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A PUBLIC EXECUTIONER

M. DEIBLER, OF PARIS, HAS GUILLOTINED 502 CRIMINALS.

Something About the Headman of France—Has Held the Position Thirty-Nine Years—Will Soon Retire to Private Life.

The man in France who has probably killed more human beings than any other person in the world, unless those 2,000 rebellious Mussulmans who were executed in the Northwestern province of China a few months ago were decapitated by one man, which is not likely, is soon to renounce his trade of blood and retire to private life. In other words, M. Deibler, popular known as "Monsieur de Paris," is to resign from his office as the public executioner of France with a record of 502 official deaths in his credit.

Speaking of his retirement the *Figaro* says editorially: "He is very old, his hand trembles, and his extensive services should give him the right to rest. His achievements are known to all; he has dealt more than 500 wounds, all of which have been fatal, but not for him. Lately it was noticed that he has become enfeebled; he had no longer the skill the vim of his youth."

"At this 302d execution at Nancy the other day he came near bungling the ceremony; and the people of that province are very particular. In a few days, possibly even to-morrow, the gruesome identity of 'Monsieur de Paris' will have fallen upon another than M. Deibler, who will retire from the world, known only as 'M. Moreau,' a good, honest citizen, living on a small, yet sufficient income."

A HEADSMAN THIRTY-NINE YEARS

M. Deibler has been an executioner for thirty-nine years, from 1857 to 1893 he assisted Roch, his predecessor, in eighty-two executions, and then became "executeur des hautes oeuvres" himself. He is now seventy-three years of age. If such a term be permissible, it may be said that he is the most popular "bourreau" that France has ever had, and he has very seldom been placed in an embarrassing position at the scaffold. He carefully tests the guillotine beforehand, and even again at the last moment, just before the execution. The knife he keeps in his own possession at his home. The different places in France appointed for executions have each their own scaffolds, in journeying to and from an execution M. Deibler carries the knife with him in a small black case of leather made for the purpose. This case once seen is never forgotten. The memory of its deeds seem to haunt one.

M. Deibler seemed to have a strange almost supernatural power over his intended victims, and it rarely happens that he meets with any resistance. When he does the police are there to do his bidding, but he usually insists on managing the refractory criminal himself.

In personal appearance M. Deibler has been an ideal "Monsieur de Paris," with his black beard, iron gray hair, dark mournful eyes and pale visage. He always dresses in black, with long frock coat and tall silk hat. His domestic life has been quiet, as might naturally be supposed and his wife, who died a few months ago, was a delicate, refined and well-read woman, hardly the spouse that one would expect to find in the home of "Monsieur de Paris."

It has been reported that she was a descendant of the famous Samson who beheaded Louis XVI. That is a mistake, Samson had but one son, who was named Henri, and who was Roch's predecessor until 1857, when he retired from office, with rather an unenviable name. About fifteen or twenty years ago he published the famous "Memoirs de Samson," Mme. Deibler was the daughter of the executioner of Algiers.

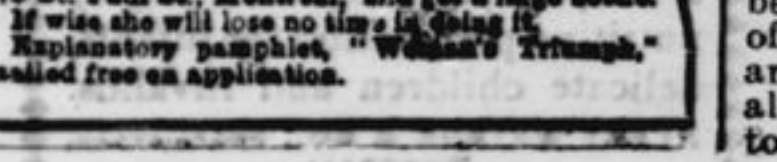
SNOWBALL RUNAWAY, SUICIDE.

Peter Joseph Dreis was the oldest druggist in St. Paul, Minn., and one of the city's leading politicians. His son, 13 years old, threw a snowball at a man in a cutter the other day, and it struck the horse, causing it to run away. This runaway resulted directly in three other runaways, in which much damage was done. Two of the injured persons called at the drug store, and demanded damages. Without making any answer Mr. Dreis walked directly into the office at the rear of the store, put a revolver behind his right ear, and fired. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Dreis has been in the drug business here forty years.

THE BRITISH GRENADIERS.

This quick-step is said to date from the sixteenth century.

"That fine old English quick-step, 'The British Grenadiers,' is usually considered to be the peculiar property of the Grenadier Guards; but such is not the case. The march is used by the artillery engineers, and by all the fusilier regiments as well. Originally the air, which dates from the sixteenth century, was played only by those regiments which were armed with the grenade; that is to say, by the artillery, the engineers, and the Royal Fusiliers—the Grenadier Guards only received their title after Waterloo. The words of the song were composed about



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The science and art of medication holds a unique place in the esteem of the entire civilized world, because by a judicious application of progressive science relative to the art of healing struggle for health. The profession of medicine we may safely say, is no sine-cure its triumphs and successes are heard daily by the million. Those who are in the vanguard of this movement are our greatest benefactors. Their discoveries are a boon to humanity; they have given relief to thousands who would have dragged out a miserable and more or less brief existence. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, by means of its Pink Pills for Pale People, has done more to prolong life and extend usefulness than any other medicine in the world.

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- Thirty-six to Fifty—Each Three Dollars in Cash.
- Fifty-one to Sixty-one—Each Five Dollars in Cash.
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- Eighty-three to Ninety—Each Seven Dollars in Cash.
- Ninety-one to One Hundred—Each a fine Gold Watch.

