

AN IRISH DOCTOR'S CRIME.

He Doses His Wife With Arsenic and Marries the Governess Two Weeks After Her Death.

FINALLY HE IS HANGED.

Particulars of the Most Sensational Murder Trial of Modern Times.

A Cork cablegram says: Dr. Cross, formerly a surgeon in the British army, was hanged here to-day for the murder of his wife by poisoning. He walked to the scaffold without faltering, and made no remarks.

THE OTHER WOMAN IN THE CASE.

There was a Miss Skinner, a governess, living with Mrs. Caulfield, who resided two miles from Shandy Hall, in 1886. Miss Skinner left the employ of Mrs. Caulfield in October, 1886, and went to Surgeon-Major Cross's house, where she remained for some time.

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THE WOMAN'S SAD DEATH.

Dr. Cross occupied a bed in the same room where his wife was dying. Three servants slept together in another room, and during the night of June 1st one of them was awakened by the screams of her mistress, and saw the name of Dr. Cross written on the wall.

THE PRISONER IN HIS OWN DEFENCE.

The prisoner, in answer to the question whether he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced, made a long statement. He had not seen arsenic, he declared, until 12 months before he had been on good terms with his late wife during her lifetime.

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A NEW YORK MYSTERY.

A Story of the Street—A Handsome and Refined Wife—One who Knows Something About a Recent Suicide. A New York despatch says: At 11 o'clock Tuesday night Officer Doyle, of the bridge police, found a neatly-dressed young woman huddled in a corner near the New York tower, almost frozen with the cold.

A BIG SWINDLER.

Extraordinary Record of a Rogue Arrested in New York. A New York despatch says: Henry Benson was arrested yesterday charged with swindling citizens of the City of Mexico, in 1886, by selling to them \$26,000 worth of tickets to a bogus series of operatic performances.

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CHILDREN LOST IN A HURRY.

A St. Paul, Minn., despatch says: The worst snow and wind storm of the season prevails in the Northwest to-day. Railway travel is badly crippled. At Huron, Dak., the wind is blowing 50 miles an hour.

A MANITOBA PRISONER.

A Winnipeg telegram says: On Monday afternoon Mr. McKay, of Brandon, started out to go about fifteen miles north, accompanied by his wife and two children.

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WEDDING BELLS AND A BROKEN HEART.

A Marriage and a Death in Mr. Shaver's Family on the Same Evening. Perhaps one of the saddest marriages ever solemnized occurred at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Jacob Shaver, in South Division street, last Wednesday evening when the eldest daughter, Miss Lizzie E. Shaver, was united in marriage to J. H. Barnes, a Seneca street grocer.

LEAP YEAR PERILS.

He was a nice young man, with cane, high hat and patent leather boots. He strolled leisurely down Madison avenue, puffing daintily upon a cigarette, and occasionally twirling the wand end of a monocle.

SHOOTING WITH ARROWS.

The Sultan of Turkey about a century ago shot an arrow 500 yards. In Scotland two men are known to have killed several McLeods with arrows shot 400 yards.

THE TRULY GENTLEMANLY LAUGH.

This is always one sure sign by which you may know a well-bred man, says a cosmopolitan who is just now in Philadelphia. "And pray, what is that sign?" he was asked.

A HUMAN EXPRESS PARCEL.

A young man named Frank Surprise worked a couple of weeks at the Heaps' factory, Oshawa, when he took sick with a spinal disease which completely deprived him of the use of his legs.

Beware of the Ivy.

There is one feature about ivy which is disastrous rather than romantic, and which must be guarded against. Give it time enough and it will unroof your house. In any very old house you will find it clinging to the tiles, and through any small aperture sending a bright green shoot through the ceiling into the room.

No Need to Worry.

Judge B. (with emphasis)—"Clara, is that George fellow coming round here again to-night?" Clara (happily)—"I believe so, papa." Judge B.—"Well, daughter, remember this—this house closes at 10 sharp, and—" Clara (hastily)—"Oh, George will have before that, please don't worry."—Harper's Bazar.

An Effective Remedy.

It is said that a teaspoonful of gunpowder in a cup of tea will cure rheumatism. It has long been known that even less than a teaspoonful of gunpowder in a pistol barrel will cure all the ills that flesh is heir to.—Topeka Capital.

FOR SPINSTERS.

A Company to Provide for Their Wants in Old Age. Schleswig boasts of an institution unique of its kind and well worthy of imitation. It is a spinster's insurance company. Its purpose is to provide for the single lady members of well-to-do families.

DOCTORS ADVERTISING.

The State Board of Health, in Chicago recently revoked the license of a local M. D. specialist because he advertised. But the Court to which the case was carried rendered a decision against the State Board of Health. The Judge said that such an institution as the S. B. of H. must not be tolerated to exercise such a power in a free country.

EUROPE'S ARMAMENT.

The bloated armaments of the great military powers of Europe display their proportions in a very striking manner in Col. Vogt's work on "The European Armies of the Present." The mobilized strength of France is set down at 2,051,458 troops, exclusive of the territorial army.

THE QUEEN'S GREAT KITCHEN.

The holidays bring a wealth of work for the cooks at Windsor. The kitchen, on the north side of the Castle, is fitted elaborately enough to delight the heart even of a Cairene. The apartment is nearly 60 feet high, and has an enormous fire at either end.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

LEAP YEAR has already shown its influence upon many entertainments, and it is public balls soon to come may all be expected to show traces of the peculiar character of the year. Leap year parties, as such, are always rather ticklish affairs, but there is a good reason why they should be a moderate application of the rule reversing the position of the sexes.

