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LOVE OF ADVENTURE SENDS MANY YOUNG MEN TO THE PENITENTIARY.
 Paroled Burglar Claims He Has Paid in Full For His Past Exploits—He Has Set Out Plans for His Future.
 "They call these boys who rob burglars, and they put them in a place where the best of life is sapped out of them; but let me tell you, as a man who has gone through it all, that the thing that lies at the bottom of it is a love of adventure. Once a young man has been through one of these experiences the thrill of the thing comes on him as an intoxicant. There is something that lifts him above himself; he thinks it is heroic; only bleakness and black despair must follow. I do not think that any man who robs a house is a hero, but he is silly, unless he is a devoted parasite, as with the same spirit that actuates men to put their spurs in horses and dash into history as famous cavalry chargers. It is the man who realizes this, and who can prevent the right spirit from getting into the wrong action that will do humanity a service."
HARRY ("TEXAS") BURDELL.

Harry "Texas" Burdell, who was released from Portsmouth penitentiary, after having served nine years of a fifteen-year sentence for burglary, in conversation with a reporter at London, who had followed him in all his famous exploits of ten years ago, recounted some of his experiences and modestly gave voice to some of his philosophies couched in language that a university professor would not have been ashamed of.
 Burdell returns to freedom and to the city in which he became known as a wild, reckless young fellow, who took his living where he could get it, a different man. He is different physically, having lost many pounds during his long incarceration, yet his spare frame has not lost its vigor. His eyes are keen and the first few days of sunlight that he has known in years has clearly brought good color to his cheeks. He looks clean. He is excessively nervous. He says that there is a chronic condition which affects all men confined in places of detention that is responsible for this, and is brought about through the lack of fresh air and exercise. Burdell is constitutionally active, he has the agility of a cat, and his stomach complaint would have ruined the constitution of a man of less will power. But if he has been bodily impaired, he has undergone a wonderful moral and intellectual development. He has spent much of his time in reading. His words are made for the places he uses them, and he shows that he will be a valuable member of any community that cares to bestow a little faith in him.
 Burdell is penitent, yet not in the sense that he is pardoning himself. He is not telling anyone how much ashamed of himself he is. He collected from humanity, and humanity made him pay up. Now the accounts are equal and paid in full, probably if the truth were known Burdell paid for a good deal more than should have been registered.
 "I could say lots of things that would startle people, but I have no complaint to make at all," he said when he was discussing his statement. What he really meant, as a subsequent remark proved, was not that he had been harshly treated by the police, but that on a point of law his conviction should not have been registered.
 "There were some things, apparently, proved against me that were not founded on facts," he said. "I could have called witnesses to have proved this if I had been given a chance. Of course I am not maintaining that I did not do a lot of the things which are not shown, but I did get blamed for some of the things I did not do."
 Burdell has made a deep study of penology and the treatment of criminals since his incarceration. He believes that the warden of a penitentiary has a greater opportunity to uplift fallen men than any other man on earth. He does not blame the prison officials, but he says that the system is a terrible one.
 "It is a system of deprivation and negation," he asserted. "The positive qualities in men are not shown. One of the rarest of them can be cheerful! It is all gray and somber all day long and oh, if men could know what it meant to be sent to that place there would not be much crime. Or, if there was, men would kill themselves before they went in. If I had known when I got my sentence in the county courtroom here what lay before me, I would have sooner been hanged. There are good men down there—some of the best of the race. They have been sent there largely through that spirit of adventure I have spoken of. There are mere beastial creatures among them. But even the worst of them can be raised up. I feel I could go into that penitentiary and do an enormous amount of good. You know, the men there trusted me, and they came to lean on me for a kind of cheerful support. My early life was in surroundings that develop the mind. I could always read and understand most everything, and I knew that only the triumph of mind over such a place could win for me. It has been a long and hard fight. I don't ask for sympathy, but if the people of this city could believe what I have gone through they would pity me just as an individual. I don't ask for pity because I have an understanding of the thing. Even inside the walls of that prison I looked upon the whole thing, as far as possible, as a student of human nature. If I could write as you can talk I could publish a book that would startle the country."

