

Judge Cleland tells of an incident which illustrates his position and which goes to show that it is within the reach of the Courts to so administer justice that no such story as that of "Jean Valgean" can ever be true in this country, although in the past, doubtless there have been many such monstrous results of police law.

The incident referred to is given as follows by the Judge himself:--

"Physical defects of one kind or another are making criminals by the thousand. Here was a boy came to my court charged with attempting suicide. He had tried to kill his father and himself. I questioned him and found that he was afflicted with a painful disease. I put him on parole and sent him to the county hospital, where an operation was performed. He was cured. He went back home well and happy and obtained employment. Did I make a mistake there?"

"The principal reason for crime is

the same: the cats sob, and let the tears run down, which shows that all German is pathetic. French is not a familiar tongue to me and the pronunciation is difficult, and comes out of me encumbered with a Missouri accent; but the cats like it, and when I make impassioned speeches in that language they sit in a row and put up their paws, palm to palm, and frantically give thanks. Hardly any cats are affected by music; but these are,—when I sing they go reverently away, showing how deeply they feel it.

It is a pity to say it, but these cats are not above the grade of human beings; for I know by certain signs that they are not sincere in their exhibitions of emotion, but exhibit them merely to show off and attract attention,—conduct which is distinctly human, yet with a difference: they do not know enough to conceal their desire to show off, but the grown human being does. What

not to be treated cruelly. The facts might be looked into first. There may be an inherited criminal instinct. Conviction means ruin. The greatest wrong is done the wife and children. Would any of you people like that kind of treatment?"

"There is not a law in this state which prohibits a Judge from stretching out a helping hand to these unfortunate men and women. The law was made for man. If I thought judges could not help these poor people I would think less than I do of this great state.

MARK TWAIN ON CATS AND DRESS.

Early last May I rented a kitten of a farmer's wife, by the month; then I got a discount by taking three. They have been good company for about five months now, and are still kittens,—at least they have not grown much, and to all intents and purposes are still kittens, and as full of romping energy and enthusiasm as they were in the beginning. This is remarkable. I am an expert in cats; but I have not seen a kitten keep its kittenhood nearly so long before.

These are beautiful creatures, these triplets. Two of them wear the blackest and shiniest and thickest of sealskin vestments all over their bodies except the lower half of their faces and the terminations of their paws. The black masks reach down below the eyes; therefore when the eyes are closed they are not visible. The rest of the face, and the gloves and stockings, are snow white. These markings are just the same on both cats,—so exactly the same that when you call one the other is likely to answer, because they cannot tell each other apart. Since the cats are pie-

by any of us, they do not need two names; so they have but one between them. We call both of them Sack-cloth, and we call the gray one Ashes. I believe I have never seen such intelligent cats as these before. They are full of the nicest discriminations.

When I read German aloud, they weep; you can see the tears run down. It shows what pathos there is in the German tongue. I had not noticed before that all German is pathetic, no matter what the subject is nor how it is treated. It was these humble observers that brought the knowledge to me. I have tried all kinds of German on these cats,—romance poetry, philosophy, theology, marked reports,—and the result has always been

be continuously conspicuous and attract attention and be talked about.

These cats are like human beings in another way: when Ashes began to work his fictitious emotions, and show off, the other members of the firm followed suit, in order to be in the fashion. That is the way with human beings: they are afraid to be outside,—whatever the fashion happens to be, they conform to it, whether it be a pleasant fashion or the reverse, they lacking the courage to ignore it and go their own way. All human beings would like to dress in loose and comfortable and highly colored and showy garments, and they had their desire until a century ago, when a King, or some other influential ass, introduced somber hues and discomfort and ugly designs into masculine clothing. The meek public surrendered to the outrage, and by consequence we are in that odious captivity to-day, and are likely to remain in it for a long time to come.

Fortunately the women were not included in the disaster, and so their graces and their beauty still have the enhancing help of delicate fabrics and varied and beautiful colors. Their clothing makes a great opera audience an enchanting spectacle, a delight to the eye and the spirit, a Garden of Eden for charm and color. The men clothed in dismal black, are scattered here and there and everywhere over the garden, like so many charred stumps; and they damage the effect; but cannot annihilate it.

The Youngs had unexpectedly dropped in on the Baileys just as dinner was about to be served. The hostess, considerably disturbed, called her little daughter Helen aside, and explained that there would not be

added: "Now, you and I will just have some of the broth, and please do not make any fuss about it at the table." Little Helen promised to remember and say nothing. But, when the oysters were served, Helen discovered a small oyster in her plate, which had accidentally been ladled up with her broth. This puzzled the little girl, as she could not recall any instructions covering this contingency. After studying a few moments, she dipped the oyster up with her spoon, and, holding it up as high as she could, piped out, "Mamma, mamma, shouldn't Mrs. Young have this oyster, too?"

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