schuler, the thirteen-year-old daughter of George Schuler, a baker, of No. 406 East Sixth-fourth-st., New York, weighs 299 pounds, is five feet eight inches tall, and is increasing so rapidly in stature and weight that she gives promise of becoming a giantess. The girl was born on October 21st, 1887. She attended public school until recently, when she left because the other children made fun of her. Her father and mother and three brothers are of ordinary size. The parents know of no relative from whom the girl could inherit her large stature.

A little girl about fifteen years of age successfully victimized a number of the residents of Maple and Beech streets for small sums a few days ago. Her method of procedure was to call and tell who received her that Mrs. So and So, using the name of a neighbor, had sent her to borrow a quarter until the morning as she wished to make change or to send to a store for some groceries. On receiving the money she would call on the neighbor whose name she had used, thus conveying the impression that her story was true. At the neighbors she would repeat her story using the name of some other person in the neighborhood. In this way the girl succeeded in gathering two or three dollars. She however continued her scheme too far and at last aroused the suspicions of one of the ladies on whom she had called and an investigation followed. On being accused the little girl most strenuously denied the charge but on being threatened with arrest she wilted and confessed and her parents refunded the money.—Collingwood Bulletin.

In Crown Attorney Curry's office, Toronto, one day last week just before the Police Court sat, a peculiar religious ceremony took place. Isadore Oldstein and his young wife, both Hebrews, have not made a success of married life, and the crisis came when she had him arrested a few days ago for neglect. They agreed to live apart again, and the church which had joined them in matrimony, was called in to dissolve the union. Rabbi Joseph Weinreb, the Austrian Rabbi of Chestnut-st Synagogue, performed this ceremony. The typewriter was lifted off the table, and a large Arabic book put in its place. A few Jewish gentlemen who apparently acted as witnesses, were present, all with their hats on. The rabbi with his finger on the page, spoke at considerable length in the Hebrew tongue and, finally, Oldstein was given a large paper or parchment roll to hold in one hand, and a parcel, contents not ascertainable in the other. He prepared a long speech, and the witnesses did likewise. Thus ended the first half of the ceremony, and the other half is to come later. The separation is merely a church divorce and is not valid in the courts.

The Quarterly Review, of London, Eng., contains a remarkable article on Queen Victoria, unsigned but apparently written from a precise and intimate knowledge during a period of fifty years. It throws a new light upon many secret passages in the history of the reign, and contains a series of fresh anecdotes illustrating the Queen's characteristic traits of trenchant humor and racy talk.

The explanation of the Queen's predilection against Mr. Gladstone is that it started in the suspicion that he gave her too much work to do, until she was, as she put it, "dead beat." He tried, in his eagerness, to press her to do what she considered to be his work, and when she resented it and he renewed the attempt, she formed a pertinacious prejudice against him, which never was removed. The author states that it was always an element in her reticence with regard to Mr. Gladstone that he was too High Church and had the mind of a Jesuit.

The Queen's attitude towards religion is discussed judiciously. The headship of the Anglican church or the Scotch Presbyterianism she considered to be a part of the business of Statecraft, and did not trouble about it. Probably the form of service which she preferred was that of the Presbyterian church, but she was a broad church woman, with no curiosity about creeds. She liked Roman Catholics much better than Anglican Ritualists.

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