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ENGLISH SHOPWALKERS.

The Duties of These Persons and How They Carry Them Out.

It would appear that the draper has always been a convenient individual to make a joke, and the shopwalker especially has come in for a large share of the attention of many writers. Whether it is because the duties of this individual make it necessary for him to be a model of cleanliness and politeness, or whether it is because he occupies such a conspicuous position that he receives so much attention, it is hard to say; but certainly in all concerns of any magnitude the shopwalker plays a very important part, and to him is intrusted the carrying out of the rules of the establishment. In some houses, where the business is not large enough to keep shopwalkers and buyers, it is usual for the latter to undertake the duties of shopwalkers; but in the largest houses the buyers have sufficient buying and marking to do to employ their whole time, and then the shopwalker's duties are strictly confined to one routine.

As a rule he is the one to open the shop and see that the "squadders" are all in their various departments at the proper time and that the dusting of the various departments is properly attended to. After an interval for breakfast the shopwalker is found "on the boards," where he will remain all day, with the exception of the interval for meals. In a large concern it requires all the tact and sagacity of the shopwalker to see that each customer is properly served, and there is very little time for him to stand at the door and bow to all the carriages as his compeer did in Queen Anne's time. A clever shopwalker is always on the alert to take up "scraps," and in very many instances he is successful in making a sale where an assistant has failed to do so. And this is often not because of the ability of the assistant, but for the reason of an additional argument in favor of the purchase. During the busy part of the day it requires no little amount of energy on the part of the shopwalker to see that the counters are kept clear, so he knows that it is utterly impossible for customers to be satisfactorily served when the counters are in a middle.

An important part of his duties, too, is to see that the right assistants serve the most important customers. By long experience the shopwalker soon finds out which are the "tabs" among his customers, and these are handed over to the cleverest of his assistants, some of whom are capable of encountering the vilest "tabs" that come into a shop. As a rule customers know pretty well what they want, but in exceptional cases there are people who enter drapery shops whose minds have to be made up for them, and it requires no little amount of tact to deal with such individuals without getting the "swap." But to their credit be it said, there are saleswomen and salesmen in the drapery trade who are capable of making a sale to the most cantankerous individual, and that not by any set method, but by treating his customers according to their several weaknesses. In something the same manner as San Slick treated his horses—by "soothing the fractious ones, encouraging the timid ones and lathering the sulky ones like blazes."

The last method will hardly commend itself to most people, but it often happens that it is necessary to speak very sharply to some customers before they can be got to make up their minds. And when the assistant has used every effort without avail, the word is passed "sign," and this brings the shopwalker to the fore, and then both try their best, and it is almost certain that the sale will be effected. Tales of dodges of shopwalkers with "sales" are numerous. One very common practice in selling dress fabrics is to put a piece each on four or five chairs in a casual manner, as if to show them to the best advantage, and to barricade the customer so that she can't very well bolt without making a purchase. Another very common practice, and which is frequently successful, is to put aside the articles there is a difficulty in selling, and show something else, returning to the first article at a convenient time.—Warehousemen and Drapers' Journal.

A Moonless Month.
The month of February, 1866, was in one respect the most remarkable in the world's history. It had no full moon. January had two full moons and so had March, but February had none. Do you realize what a rare thing in nature that was? It had not occurred since the time of Washington, nor since the discovery of America, nor since the beginning of the Christian era, nor the creation of the world. And it will not occur again, according to the computation of astronomers, for—how long do you think?—2,500,000 years. Was not that truly a wonderful month?—Golden Days.

Mules That Carry a Ton.
At Genoa I saw a train of a dozen donkeys loaded with iron for the improvement of the street railway. The iron was tied across the donkeys' backs the long way, and the weight would have been considered a good load for two horses in America. It is not uncommon to see a donkey carrying a load of railroad bars weighing 2,000 pounds, and a ton is not a small wagon load in most countries.—Cor. Philadelphia Times.

An Alaskan Winter Day.
The shortest days are passed, and we will now see old Sol's shining face a few minutes longer each day. On the 23d this runs at 8:40 a. m., hugged close to the top of the peaks crowning Douglas island, disappeared from sight at 1:10 p. m. behind a tall peak, came out again at 1:40 p. m., and then finally set at 3:30 p. m. At 3:40 darkness set in and lamps are lighted.—Alaska Free Press.

Marriage in Great Britain.
Britain seems to have arrived at a point of her civilization similar to that reached years ago by France, when the increase of native population begins diminishing. That is shown by the rapid decrease of the number of marriages. In 1853 there were 17.9 marriages to every 1,000 inhabitants; in 1885 there were only 14.4, and in 1886 only 14.1 to 1,000.—Foreign Letter.