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HE KNEW BETTER.

I think said the minister's wife, that you ought to cultivate more vehemence in your education.

You mean that I ought to make more noise!

I believe that might help to make your sermons more popular.

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INJURY AND NEGLECT.

He Failed in Health and Strength—His Kidneys Failed and He Took Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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His mood was very much the same. He sighed for smoking till it came. And then abused the thaw.

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You Have Sallow Skin, Pimples, Eruptions, Discolorations—Why resort to Cosmetics and Powders to Hide the Effects?

THE QUEEN'S PREACHER.

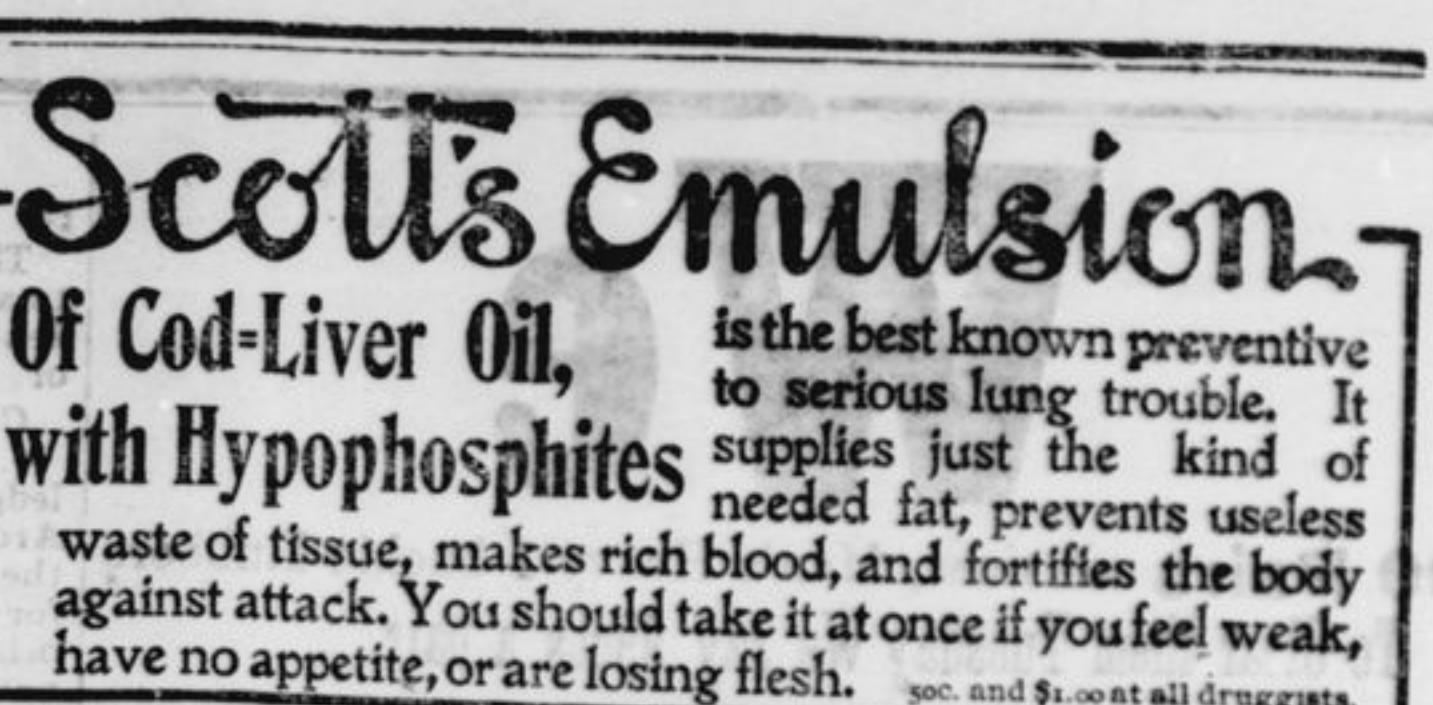
Etiquette is to be observed in preaching before the Queen. No personal reference to her Majesty is permissible, a pure Gospel discourse being the rule, delivered as though she was not present. It is prescribed by one of the best rules. The Queen likes and enjoys a plain, practical discourse, selected from the lessons or Gospel of the day, to occupy about 20 minutes in delivery. Questions of the day and above all, politics must be entirely excluded.

DISEASE DOES NOT STAND STILL.

Every one is either growing better or worse.

WOMEN STATION AGENTS.

In Victoria, N.S.W., women have now been substituted for men at no fewer than 200 railway stations. The result has been a saving of £30,000 per year in salaries. The average wage paid to a station mistress is £20 per year, whereas men used to receive £150.



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THE OFFICIAL BIRDCATCHER.

Berlin pays a salary to a professional birdcatcher who keeps scientific and educational institutions supplied with birds, birds' nests and eggs, and he is the only man in the empire permitted to do so.

THE FRENCH QUEENS.

Of 67 Queens of France only 13 have died without leaving their histories a record of misery. Eleven were divorced, two executed, nine died young, seven were soon widowed, three cruelly treated, three exiled; the poisoned and broken-hearted make up the rest.

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