

FAMOUS BOTANY BAY.

Australian "Larrikins"—What Maurice D. Conway Writes About Them.

[Sydney (Australia) Letter.] There would seem, at first, something almost poetic in the "larrikin" lingo for Botany Bay. The traveler, soon loses any illusion about that famous bay. There never was a convict there. Convicts used to be "addressed," so they say, at London, for Botany bay, but none were landed there. The convict colony was in Sydney. One of the theories about "larrikins" is that they are descendants of the convicts, and the theory would be practically complete if their orgies should haunt the spot where their forefathers and foremothers labored without reward, even as London free-thinkers used to preach at Smithfield, where their predecessors were burnt.

But Botany bay, as a penal establishment, having proved a myth, I am becoming skeptical about the "larrikin" himself. He must be a curious creature. You hear him and her spoken of as the pest of society—rude, reckless, licentious, aggressive, dangerous—yet you are likely to stay here a long time without seeing one. I have been in the colonial cities more than two months and still have to take the existence of the "larrikin" on trust. They say that crowds of them, between 12 and 20 years of age, go about the streets at night and whenever they meet a respectable man or woman they at them, beat them, trample them, sometimes kill them. But whenever that is said, some skeptical citizen whispers that you must not believe all you hear. It is said the "larrikin" makes enough money in three days in the week to live riotously during the other four.

The streets of Sydney appear to me orderly night and day. The pit and gallery of the theatres are apparently occupied by good-natured crowds and, on the whole, I cannot help still suspecting that there is a good deal of mythology investing this conventionalized "larrikin." However, I shall keep a sharp lookout for him. Thus far what I have heard of "larrikins" would lead me to suppose that some of them are employed on the particularly pious preas of the colonies which does not hesitate to knock down and trample on anybody out of their opinions.

Such violence and vituperation in print were inconceivable to me until I came to these colonies. My own reputation of not being sound in the faith brought upon me a serious experience of holy larrikinism. I was giving a very innocent lecture on London in Protestant hall, Sydney, to a good audience, in which were the premier and other ministers and eminent citizens, when some pious people sang loud Salvation Army hymns about the doors and windows, and in an adjacent room balls were rolled. I was told it was to drown my voice. The device, if it were such, did not succeed; but it gave me a vivid impression of the spirit that may work in a colony distant from the centers of civilization and give rise to the phenomenal incivility called "larrikinism."

"Cracking" and "Stabbing" Oysters.

[Trenton Times.] When Thomas W. Walsh, of Philadelphia, the partner of George A. Beech, was recently shown Frank Colbine's offer to open with Beech, if he would "crack" instead of "stab" the oyster, Walsh said:

"That is a very trivial objection. Mr. Beech is quite ready and willing either to 'crack' or 'stab.' He is the champion oyster-opener of the world. He wears two gold medals as proof of his pre-eminence in the art. One was won at Fox's theatre, the present Chestnut Street opera house where he stabbed 100 oysters in four minutes and seven seconds, distancing five competitors. The other he captured at a match in the National theatre."

"What is the difference between 'cracking' and 'stabbing'?" was asked. "'Cracking' is the refuge of the bungling and inexperienced artist. The novice in oyster-opening finds it quicker. He uses a knife-handle as heavy as a giant's club. Pound! He splinters the shell, scares the oyster prematurely to death, and deafens his customers. The stabber's work is as delicate as a watchmaker's. He can operate with a knife as thin as a lance. Deftly he inserts the point. He touches the oyster on the head. The oyster withdraws. With a quick twist of the wrist he lays the oyster bare, intact upon his pearl bed. He surrenders himself then with grace and dignity. Ah, there is a great difference between 'cracking' and 'stabbing.'"

A Lovely Purple Vine.

[New York Evening Post.] Bogavillia spectabilis, the fascinating vine of a wonderful purple color, is now in market and may be ordered in quantities from a Poughkeepsie grower. This grows wild in South America, where it festoons the forest; it is difficult to make it flower in the best constructed conservatories in this region, however. It is a peculiar plant; when its dazzling flowers appear, the foliage drops off; it requires about four weeks after the blossoms open for them to deepen to their best color. The flowers never fall, and even after the vine is cut will remain perfect for weeks. When dried they are like tissue paper, but cling firmly to their stem. Those fortunate enough to procure enough of this vine to festoon a mirror or picture may depend upon it for many months for ornament. Two decorations have already been made of Bogavillia spectabilis. There are few flowers that will combine with its marvelous color. Bigonia venusta is very elegant garlanded with it, and lilies have not their fairness clouded by it.

Balzac's Wildest Idea.