Life Insurance Statistics.
Statistics of the life insurance show that there are now 820,000 policies in this country, representing an aggregate insurance of \$2,100,000,000. During the past year more than \$400,000,000 of new insurance was written, and more than \$70,000,000 distributed among policy holders in death, endowment and dividend payments.—New York Evening World.

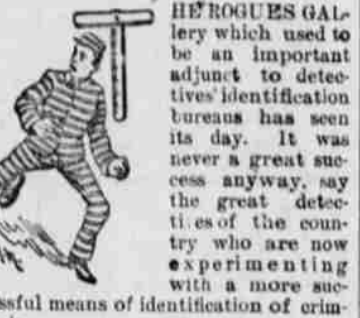
Workers in Copper.
Though workers in copper seldom suffer any ill health from their work, yet the particles of the mineral enter their system so as to completely saturate them in process of time. Some old copper-miners have had their hair turn green instead of gray, and their bones have turned green from after death.—Chicago News.

IDENTIFYING CRIMINALS.

A NEW SYSTEM IS GOING INTO USE.

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It is known as the Bertillon System of Measurement and Has Innumerable Advantages Over the Old Hogue's Gallery System.



HEROGUES gallery which used to be an important adjunct to detectives' identification bureaus has seen its day. It was never a great success anyway, say the great detectives of the country who are now experimenting with a more successful means of identification of criminals.

The chief drawback of the old system was that no two photographs of the same subject could be made to look exactly alike. For instance, there are twenty-eight police gallery portraits of Ross Raymond. Not one of them look near enough alike to serve as a positive means of identification. The same can be said of Sophie Lyons, the famous shop lifter.

The new system of identification also combines photography but not as an important feature. It is known as the "Bertillon measurement system," and was first introduced into this country by Chief McLaughry of the Chicago police force.

The protection to society by the use of the Bertillon system of measurements can not be overrated. News reaches the police of Chicago that a man giving the name of John Jones has been arrested in San Francisco for burglary. It is important that the San Francisco police should know his record, as he pleads his innocence strenuously. With a photograph of the man are forwarded his measurements, his head length, head width, length of middle finger, length of foot, forearm and height. The cabinet is consulted; the length of head puts him at once in a certain class; the width of head brings him within another; the length of the middle finger in yet another; his length of foot classes him with a remaining ten; his forearm is only equalled in exact length by one remaining man, who has all his other characteristics, perhaps, except his height, the San Francisco burglar being two full inches taller. The identification of one of the most dangerous of criminals is thus complete. And next week, perhaps, San Francisco obliges Chicago. This knowledge that they are certain to be convicted under the habitual criminal acts which many States are now passing has done more to drive the dangerous criminals out of the business than anything else.

By the new system protection is offered to the newly-discharged prisoner. Just before a man is discharged from a penal institution he will be written to and the offer of police protection will be extended to him. Should he wish to avail himself of this, all he will have to do will be to register so that his identity can be established should he be in need of assistance. As long as this man keeps away from crooks and crooked resorts he will be entitled to police protection. No man can tap him on the shoulder. He is perfectly entitled to resist arrest and so long as his intentions are honest he is a free American in all that the word implies. He has merely to notify the Bureau of Identification and he will find them ready to investigate his case and afford him every opportunity to clear himself of any charge which may be brought against him.

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A Ball in Mormonism.
Utah Mother (to daughter)—You will probably meet young Mr. Brigham at the ball to-night, dear.

Daughter—Yes, mamma.
Utah Mother—And you must be as pleasant as possible. Mr. Brigham is the most desirable part of the season; he has only one wife, you know.—The Epoch.

Russia's National Hymn.
The Russian national anthem, "God Protect the Czar," was first performed at the Grand theatre, Moscow, in December, 1833. Previous to this there had been no national hymn in Russia, and the czars usually contented themselves with "God Save the King."—Detroit Free Press.

Paris' Gloomy Apartments.
It has been ascertained that, free as light and air, there are over 27,000 families in the city of Paris inhabiting apartments having no other openings than a door, and that at least 60,000 families in the city of London reside in cellars.—Chicago Herald.

He Painted the Town.
Jinks has been out the night before and is late at his desk. Employer (sternly)—Well?

Jinks—Not very sir.—New York Evening Sun.

A Warning to Parents.
What we often call cuteness in children is simply natural depravity. After they grow up we wish they weren't quite so cute.—Philadelphia Call.

The number of insane in New York asylums is now over 14,000, of whom a very large proportion are foreigners.

The children in Bogota carry their own chairs to school, as well as their own pens and ink.