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THE CROPS NEED RAIN ALTHOUGH THEY ARE STILL IN GOOD CONDITION.
 Visit by a Whig Reporter to the Farm of W. J. Baker Near Parrott's Bay.
 Although showers are predicted they seemed to be as far off as ever, on Tuesday morning. If rain does not come soon, some of the crops, which are at present good, may possibly be ruined. This a Whig reporter noticed on Sunday when he visited the farm of W. J. Baker, near Parrott's Bay, a few miles this side of Bath. The latter took the newspaperman from one field to another. Some of the nicest fields of wheat ever grown are to be seen on this farm. In one large field is barley, which has attained a height of nearly four and a half feet. It is of a very healthy looking nature and a good yield is expected to be derived from it.
 The hay crop was none too encouraging. The yield in this line is going to be small and if all reports be true, hay will sell next winter for twenty dollars a ton. When asked what the cause of this is, Mr. Baker attributed it to the lateness of the season and the cool weather and frosts which we had until the third week of June.
 The warm rains a short while ago aided much in the growth of the grain and if only a little more would come just at the present time, it would greatly benefit the farmers.
 In close proximity to this farm there is a bay known as Parrott's Bay, which affords much pleasure to the country folk round about, as well as some Kingston people. Outside of a good fishing spot, the scenery is very picturesque and some day will attract the attention of those tourists who now so frequently go to Battersea to spend their vacations. There is not a prettier place around Kingston than this affords so much pleasure as does this bay, and its importance will soon be recognized. According to Mr. Baker, more boats seem to be arriving there every week.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PICNIC
 Held at Lake Ontario Park Monday Evening.
 The Epworth league of Queen Street Methodist church held a picnic at Lake Ontario park on Monday evening. Supper was served at 6.30 o'clock by the members of the league and after supper races were held. The men's "walking race" was won by H. Law and the second prize went to G. A. Bateman. The Young Ladies walking race was won by Miss Ethel Ross and the second prize by Miss Lulu Drury. The married ladies walking race was won by Mrs. Curran with Mrs. W. Buck second.
 Miss Landervou, who is vice-president of the league and the Women's Missionary society, is to be credited on the success of the picnic. The meetings from now until the end of August will be on Wednesday with the prayer meeting, and the next annual evening will be on the first Monday in August.

A FAMILY GATHERING.
 The Wrights Had a Meeting After Many Years.
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Everett Wright and their son, Harold, of Kingston, Ont., who have been absent for the past eighteen years from Webster, N. Y., were the guests of honor in Webster, Thursday evening, July 9th, at the annual family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Wright. An elaborate dinner was served and the afternoon was spent in music and visitation. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wright were the only Canadians in attendance. In fact, they are the only Wrights of this family who reside in Canada. There were present, at least, eight sons of Mr. Wright accompanied by their wives and children. Intimate friends also were in attendance.

Heard at the Whig Bulletin.
 Portsmouth reeve—The passing by of the ice wagon is a grand sight on these dog days.
 Ald. John Litton—Don't worry. We have our ears to the ground on this road paving question.
 W. W. Gibson—I would be content with six more weeks of this warm weather.
 J. B. Walker—I'm starting tomorrow for Little Metis for a holiday. I was there twenty-five years ago.
 An Aged Orangeman.
 Joseph Donaldson, Sixth street, was in Deseronto on Monday. He is one of the oldest Orangemen in the city, having joined the order over sixty years ago. He has hardly missed the annual celebration and has seen some very strenuous times. He was present at the time of the Prince of Wales' visit to Canada, when no landing was made at this city, as a huge orange arch had been erected across Princess street.

Judgment Rendered.
 Judge Madden has rendered judgment in the case of Woodstock vs. Stevens, heard in the division court. Woodstock sued for damages. His leg was caught in rope used for snubbing the boat at Kingston Mills. Decision was given in favor of the defendant without costs.

Messrs. Frank and Robert Robbs are camping at Milton Island.

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 NOTE:—The above prescription is not a new one by any means, though not so widely known as it should be. Mahood's drug store states that they fill this prescription very frequently. Some remarkable reductions in weight have been reported from its use, and the mixture is entirely harmless.

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