[New York Sun.] His most picturesque project was to open a grocery store on the Boulevard des Italiens, put on the sign "Honore de Balzac," dress himself in a blouse and serve his customers, and have Gnatier to roast the coffee, Gerard de Nerval to sell mustard, and George Sand to take the cash. This he said, would set all Paris agog, customers would flock in by thousands, and he would make an enormous fortune.

A Law for "Wayward" Young Men.

[Springfield Republican.] When a young man steals a sheep or a pair of boots, which, by the way, he probably has not placed in his safe keeping, society has little doubt what to do with him. It comes to the conclusion in short order that he is a thief, and puts him in jail at hard labor or in state prison. But if he has had a place of trust in some financial institution, and grossly betrays the confidence reposed in him, society is somehow struck all of a heap, and does not know what to do with him. The crime must be covered up, the deficiency made up by friends, there must be no prosecution, no publicity and no penalty whatever, and the young man must be sent off to begin life again.

Now we believe this is all a mistaken policy as regards the young man himself. We believe it is a terribly mistaken kindness. Some of our readers probably know cases in which this policy has been pursued, and the young man in whose behalf it has been tried generally become wanderers on the face of the earth, pursued by the phantom of that old concealed crime left behind, and often rushing into new ones. They were not vicious originally, but they were weak, flabby morally; they had about as much moral backbone as a jelly fish, or a butterfly, and seeing older men indulging in expensive luxuries and vices they began to run the same course until they were caught in the trap of crime.

Leniency and sending off into new associations are simply wasted on such men. They need "taking down" to the foundation and a new start—a real one, not one of those new birth conversions which do not enable a man to confess his sin till he has been found out. If conviction, penalty and disgrace are the fit portion, and the best thing for the ordinary thief, they certainly are the best things for the embezzler. Let him take his punishment, with such promises of repentance as he feels justified in making, and such as courts are always ready to take into account in fixing the penalty.

Then let him return to his home, where we all know him, and his father before him, and begin again. He will be better off than in some distant locality where vague rumors of crime greater than the fact may at any time penetrate to damn his peace of mind. But here at the seat of his crime and failure, he will always have friends to welcome and encourage every effort for a more promising career and who know the worst as well as the best.

Americanizing London Journalists.

[Cor. Philadelphia Press.] The most prominent of the London dailies are rapidly becoming Americanized to an extent that is causing the musty old fogies who believe in everything that was and nothing that is, to hold up their hands in pious horror. The Pall Mall Gazette has gone boldly into the interviewing business, and almost every evening treats its readers to an interesting chat with some notable in the worlds of art, science, finance, the drama or politics. We have had within the last few days interviews with "Lotta," who was further honored with a life-like pen and ink portrait of her charming personality; Baron Grant, who talked glibly and enthusiastically of the gold fields in the Transvaal he is anxious to dispose of to a confiding public for the mere bagatelle of some \$2,000,000; Chinese Gordon, who knows more about the Sudan and its inhabitants than any living Englishman, and other well-known men whose opinions on current topics of the day cannot but be of deep interest to the average newspaper reader. The Daily Telegraph prints "specials" daily on all sorts of matters, most of them, I fancy, purely imaginary and about as truthful as the famous dog and man fight which created such a stir a few years ago.

The Dispatch, one of the best of the Sunday papers, has just concluded a series of sketches, again imaginary, I should suppose, of life as it may be seen on the Thames embankment, and The Echo has just published two most interesting realistic sketches of London beggars and their methods, by Hugh McLanchlan, a rising journalist, who not only wields a graceful pen, but is evidently a keen observer of human nature. By the bye, this gentleman evidently did not get his facts second-hand, as he was brought up before a metropolitan police magistrate on the morning of Tuesday last, robed in rags and tatters, charged with loitering. No one who saw him could blame the policeman who arrested him, or the inspector who relegated him for the night to the police cells, notwithstanding his contention that he was a reputable journalist and acting under his editor's orders in assuming the garb of a street mendicant. Of course the worthy magistrate promptly discharged Mr. McLanchlan, and both the lively little Echo and its bright young reporter have secured an excellent advertisement.

Never Buy a Copy.

[Exchange.] Never buy a copy of a picture. All copies are bad, because no painter who is worth a straw ever will copy. He will make a study of a picture he likes for his own use in his own way, but he won't and can't copy; and when ever you buy a copy you buy so much misunderstanding of the original, and encouraging a dull person in following a business he is not fit for, besides increasing ultimately chances of mistake and imposture. You may, in fact, consider yourself as having purchased a quantity of mistakes, and, according to your power, being engaged in disseminating them.

The Biggest Blank Book.

