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CRIMINAL EXECUTIONS HOW THEY ARE STILL PERFORMED IN PRUSSIA.

Seventeenth Century Methods Prevail—The Axe and Block Are Used.
Seventeenth century methods still prevail in Prussia in the matter of the execution of criminals. The man sentenced there to suffer capital punishment is led to the fatal block, and his head is chopped off with identically the same sort of ax as that which was used to put a period to the career of Charles I. in the Tower of London on that fateful 30th of January 252 years ago. Practically the only difference between the twentieth century execution and that of the time of Cromwell is that the condemned is not put to death publicly.

In many parts of the German empire the guillotine has taken the place of the gallows and the block, but in Prussia old fashioned justice clings tenaciously to the old fashions, and not the rope nor the automatic knife nor the power of electricity has been able to displace the broadax as the law's official implement of death. The only concession made to modern sentiment is in the garb of the executioner.

This functionary does not, as in the earlier times, dress in doublet and hose and hide his discolored identity behind a frightsome mask. Instead, he appears at the execution garbed in a frock coat of amber hue and correct cut, and he wears upon his head, even when delivering the death stroke, a tall silk hat. His three assistants are similarly attired.

Why this garb was chosen no one can say authoritatively. It is one of those things the origin of which appears to have been forgotten with the originators. But it is the lawful costume, prescribed in the regulations, which apply also to the twelve civilian witnesses who must attend an execution, with the result that a stranger witness is unable to say until the ax has fallen which of the other fifteen gatted about him is the man who lives by death.

FLOWER AND TREE.

Keep begonias where the air is not too dry, and they will not drop their leaves.

In watering house plants sufficient should be given to soak the soil thoroughly.

A tree is nearly dormant in winter, especially one that has been lately transplanted.

Plants in a dormant state require very little water during the winter, and an excess will cause decay.

Drenching rosebushes with strong quassa tea is a good curative of bugs and other destructive insects and pests.

To root cuttings quickly fill a saucer full of sand, into which the slips may be set. Keep the sand the consistency of mud.

Never give up a decaying rosebush until you have tried watering it two or three times a week with root tea for a short time.

Repotting of plants becomes necessary for two reasons—the plant uses up the available fertility in the soil and fills the pots with roots.

To prevent cuttings from splitting after they come into bearing, trim and fasten two small limbs together, and as the stem grows it will prevent splitting.

Cuttings of quick growing herbaceous plants, like heliotrope, verbena, phlox, geranium, root quickly, chrysanthemum quickest of all. Choose cuttings when the plants are most vigorous.

Quaint Plea For a Pension.
All sorts of special pleas have been made in applications for pensions. One of the most ludicrous was made in Portland. When the applicant was asked if he ever served in the army or navy, he said, "No." Asked as to what grounds he based his application on, he said that he was in eastern Oregon when the Indians went on the warpath; that in making for a point of safety he and some other men were attacked by the Indians, one of the other men being killed and another wounded. He occupied on account of the feckness of his horse, but the encounter caused him such excitement that he had had occasional fits ever since, and on account of the fits he thought he was entitled to a pension.

Webster and Disraeli.
Disraeli once met Daniel Webster at a time when American statesmen were rarer visitors in England than they now are. "He seemed to me," "Disraeli" reported, "a complete Brother Jonathan—a remarkable twang and all that. He also goes to the le-see," added Disraeli, strongly accentuating the last syllable. "Disraeli" nevertheless noted the American orator's "fine brow and beetled, deep set eyes," but it was Sydney Smith who declared of him that no man could be so wise as Daniel Webster looked.

Passing of a Star.
"Madam," said the facetious boarder, "this turkey reminds me of a steadily waning dramatic star."
"Well," said the landlady, "I suppose you want somebody to ask you why?"
"Because," said the facetious boarder, "it comes in smaller and yet smaller parts."

