

FRENCH DESERTERS BE-HEADED.

Face of Two Soldiers of the Foreign Legion in Tonquin.

The Salgonnais of May 24th contains the following story of the terrible experience of two deserters from the Foreign Legion in Tonquin: Three months ago two soldiers of the Legion Frangere, carried away by their adventurous spirit, left their post at Hunghoa. They followed the banks of the Red river for some time, living by hunting and by fishing, and were undisturbed in their wanderings. One day, however, they stumbled across a post of the Black Flags and were made prisoners. They were not summarily executed, the Black Flags no doubt hoping to get some information from them. They were conducted to Lao-kai, one of Lin Jung-fu's lieutenants, after having examined them, required them to show him how to make cartridges, indicating that their lives depended upon compliance with this demand. The legionaries were placed in a fix. They had never engaged in the manufacture of cartridges, neither had they the necessary tools. The mandarins would take no excuse, and one of the deserters was forthwith killed before the eyes of his companion. The demand was again preferred to the latter, and on his again protesting his inability to comply with it the mandarin ordered his execution, but with much rehemment of cruelty.

The fugitive asked to be allowed to write a letter to Hunghoa, and the Black Flag officer allowed him to do so, at the same time promising that the letter should reach its destination. Immediately one of the attendants struck off an ear with his sword. The legionary still had strength enough to take the pen and paper which were given to him, and notwithstanding his horrible wound he wrote the account of what had befallen him. The letter was addressed to the captain of his company. It was not finished when his other ear was chopped off. He went on, however, writing a few more words more to give further details of his sufferings. A sentence in Chinese, written by his captors, completed the interrupted narrative. The prisoner had his nose cut off, then his right hand, and he died a few hours afterward. The mandarin kept his word, as the letter was lately delivered to its address at Hunghoa.

Why They Failed.

We receive so many letters from women and young girls who have tried to support themselves in the cities in different ways, but failed, asking for advice, that we give a few hints thus publicly for the benefit not only of our correspondents, but of others who may be in the same position.

They state that they have tried to earn a living by painting china, bee raising, silk-culture, embroidery, or by making brackets by jig-saw. Why did they fail?

The reason, probably, lies in the fact that they began a trade with no apprenticeship, came at once into collision with experts in it, and so were defeated. A young girl hears of china-painting. She sends for a box of colors and a book, and soon is dashing off plaques, cups and plates, which her friends are delighted to receive as gifts, but which nobody will buy. The reason is that they have merit enough to please partial friends, but not the critical public, for whose praise and money so many skilled, patient artists are contending, in every department of art.

The same history suits the other favorite employments of girls. Perhaps they take up bee-raising with absolutely no practical knowledge, and are guided by the vague accounts of the business in the newspapers. Now the world (like the English Prince the other day) wants the best and most accurate work which can be done in any department. There is too much competition nowadays for a slipshod, careless, though intelligent, laborer to have any chance at all. The bees die, the worms perish inexplicably by the hundred, the decorative painting comes out of the oven cracked and discolored, while the work of stupid people, who give themselves wholly to the study of their art, succeeds.

"Be accurate," said St. Simon. "Be accurate; and again, if you ask me the final secret of victory, Be accurate."

The Chief of Earth's Purifiers.

In a battle, even when all the dead combatants on both sides are buried, there remain the bodies of many animals, such as horses, mules, or camels, according to the geography of the place. These carcasses are so numerous, so bulky, and so difficult to bury, that decomposition always sets in before the half of them can be placed underground. The results to the survivors would soon be as deadly as the weapons of the enemy, were it not for the vultures, who are sure to come when they are wanted. One of the most curious examples of their astonishing instinct was observed in the Crimean war. I need not say that in the neighborhood of Sebastopol the vulture was a very rare bird, from the same reason which has made it extinct in England—namely, lack of food. Yet the war had hardly begun to assume a serious aspect when the vultures arrived in ever increasing numbers, and fed upon the dead horses. Whence did these vulture come? Many from Northern Africa, for the Arabs declared that during that war very few vultures were found in the place where they usually abound. Many also appear to have come from Asia, as a similar phenomenon was observed in several parts of India.

He Found the Bed.

One of the sons of old Ipswich, himself gray-haired, was thus relating the characteristics of the parental discipline which obtained in his youth. "One evening," said he, "I had come under my father's wrath, and he sternly ordered me to go to bed. Bed was in the loft of a log house, and I complained I had no light."

"Go to bed in the dark," was my father's answer, and I climbed the ladder and made my way along the timbers, no flooring being laid. A bright idea struck me, and I thought I could make one more appeal to my fate. I cried down:

"It's so dark I can't find the bed!"

"Quick as a flash came the answer. 'Get as near to it as you can and lie down!'"

It is unnecessary to say that the bed was found and not lost again until morning.

"Shoot Polly as She Flies."

was the way it appeared in the proof-slip. The argus-eyed proof-reader, however, knew the quotation intended and changed it to read: "Shoot Polly as she flies."—Pope. Of course it was an error, yet how many are daily committing much graver errors by allowing the first symptoms of consumption to go unheeded. If afflicted with loss of appetite, chilly sensations, or hacking cough, it is suicidal to delay a single moment the use of Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery,"—the great and only reliable remedy yet known for this terribly fatal malady. Send two letter stamps for Dr. Pierce's complete treatise on this disease. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association Buffalo, N. Y.

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