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"It really makes me tired to see the average man sharpen a pencil," said an old newspaper man in a stationary store to a Washington Star reporter.

"He will cut his fingers, cover them with dirt and blacken them with lead dust, and still will not sharpen the pencil."

"There is but one way to sharpen a lead pencil and that is to grasp it firmly with the point from and not toward you. Take your knife in the other hand and whittle away as though you had lots of pencils to waste. By following these directions and turning the pencil over you will soon have it neatly and regularly sharpened, and your fingers will be unsoiled and you will not need any court plaster to put on your wounds because you cannot cut your fingers when whittling from them.

"This method is the best, whether the knife is dull or sharp. If the pencil is a soft one there is no sense in sharpening the lead. Simply cut away the wood, and in writing turn the pencil over, thus writing with the sides of the lead."

"Another disgusting and senseless habit is in placing the pencil in the mouth when writing. This is a relic of the days when pencils were as hard as flint and before the manufacturers were able to produce the smooth, soft pencils that are used to-day. The continual dampening of the lead will harden even a good graphite pencil and make it hard and gritty. It is simply a habit, any way, and most habits are bad ones."

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YOUTH UNDER THE AX.

Remarkable News Exhibited by the Youngest Victim of the Guillotine.

"That man has recently witnessed a rare and infrequent sight," said a well known man-about-town to a New York Journal reporter on Broadway, pointing to a foreign-looking man who was just going into the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

The reporter approached the gentleman, who gave his name as Georges Herbillion, a well known Parisian Journalist. He left Paris about ten days ago.

"Yes," he witnessed a strange sight, and one I don't care about seeing again," he said, with a strong foreign accent.

He then related the incident. He had seen the guillotining, about two weeks ago, at Paris, of the youngest person who had fallen a victim to the guillotine in Paris since the French Revolution.

"I was a boy of 18 who had suffered the awful punishment. His name was Georges Herbillion. He had murdered his sweetheart in May last. At the trial for this crime it was shown that a young, headless Kapa, at the age of 14, had assassinated an old man in a dark side street."

When arrested for this murder, boy though he was, he threatened his guards with death.

"When I was taken to the guillotine," said M. Herbillion, "I was in the company of 71 and at the execution after it, but I never saw anything so distressing as the end of this young murderer.

"He was only a boy yet still for a mother's corpse," said M. Herbillion, "but he displayed the most remarkable nerve during the trial and greeted the verdict of death with a smile."

When the officials came in to the prison to announce that his hour had come he showed no fear, though till that moment he had expected a commutation of sentence.

He dressed himself with out assistance. When a priest approached he begged him to leave with a wave of his little hands.

Afterward he gayly skipped to his place in the sad procession for the guillotine.

When he arrived at the "Place of the Ax" he glanced curiously at the few spectators. Catching sight of the deathgown that was soon to carry away his lifeless body he smiled brightly.

Standing beneath the glittering knife, the priest extended the crucifix to the boy's lips, but he turned aside his head.

The victim's manner was so naive that a movement of pity made a murmur in the little crowd of the executioners forced him back and laid his neck in the fatal groove.

"As he lay for a second before the blade dropped," said M. Herbillion, "I caught a lingering smile upon his lips."

"Then I turned away," he said, "and the sound of the falling knife was heard. The boy died more like my idea of a Christian martyr than any I ever saw die."

Halpin and All.

Such a thing as wearing different sorts of bangs on various occasions is common enough among girls, your correspondent is led to believe, says the Albany Argus, and this reminds him of a lady he knows well who affects a great variety of styles.

One evening not long ago a young man whom she cordially disliked had been making her a visit, and she had been with her, with a great deal of her hair.

"My dear Miss P., your hair is so beautiful. Should I beg you to give me one little lock of it?"

"Not at all, Mr. K." replied the lady in a matter-of-fact tone, "you are quite welcome."

And with that she deliberately detached a small curl from above her pink little ear, on the left side, and gravely presented it, hairpin and all, to the important dude. Of course he took it. He could not perceive that there was anything else for him to do.

Do the Dying Snuff Pain?

The rule is that unconsciousness, not pain, attends the final act. A natural death is not more painful than birth. Painlessly we come; whence we know not. Painlessly we go; where we know not. Nature kindly provides an anesthetic for the body when the spirit leaves it. Previous to that moment, and in preparation for it, respiration becomes feeble, generally slow and short, often accompanied by long inspirations, and short, sudden expirations, so that the blood is steadily less and less oxygenated. At the same time the heart acts with corresponding debility, producing a slow, feeble, and often irregular pulse. As this process goes on the blood is not driven to the heart, it is diminished force and in less quantity, but what flows there is loaded with carbonic acid gas, a powerful anesthetic, the same as derived from charcoal. Subjected to the influence of this gas, the nerve centers lose their consciousness and sensibility, apparent sleep creeps over the system; then comes stupor and then the end.—St. Louis Republic.

How Congressman Martin Buys Citizenship.

Congressman William Martin of Texas, who was the innocent butt of a great deal of fun and practical joking at the last Congress, is perhaps the laziest smoker in the official life of the capital. He has been described and illustrated extensively, but all the pen and pencil pictures of him lack one all important feature, the never failing cigar.

The fragrant weed is his great comfort and consolation, to which he resorts almost constantly in his waking hours. He is not particular as to brand, quality, style, or price. There is a cigar stand in the corridor of his apartment, and he is constantly sharpening the lead. Simply cut away the wood, and in writing turn the pencil over, thus writing with the sides of the lead.

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