A Real Nice Bath.
In a Dublin paper some time since was a biographical notice of Robespierre which concluded as follows: "This extraordinary man left no children behind him except one brother, who was killed at the same time."

When a man's wife tells him to wait just a second, he can form some idea of what eternity is like.—Chicago News.

HER BEST FRONT.

New Way of Displaying One's Personal Adornments.

It was at Nantucket one summer that a city visitor learned a new way of displaying one's personal adornments during a call upon one of the native Nantucketers. It was a nice old lady who was entertaining the stranger, and she was very anxious that they should see everything to advantage and that even she herself should make as good an appearance as possible. Unfortunately she had not been forewarned of the visit and was not entirely prepared for it.

"If I had only known you were coming," she said apologetically, "I should have had on my best front. This is only my second best, but you can see the other when you go out, for I always keep it in the front room."
Surely enough, on taking their leave, the visitors were piloted through the front room, and there in the inside of the melodeon, when a heavy green bagage veil was carefully lifted, a nicely washed hair piece was to be seen, the hostess' best front.

Spoke Too Late.
The good minister of a Scottish parish had once upon a time a great wish for an old couple to become tetotalers, which they were in nowise eager to carry out. After much pressing, however, they consented, laying down as a condition that they should be allowed to keep a bottle of "Auld Kirk" for medicinal purposes. About a fortnight afterward John began to feel his resolution weakening, but he was determined not to be the first to give way.

In another week, however, he collapsed entirely. "Jenny, woman," he said, "I've an awfu' pain in my head. Ye might gie me a wee drapple an' see gin it'll doe me any guid."
"Well, gudeman," she replied, "ye're ovver late o' askin', for ever sin' that bottle cam' into the house I've been bothered an' wif' pains I'm held 't'is a' dune, an' there's nae drapple left."

The Bug Bible.
The bug Bible was printed in 1549 by the authority of Edward VI, and its curiosity lies in the rendering of the fifth verse of the Ninety-first Psalm, which, as we know, runs, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night nor for the arrow which flieth by day," but in the above version ran, "So thou shalt not be to be afraid of any bugges by night."

As this sounds as if it is not etymologically without justification, "Bug" is derived from the Welsh word "bwg," which meant a hobgoblin or terrifying specter, a signification traceable in the word commonly in use to-day—"bugbear"—and Shakespeare once or twice uses the word in this primary sense, notably when he makes Hamlet say, "Such bugs and goblins in my life."

Fine China.
Fine china needs care in washing and drying and should never be placed in nervous or indifferent hands. Treated lovingly, china will last for years and even generations. Only a piece should be put in the tub at one time, the soap should be made into suds before putting anything in, and the water must be very warm, not hot. Finally rinse in water that's just the same—warm. A good supply of fine, soft towels is a necessity, and, thus equipped, the washing of china is not a hard task. China will shine beautifully if wiped out of clear warm water.

Looking and Seeing.
There is much in knowing how to see sights. The discreet and skillful person, when confronted with a variety of attractions, will carefully select those that are for him the best and then will devise means to see them with the least wear and tear. But there are excitable people who set out to see everything, tire themselves out, see only half of anything and are dissatisfied in the end.

Easily a Good Thing.
"Did you say that hair restorer is a good thing?" asked the patron.
"Yes," answered the barber, with some slight hesitation; "it's a good thing. We sell several bottles a week at a dollar a bottle."

"But how do you know it's a good thing?"
"Because the profit on every bottle is 75 cents."

His Fortune.
"Who is that handsome young man standing over there?" inquired an old gentleman of a rich old lady at a party.
"That's my son-in-law. He's a very brilliant young man; made a large fortune by the law."
"Indeed!" said the old gentleman. "How's that?"
"The law made him my daughter's husband."—London Answers.

Her Pet Pig.
A young woman in London took a pig in infancy and brought it up, as she says, "like a Christian." Complaint was made to the authorities the other day, and the sanitary officers who went to investigate found the pig in bed between two white sheets, with its head on a pillow and its body covered with a white lace counterpane.