[Exchange.] The biggest blank book probably ever used in the country is the ledger of the assistant United States treasurer at New York. It cost \$40, and weighs as much as half a dozen babies. It is 19 inches long, 13 inches wide, and contains 1,250 pages. It is made of the best paper, and one is issued every year. There are some big envelopes here, yellow manilla fellows, costing \$21.20 a thousand, and being 17 1/2 inches long by 14 1/2 inches wide.

Lime-Kiln Club: De man in debt am a swimmer wid his bites on.

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RUSSIAN CRUELTY.

Some Remaining Relics of the Dark Ages. [Nineteenth Century.]

However, for the great mass of exiles, the foot journey has been reduced by one-half, and they begin their peregrinations in Siberia in special carriages. M. Maximoff has very vividly described how the convicts at Irkutsk to whose judgment such a moving machine was submitted, declared at once that it was the most stupid vehicle that could be invented for the torment of both horses and convicts. Such carriages, which have no accommodation for deadening the shocks, move slowly on the rugged, jolting road, plowed over and over by thousands of heavily-loaded cars. In western Siberia, amid the marshes on the eastern slope of the Ural, the journey becomes a true torture, as the highway is covered with loose beams of wood, which recalls the sensation experienced when a finger is drawn across the keys of a piano, the black keys included. The journey is hard, even for the traveler who is lying on a thick felt mattress in a comfortable tarantass, and it is easy to conceive what the convict experiences, who is bound to sit motionless for eight or ten hours on the bench of the famous vehicle, having but a few rags to shelter him from snow and rain.

Happily enough, this journey lasts but a few days, as at Tumen the exiles are embarked on special barges, or floating prisons, taken in tow by special steamers, and in the space of eight or ten days are brought to Tomsk. I hardly need say that, however excellent the idea of thus reducing by one-half the long journey through Siberia, its partial realization has been most imperfect. The convict barges are usually so overcrowded and are usually in such a state of filthiness that they have become real nests of infection. "Each barge has been built for the transport of 800 convicts and the convoy," wrote the Tomsk correspondent of The Moscow Telegraph, on November 15, 1881; "the calculation of the size of the barges has not been made, however, according to the necessary cubical space, but according to the interests of the owners of the steamers, M.M. Kurbatoff and Ingatoff. These gentlemen occupy for their own purposes two compartments for 100 men each, and thus 800 must take the room destined for 600. The ventilation is very bad, there being no accommodation at all for that purpose, and the cabinets are of an unimaginable nastiness." He adds that "the mortality on these barges is very great, especially among the children," and his information is fully confirmed by official figures published last year in all newspapers. It appears from these figures that 8 to 10 per cent. of the convict passengers died during their ten days' journey on board these barges; that is, coming like sixty to eighty out of 800.

"Here you see," wrote friends of ours who have made this passage, "the reign of death. Diphtheria and typhus pile up down the lives of adults and children, especially of these last. Corpses of children are thrown out nearly at each station. The hospital, placed under the supervision of an ignorant soldier, is always overcrowded."

Paint for Ship Bottoms.

[Chicago Tribune.] The government is now making experiments to ascertain the best kind of paint for the bottoms of the new steel cruisers. It is desired to get, if possible, a paint that shall protect the bottoms of iron and steel vessels as thoroughly from barnacles and grass as copper sheathing protects the bottom of wooden vessels. That degree of success is scarcely expected, but an approach to it is hoped for. Plates of iron have been sunk in the water at Key West and at Portsmouth, N. H., painted with thirty-six kinds of paint. They are lowered into the water from several months they will be taken up and examined, and the paint which appears to be most nearly "anti-fouling" will be used for the cruisers.

Ohio River Philosophy.

[Wait Duet in Cleveland Sentinel.] I never feel comfortable when there's a map around that smiles all the time. The only dog that bit me never stopped waggin' his tail.

You show me a man that's allus workin' in politics an' I'll show you one that gets a darned sight more an' better to eat than his wife and children do.

There's a great deal of talk about folks killin' themselves by overwork. There's more people struck by lightning a day, an' dance, drink or play poker ten more. Then, wen they break down, their wives put on the tombstone "Died of Overwork!"

Greeley's Slippers.

[Chicago Tribune.] On one of Horace Greeley's visits to Pike county he nearly trod upon a rattlesnake. A friend killed the snake and afterwards had the skin tanned and worked into a pair of slippers, which were presented to the great editor. Mr. Greeley prized them highly until the failure of the *Frederic* experiment, when, disliking to see anything that reminded him of Pike county, he gave the slippers to his brother, who now lives in western Pennsylvania, and still retains them in his possession.

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