

PIETY AND CRIME.

The Village of Montclair, N. J., Shocked by an Exposure—A Popular Church Member Turns Out to be a Daring Burglar.

A Montclair, N. J., despatch says: One of the most astounding stories of piety and crime has been brought to light here, and has excited wonder and surprise amongst the citizens of Montclair.

Mr. Robertson watched him and saw him coolly strike a match on the wall and look about. Then he deftly abstracted Mr. Robertson's gold watch from his vest, and the match went out.

Mr. Robertson awoke the household. While he was telling his experience the burglar was less than a block away getting into the residence of John Manuel, another Mason, and a warm friend of the good Mr. Tutbill.

Mr. Robertson and Manuel had a warrant issued to search Tutbill's house. In the cellar of the house they found a gold and diamond mine. Buried in the party-wall and thrown in concealed crevices were rings, watches, diamonds, pocket-books, money, bracelets, breast-pins, earrings, watch chains and every kind of jewelry, representing many thousands of dollars, and some which were stolen years ago.

Tutbill escaped during the excitement, but a constable traced him to New York, to Brooklyn and finally to Greenpoint, where he arrested him. He was taken to Raymond Street Jail. Tutbill strenuously denied his guilt, and claimed that if he were really guilty he was not responsible, as he had no recollection of ever robbing any one.

While looking for Tutbill, Allworth discovered that he had also robbed at least two houses in Greenpoint, one the residence of Robert Herring, at No. 108 Greenpoint avenue. He entered the house by the second story window about 2 o'clock in the morning while the family were asleep.

A London cable says: Among the impediments with which the Queen started on her Continental tour on Monday may be mentioned three coachmen, nine grooms, eight horses, one donkey, three carriages, seventy-two trunks, three special beds, a special cooking stove, wine, two doctors, one surgeon, one surgeon accoucher for the Princess Beatrice, three ladies-in-waiting, nine women servants, one lord, two squires and seven dogs.

George Du Maurier, the famous cartoonist of London Punch, is writing a novel which he will illustrate himself.

MEN WHO MADE MONEY.

Capture of a Gang of Coin Counterfeiters at Buffalo. A Buffalo despatch of last night says: For several weeks past the police have been searching for a gang of counterfeiters who were known to be operating in this city.

SHE WAS A SLATTERN.

And He Sharpened His Razor and Coolly Cut Her Throat. A Boston despatch of last night says: Charles Kershaw, an Englishman, aged 55 years, made desperate by jealousy, to-night murdered his young wife in cold blood at his home, 27 Melrose street, in the south end.

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MORE BRITISH GOLD.

To be Invested in Buying up Yankee Paper and Pulp Mills. A Watertown, N. Y., despatch says: Messrs. Bertram, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Wegelin, March, and Young, of London, England, representatives of the great English paper mill syndicate, are in Watertown making an investigation of plant and business of the Remington Paper Co., which has extensive paper and pulp mills in this city.

A Chicago despatch of last night says: An explosion occurred here this evening in the Chicago Sugar Refinery Company's plant. One man was fatally hurt, and twenty others severely burned. The 260 men in the building, when they heard the report of the explosion and saw the glare of the flames, were panic-stricken, and rushed down the long, narrow stairway headlong, and out into the air.

A Baltimore despatch says: The town of Texas, thirteen miles from here, was thrown into great excitement to-day by an attempt to assassinate Rev. Patrick B. Lennaghan, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church. The priest was to officiate at a funeral, and was in the church reading his office, while waiting the arrival of the body.

Dr. Brault, an eminent Paris physician expresses the belief that cancer is a microbial disease.

WHY POVERTY EXISTS.

A Symposium of Opinions of Various Eminent Men.

THE BLIGHT OF WANT.

Rum, Bad Education and Laziness Heavily Debited—Rockefeller's Great Check—O'Reilly and McGlynn—Legislation at Fault.

The New York World, interested in discovering why it is that there is, every winter, an army of 100,000 idle men in that city alone, many of whose families are charges on the city charities, has submitted to a number of divines and other prominent men the question: "What, in your opinion, is the chief cause of poverty at the present time?"

Lack of self-confidence is often the cause of failure. Many men seem to have no faith in themselves, consequently no assertiveness, no independence, no pluck and no push. They seem to be afraid to stand up and speak out for themselves and prefer to lean on others.

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That all should ever become rich can only be put forward as an interesting speculation, never as a practical proposition for the essential conditions would be that persons who fell below a standard of physical health should never marry at all; that no one should marry unless he already possessed income enough to maintain a family on the established standard of comfort; that not only crime but also vice should be pitilessly punished and rooted out by the segregation or excommunication of the guilty, and that all children should be educated with more than Spartan severity upon standards distinctly modern.