Should Keep Something.
New Woman—Simply because a woman marries a man is no reason why she should take his name.
Old Bachelor—Just so. The poor fellow ought to be allowed to keep something he can call his own.

A man seldom realises how few of his remarks are worth repeating until he has conversed with a deaf person.

Forests cover one-fifth of the surface of the earth and one quarter of Europe.

The beef trust has backed down and promises that the price of beef will be at its former level within a month.

RYE BREAD AND COFFEE DO NOT TAKE SUBSTITUTE.

STAPLE FOOD OF WORKING-MEN IN GERMANY.

Butter is Practically Unknown to Him—Buys Bread in Enormous Loaves.

The workman in Germany must have coffee, and plenty of it, and a little meat. Butter is practically unknown to him, lard being used in its stead. He rarely uses milk, eggs or white flour, and he never thinks of buying any of the better cuts of meat. Canned goods, familiar to every American worker, are absolutely unknown to him.

His staple food is rye bread, which he buys in enormous loaves. His wife or his little girl goes to market for this bread and brings it home clasped in her arms unwrapped. I have seen a little lot of a towheaded girl staggering homeward with a loaf almost as big as she was, and as she walked she gnawed lustily at the shiny end of the loaf. Indeed I have heard it said that the eating of this hard crusted bread gives the German workman teeth of unequalled excellence.

And this bread is good, thoroughly good. The government, which supervises everything and everybody, guards the rye bread of the people with jealous care. The bakers are watched, compelled to give full weight and make good bread. I have eaten it in a number of different towns, and it was always sweet to the taste and wholesome. This bread is fairly cheap, costing usually from 35 to 50 pfennigs (10 to 12 cents) a loaf, though it, too, has risen in price with increased demand.

Upon this great loaf the German employ may be said to rest. All Germany has grown up on it. In one form it is the basic ration of the German army, and many a peasant can live very well for a considerable time though he has nothing else to eat.

CANDLES.

Their Mellow Light is Fast Becoming Lost to Memory.

So markedly is the candle going out of use that the dictionary of a few years hence will probably have to supplement its definition with an illustration. In the glow of electric light, gas and paraffin we are much disposed to pity our immediate forefathers who had to put up with candles.

Yet we retain a strange respect for the candle in certain directions. When we wish to pay the highest reverence, we fall back upon it. The death chamber is lighted with candles. So is the church altar. We cannot but be forced along to the conclusion that higher ideas have been brought out and better matter written by candlelight than have been or probably ever will be by that of gas or electricity.

Shakespeare could not possibly have written all his plays by daylight. In deed, it is more than probable that the touch of bohemianism in his composition, as in that of his watered down literary descendants today, preferred night to day for turning out its best work. Hamlet's soliloquy upon the existing value of things, Portia's tribute to mercy and the advice of Polonius to Laertes as to the best way of conducting himself in life were probably written between the snuffings of a candle. In particular can one imagine the decisive snuffing and the contemptuous tossing away of the scrap of burned wick at the close of the passage hypothetically disposing of "Caesar's imperial day."—London Globe.

A Theological Note.
"I was once showing a young Japanese around Boston," says a correspondent of The Living Church, "and casually dropped into Trinity church with him. He was at the time a recent convert to Unitarianism in his own country and was wide-awake to everything connected with American civilization and American Christianity."
"A few minutes after entering Trinity, as we approached the central aisle, I noticed him making a distinct snuffing noise and, looking toward him, saw that he was in the act of smelling, his nostrils moving convulsively after the manner of an animal scenting something. Looking surprised and mystified, I at once asked him what was the matter, and in broken English he replied, 'I smell paganism!'"
"This method of detecting false doctrines is capable of some curious developments."

