AN OVERSIGHT.

An Instance of Life in England Before Steam and Telegraphy.

In his "Forty Years in the English Post-Office" Mr. F. E. Baines tells a stirring story which illustrates the difference between the slow-pacing old times and the swift-going new.

Sixty years ago the mails were carried through England by stagecoaches. At the principal towns, four horses, harnessed, and two-post boys ready for the road, were always in waiting in case of accidents.

On one occasion, when an important bill respecting the West Indies was before Parliament, the packet for those colonies was detained at Falmouth until the decision should be reached. At last the vote was taken, and the bags containing despatches and instructions from the Colonial office to the West Indian governors and consuls came down to Exeter, and as was supposed were all sent on by coach to Falmouth.

In the middle of the night a porter was dismayed to find a huge leather portmanteau in a dark corner of the office. It was the bag of despatches.

In a twinkling a post-boy sprang on one of the waiting horses, and shot forward to warn all the posting stations on the hundred miles of road to Falmouth. Behind him followed at breakneck pace a chaise and four with the bag. The mail coach had four and a half hours the start. The post-boy dashed on, sounding his horn.

Toll-gates flew open, fresh horses stood waiting for the chaise down through Devon and Cornwall. When the chaise reached Falmouth it had made up the four hours, but in the odd half-hour the mails had been carried on board the ship, and she was now under full sail, leaving the harbor.

The post-boys flung the bag into a boat and gave chase. Pendennis Castle fired a gun. The packet understood the signal, hove to, and the bag was flung on board.

This seems slow work to us now, when instructions can be cabled from London to the other side of the world in an hour. Yet away back in still slower days we read of a monarch who, when he would make known in haste an edict to his kingdom, caused letters to be prepared and sent them by "riders on mules, camels and young dromedaries."

But after all, it is precisely the same human energy that uses the camel, or the mail-coach, or the lightning. We have better tools than our brother one century or twenty centuries ago, but are we any better than he? Are we serving God or our fellow-men with greater devotion and keener perceptions of truth and light than he served them? That is really the important question to ask.

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THE MYSTERY OF PAIN.

What Are Its Causes And Why It Is Permitted?

The Great Work That is Being Done by Bright Minds in Alleviating Human Suffering—A Case Affording a Striking Illustration.

From the Erin Advocate.

From the time when man first peopled the earth down to the present day, the mystery of pain has filled all hearts with wonder and terror. What are its causes, why is it permitted, and what its uses are in the great economy of nature? All these questions men have asked of themselves and of one another, but the question has found no solution. All that can be done is to devise ways of relieving physical suffering, and minds have assisted tender hearts in bringing aid to the afflicted

All the vast resources of nature's laboratory have been pressed into service to the end that tortured bodies might surcease from anguish, and know the peace that only health can bring. And what more natural than that these poor victims of disease thus released from suffering should desire to aid in the extension of the knowledge of the means whereby they have been benefitted?

Such a one is Miss Druscilla Shingler, of Erin, Ont., who tells a tale of pain endured through weary years, and of final relief and cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the greatest medicine of the age. Miss Shingler says: Twelve years ago I became afflicted with rheumatism, from which I have suffered greatly. Two years later this trouble was aggravated by a growth which started in the throat, and which each year became larger and larger, until it finally became so bad that I could hardly obtain any sleep, as when I would lie down it would fill my throat, causing a feeling of suffocation. What I suffered is almost beyond description, and all the medical aid I had did me no good, and I was told that I could only hope for relief through the medium of an operation. I dreaded such a course and declined undergoing the operation. All this time the rheumatism was taking a firmer hold upon my system, and I felt like giving up in despair. I lost the power of my limbs and my hands got so bad that I could scarcely hold anything. At this stage a friend, who from personal experience had strong faith in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, bought me a supply and urged me to try them. I thought I felt an improvement after I had used a little more than a box, and after using them for a few weeks there was no longer room to doubt that they were helping me. I was taking the Pink Pills in the hope of finding relief from the rheumatism, but to my great joy I found that the medicine was not only driving this painful malady from my system, but was also driving away the growth in my throat. The result was that after I had used about a dozen boxes of Pink Pills I was completely cured, and, although a considerable time has now elapsed, I have not had a recurrence of either trouble, and am enjoying the best of health. For the help my statement may be to others, I am only too glad to add my testimony to the long list of wonderful cures, such as mine, that have been wrought by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.

Johnny Smart—What does b-i-e-r spell?

Old Smart—That depends, my son, on who is spelling it. If it is a German it is about the first thing he wants; if it's an Englishman it's the last thing he wants.

Sixty-four performances of Paderewski in 1893, netted him a profit of $175,000. Supposing that at each concert he played for two hours, his pay was at the rate of $22.61 for each minute he was at the piano.

An unusual sight was witnessed not long ago, in Churchill, Nevada. A flock of 2,300 sheep were stampeded, and soon afterward two columns of them madly rushed together, causing the death of 360 of them. Their bodies lay in a pile six feet high.

The biggest and strongest man in Maine, John Moriarty, a lumberman, died recently, of typhoid fever, at Oldtown. His height was 6 feet 9 3-4 in., and he weighed 245 pounds. Notwithstanding his great weight, he had very little flesh on his bones.

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HIS WORDS STRUCK HOME.

The temperance apostle was walking along the sidewalk, serene in the consciousness of his own goodness, when a well-dressed man stopped him and shook his hand.

Guess you don't remember me, said the well-dressed man.

Why—ah——"

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