The masses are poor, ignorant and disorganized, not knowing the rights of mankind on the earth, and never knowing that the world belongs to its living population, because a small class in every country has taken possession of property and government, and makes laws for its own safety and the security of its plunder, educating the masses, generation after generation, into the belief that this condition is the natural order and the law of God.

The qualities we naturally dislike (and fear in a man are those which insure success under our present social order, namely shrewdness, hardness, adroitness, selfishness, the mind to take advantage of necessity, the will to trample on the weak in the canting name of "progress" and "civilization.")

Our present civilization is organized injustice and intellectual barbarism. Our progress is a march to a precipice.

I think we shall all be obliged to admit that poverty is one of the necessary contingencies of civilization. In a country where liberty prevails the diligent and capable have the opportunity of rising above the indolent and incapable. Where there is perfect liberty on the part of individual men, some will rise and others will fall.

I have no doubt the tendency during the last thirty years in this country has been in this direction.

It is far from clear that the deepest causes thereof do not, in spite of all our philanthropic wish to the contrary, lie in human nature itself. I, however, frankly avow my belief that a considerable part of the at present existing poverty is curable.

Unequal distribution of the products of labor is the chief cause of poverty at present or any other time, and the 'reason why' is that when one man gets what he has not earned another man is robbed.

In a sentence I would answer that poverty is caused by the unchristian and unscientific methods of the production and distribution of wealth. Wealth is the health of society; it is that which is for the good of man.

There is more productive power, and therefore more property to-day than ever before. Therefore poverty is not due to a decrease in the quantity of property. The cause of poverty is the unequal and unfair distribution of property, whereby those who create it obtain little of it and those who handle it become possessed of most of it.

Whatever may be the cause of poverty, we ought to give, and give wisely and liberally, to the poor. There is no duty urged with greater frequency and greater emphasis in the Old Testament or the New.

Forty years ago there was no need for real poverty in the United States, except in very few cases. But with the advance of civilization we have developed new wants. Most of the things useful for the poor have to be obtained by money.

The Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn says: "Poverty is chiefly caused by injustice, and the greatest injustice of our time is the denial to men of their God-given birthright of access to the land and its natural opportunities. There would be little or no poverty anywhere if the monopolization of the land by a favored few was prevented, by the legal recognition of the truth enunciated by Jefferson, that 'the land belongs in usufruct to the living.'"

DR. HAMMOND. In my opinion the chief cause of poverty at the present time is civilization. Poverty never exists among utter barbarians. But with refinement and education differentia-

tion begins and then poverty makes its appearance. At first it is physical force that makes one man richer than his neighbor. He takes what he wants vi et armis, but as he becomes more refined he uses his intellect to accomplish his object, and skill, tact, cunning, knowledge bring him to the front.

Drink! In one word that tells the chief cause of poverty at the present time in this country. Of course I mean excessive drinking, the kind that leads to habitual drunkenness, and by slow degrees paralyzes a man mentally and physically.

STANDARD OIL TRUST ROCKEFELLER. When asked, "What is the chief cause of poverty in this country?" the possessor of a \$19,000,000 income squeezed out of the public by the methods of the gigantic Trust of which he is Chief Pirate, instantly called his stenographer and began to dictate his answer:

By far the largest class of poor and idle people which we always have in our large cities are those who have come to want through intemperance. Next to drink, the greatest cause of poverty is the restless and aimless character of most of the young men whom our schools are now turning out.

It has been computed that the common house fly in ordinary flight makes 600 strokes per second, and advances 25 feet, but that rate of speed, if the insect be alarmed, may be increased six or sevenfold, so that under certain circumstances it can outstrip the fleetest race horse. It is no uncommon thing to see a flea or wasp endeavoring to get in at the window of a railway train in full speed, and it is calculated that, if a small insect can fly faster than a race horse can run, an insect as large as a horse would be able to travel as fast as a cannon ball.

Rev. J. H. Rylance, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New York, has just been awarded \$10,000 damages from Lawyer Nicholas Quackenbos, one of his vestrymen, who, with others, accused him of undue attentions to ladies of his flock. When first accused, the rector, to prevent scandal, offered his resignation, but when he saw that did not stop talk he withdrew it and brought suit for scandal with the result noted.

It is considered atrocious taste to wear a ring on the first finger. Chicago has 600 women's societies, including 30,000 women. Bismarck is said to have a wonderful capacity for tobacco. He has been called a ketter-raucher, or "ohain smoker," that is, a smoker who unites dinner to breakfast with an endless chain of cigars, lighting a fresh one as soon as the one before it has burned to a stump.

"Humph," said Mrs. De Porque as she laid down her book, "this writer says the dodo is extinct." "Well, mamma, suppose it does?" "Why, anybody of ordinary intelligence knows that. They use ditto marks nowadays."