Human Traits in Birds.
The human traits in birds are many, as most sympathetic naturalists have testified. Mr. Burroughs has told us that there are jealousies and rivalries among the little winged folk and that the peace of families is often disturbed by outside flirts and lady killers. Quoting this statement in The Dial, another observer gives us to understand that the errant bird husband is duly punished. "I have myself," he says, "seen an English hen sparrow holding a cock by the topknot and dangle him clear off his feet, while her friends punished him with violent peckings."

Mistletoe.
The prettiest thing about mistletoe is its milky white opalescent berries. The stems and foliage seem to betray the parasite nature of the plant in their unwholesome shade of green, a peculiarly unwholesome shade characterizing the stems. It is an uncanny sort of plant. Most parasites are. Is there anything more positively cheating than the plant we know as Indian pipe (monotropa)?

Look For Good Potatoes.
"If we'd spend only half as much time as the photographer does trying to see people in the best light," said the philosopher, "we'd have a much better opinion of everybody."

The man who is too proud to ask for favors doesn't get many.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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IN MEMORIAM.

The Late Mrs. Joseph Hitchcock.
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The time, the place, and the manner of the falling of the impenetrable curtain that separates the living from the dead are appointed by infinite intelligence and infinite goodness, and if we cannot understand the reason we must not doubt His wisdom. For God's ways are always right and love is over them all. His children have the sympathy of all who know them or ever saw them. It would indeed be impossible to find more sensible, interesting or intelligent children than they are. Of the large number of callings during her long illness, none had anything but words of praise for the two oldest little girls, for the way they waited upon their mother, doing most of the house work as well.

The deceased was the fourth daughter of the late Joseph Gordon, Sunbury, and was thirty-six years of age. She was married to Joseph Hitchcock, about twelve years ago. Her death was the result of consumption, following an attack of kidney trouble. The best medical skill and the assistance of a trained nurse part of the time were of no avail, and her death, though a sad one, was not unexpected. Her remains will be interred at the Sand Hill cemetery, where repose those of her father and mother and several of the family who died young. Earth, rest gently on the bosom of thy weary child to thee returning.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

The Real Situation Will be Disclosed Later.
London, April 29.—A dispatch to the Times, from Paris, says that the ministerialists won thirty-four seats and lost twenty-three. Probably on the second ballot, they will lose thirteen and win thirty-four. The ministerialists will be able to ignore the vote of the revolutionary socialists elected. Moreover, the nationalist in Paris polled 160,000 of the 400,000 votes of the Chamber. The Bonapartists had 240,000 of the 320,000 votes.
Paris, April 29.—The Matin to-day shows, statistically, that the government has an enhanced majority of twenty-five in the chamber of deputies. Other papers figures showing exactly the opposite. The situation is well described by a leading nationalist, who says: "God alone knows the real situation, until the first vote in the chamber." The opinion of certain candidates is it is impossible to place exactly, but the latest returns indicate the maintenance of the status quo.

Tax May Be Abandoned.
London, April 29.—In the house of commons yesterday the chancellor of the exchequer proposed with a view to removing the hardships of the extra penny stamp tax on cheques, that any persons presenting at any post office any cheques for any sum under £2 should be entitled to be paid an extra penny on all such cheques. The chancellor of the exchequer's proposed concession is considered by business men of both political parties and apparently satisfies nobody. It is expected that the tax will be abandoned altogether.

Sustained The Magistrate.
London, April 29.—The efforts of the Protestant alliance to expel the Jesuits from England, under the act of George IV., have again failed. On appeal, the high court of justice, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Alverstone, sustained the action of a magistrate in refusing summonses asked for by them against certain Jesuit priests, on the ground that they were guilty of misdemeanors, which, under the ancient law, involved banishment for life.