WHEN the recent blizzard struck the State of Nebraska the temperature fell so rapidly that the creek at Papillion was frozen solid in a very few minutes. A calf that was in the stream at the time stuck fast before it could extricate itself. The animal was cut at the ice with axes and thawed out before a bonfire. At last accounts it was doing well.

PROF. LANGRISH, in inaugurating the new session of the British and American Archaeological Society at Rome last week, delivered an interesting lecture, in which he demonstrated the theory that Rome was originally an Etruscan city, and it is announced, conclusively showed that its origin had been due to migrations of shepherds from the Alban hills.

IT is said to be a common thing for a Chinese merchant, when importing diamonds from Cuba to San Francisco, to place the precious stones in his mouth when the Custom House officials search him. If the examination chances to be too rigid, he quietly swallows the stones and when released follows them up with an emetic, which speedily brings them to light again.

THERE are in Paris thirty-six licensed vendors of horse meat. The St. Louis d'ain who has cultivated a taste for this kind of meat says he likes it better than choice veal, which it resembles. He also thinks that one of the most appetizing dainties that he can place on his table is a bit of well-roasted donkey meat. Soon the cry in fashionable restaurants may be, "Roast ass for Chicago!"

A CHICAGO paper recalls an extraordinary piece of account work performed by Cashier Henrotin, of the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, just after the big fire. The books of the bank were entirely destroyed by the flames, but he was able to reconstruct the accounts of the depositors and his memory, Mr. Henrotin restored all of the 1,600 accounts so successfully that every depositor was satisfied. The feat has never been paralleled.

GLADSTONE, a great linguist. When James G. Blaine, the United States politician, was recently presented to President Carnot of France the services of an interpreter were required to make conversation possible. Mr. Gladstone, however, talked French glibly with the President, and responded in Italian to a demonstration in his honor at Florence. If he should go to Athens he could chat with the natives in modern Greek. He could address the students of a German university in their mother tongue, or read to them from the Latin and Greek classics. Gladstone's tongue is not alone eloquent—it is highly cultured.

NEW HAVENS presents a very sad case. Mr. and Mrs. Woodham, charged with the crime of incest, were, ten years ago, were adjudged to be both guilty and insane. They were locked up in an asylum, where they have since remained. It is now discovered that they were not guilty of the crime charged against them and that they were not crazy. They were turned out upon the world at the respective ages of 60 and 55, but the State generously proposes to give them a joint pension of \$200 per year. This is a poor sort of redress, but it is better than if the State should present them with a bill for thirteen years' board obtained under false pretenses.

INTERNATIONAL politics at Constantinople are somewhat complicated by the fact that all the Ambassadors of the great powers are married to very remarkable and strong-minded women. In each case the wives are of different nationality to that of their husbands. Thus the wife of Baron Calice, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, is an English lady; Mme. de Radowitz, the wife of the German Envoy, is a Russian Princess; Lady Wodehouse, the wife of the British Plenipotentiary, is a German, while Baroness Blanc, the wife of the Italian Ambassador, is an American. It is asserted that every one of these ladies pursues a line of policy on behalf of the land of her birth, and as such opposed to that of her husband.

FIGURES just published throw light on the course of the old London Established Churches. In the immediate neighborhood of Billingsgate there are four city churches—St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. George's (Botolph Claydon), St. Andrew's and St. Mary-at-Hill. They contain about seventeen hundred and fifty sittings and the population is only a little over a thousand. On Sunday, the 15th of December last, the total number of persons present in these four churches was 794, of whom 95 were officials. The aggregate annual value of the four livings is about \$10,800, and the combined annual income of their parochial charities is about \$60,000. In one of these churches, on the day mentioned, the audience consisted of one man and six women.

Among the Churches.

Marriage of a deceased wife's sister has been approved by the Presbytery of St. John, N.B.

It has been decided that Rev. J. Goforth, Englishman missionary to China, is to start on Thursday next. He will sail from Vancouver on the 31st.

Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, now at Rome, is trying to have one of his predecessors, the saintly Bishop Newman, of Philadelphia, canonized by the Holy See and declared a saint.

A decided improvement has within the past couple of days been made in the condition of Bishop O'Mahony, of Toronto, Administrator of the Diocese of Hamilton. The intelligence will be received with pleasure, not alone by the congregation of the venerable prelate, but by his many friends throughout this district.

Rev. Wm. W. Bell, who has accepted the pastorate of the Wyoming and Calvary Baptist churches.

Rev. F. H. Wallace, late of Peterboro', has entered upon his professional duties in Victoria University.

Two religious orders will shortly be established in Montreal, the Franciscans and the Dominicans.

Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, B.A., of Georgetown, has been appointed to the Galt Methodist Church, to take the place vacated by Rev. C. Henderson.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, has received word that a serious outbreak of scarlet fever has taken place among the Northern Indian tribes in British Columbia. At the Greenville Methodist mission, Fort Simpson, about fifty children and young people died, including the 2-year-old son of Rev. A. E. Green, the missionary stationed there.

Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., of Niagara, who has received a call from the Presbyterian Church, Newmarket, has for over thirteen years pastored of Knox Church, Listowel. Mr. Bell is a distinguished graduate of Toronto University and of Knox College, and is known to his brethren as a scholar of very high attainments. The call will come up at the first meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery.

The congregation of Zion Church, Toronto, is trying to secure as its pastor the Rev. Jackson Wray, the talented divine stationed at Whitfield Tabernacle, London, Eng., who recently delivered several addresses in Hamilton and Toronto by his charming lectures no less than by his eloquent and thoughtful sermons. They have offered a salary of \$4,000, but have not received a decisive answer.