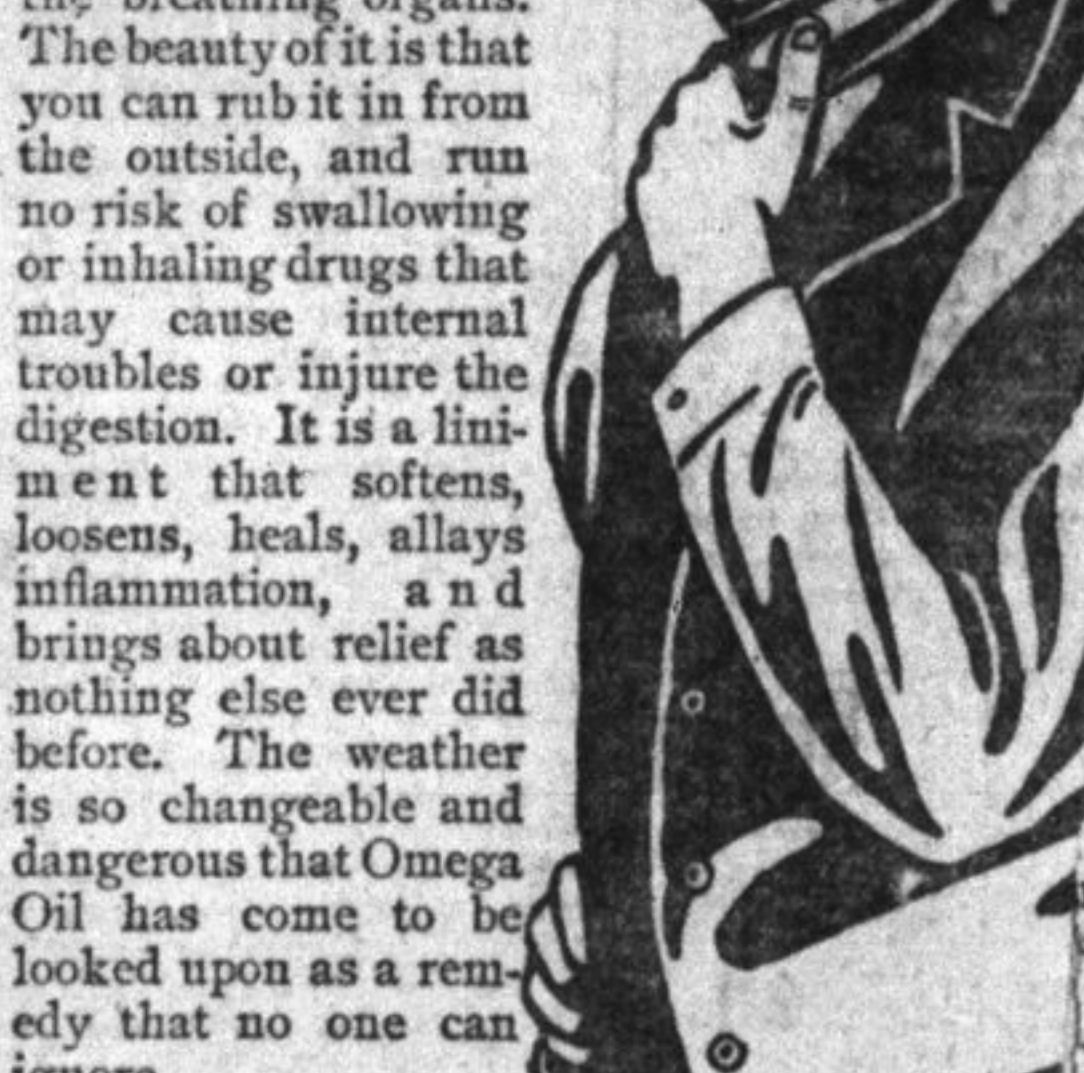
A dispatch to the London Times from Buenos Ayres says that the principal difficulty in reaching an agreement limiting the armaments of Chili and Argentina is the question, whether limitations should apply to ships now building or future acquisitions only. This point will probably render the negotiations abortive.

The cable steamer Podhowski has been ordered to take soundings in the Atlantic, preparatory to laying the new German cable to the United States.

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