Electricity furnishes employment for 5,000,000 people.

NEW DISCOVERIES IN CHEMISTRY.

Chemical Reproductions of the Valuable Principles in Natural Products.

It will be a long time before the farmer finds himself supplied by the chemical laboratory in the production of such commodities as sugar, tea, alcohol, drugs and dye stuffs, though sanguine chemists tell us that the recent triumphs of their science indicate the probability that these and other articles will some day be profitably produced from purely inorganic materials. Synthetic chemistry, or the forming of compounds by recombinations of chemical elements, is making steady progress, and has already affected agriculture.

Mr. Robert Hugh Mills, in a recent lecture, called attention to the fact that the cultivation of madder has been almost destroyed by the chemical discovery that its coloring matter can be cheaply produced from coal tar. The production of indigo is also threatened by an artificial production which the chemists have discovered. A while ago it was found that the cinchona tree could be profitably planted in India, and a fine new field of industry was believed to have opened for the farmers of that country. Scores of chemists, however, have been at work upon the synthesis of quinine, and their researches have advanced so far that the production is now confidently made that the manufacture of the principle of quinine will soon be a commercial success, and that cinchona planting will become a thing of the past. These chemical reproductions of the valuable principles in natural products are often easier to handle and utilize than the products from which they have hitherto been derived, and thus the tendency of manufacture is to substitute artificial for natural sources of supply.

The problem of sugar making from inorganic materials has engaged some chemists for a number of years. The synthesis of glucose by Fischer and Tafel is said to promise an ample supply of this commodity without the aid of grapes or starch. Two years ago some German chemists announced that they had produced saccharose, the equivalent of cane sugar, by passing an electric current through a mixture of starch, sulphuric acid and water. Nothing has yet been heard of the commercial value of this new product, and there is no reason to think it will prove a dangerous rival to the sweets we derive from the cane and the beet. Some sugar growers, however, have been prophesying for years that something would happen to ruin the sugar industry, and their alarm receives a fresh impetus at every new discovery like that of Remsen's saccharine, an exceedingly sweet article produced from coal tar. The day may come when processes of sugar making by the use of inorganic materials will seriously affect the sugar planter, but there is no reason, as yet, to believe that his industry will soon be imperiled.

Legislation has intervened in some places to protect the dairy farmer against oleomargarine, even where this product is honestly sold as artificial butter. It is not to be expected that in many cases where science supplies us with a desirable substitute for any product, the law can be successfully invoked to keep the world from reaping the benefit of increasing knowledge. Future discoveries may compel the farmer to cease raising some produce by which he has thrived, or to change and improve his methods of agriculture; but it is certain that the tillers of soil will continue to supply the chief resources of food and apparel.—New York Sun.

Verifying an Old Legend.
Readers of the saga of the Burned Njal, translated by Sir George Dasent, cannot have forgotten the terrible conclusion, the burning of old Njal's house with all his family. This deed was almost the last of a series of man slayings, the result of an Icelandic vendetta or blood feud. The date was about the time of the conversion of Iceland to Christianity, that conversion having been rather incomplete so far. Now people have often asked whether this event, so renowned in history, ever took place. According to Nature, a member of the Icelandic Archeological Society has excavated the site assigned to Bergthorsholl, Njal's home, by tradition. He found at a certain depth the ashes of a burned house, and also some curious lumps of a fatty substance. Being analyzed, these proved to be skyr, a kind of buttermilk, apparently, which had undergone the action of fire. Now the saga expressly says that palisads of skyr were thrown by the women of the house on the fire in the attempt to extinguish it. This confirmation is very curious, if not, perhaps, very cogent.—London Daily News.

Paying Children for Everything.
Three young ladies were walking down Woodward avenue the other day, the damsel in the middle talking volubly in a very audible tone. She said: "Why, they are paid for everything. They got \$100 each for not having their ears pierced; \$100 each for not becoming engaged until they are 21, and when the rest of the family went abroad and didn't take—she cried and got \$100. It's \$100 for this and \$100 for that all the time. Then there is their brother. He's delicate, you know, and he gets \$1 a day for not eating dinner, \$1 a day for going to bed at 9 o'clock and when he is sick he gets \$2 a day for taking his medicine. And spend money! Why, girls, it's just awful! They spend more in a—, and they passed out of ear shot."—Detroit Free Press.

One of the Sea's Dangers.
A curious acoustic phenomenon, sometimes observed at sea, has been termed by M. Fizeau, the "mirage of sound," from its analogy to certain well known phenomena of light. The sound waves are deflected upward to a very marked extent under the influence of strata of air of various temperatures, and to this effect are ascribed numerous collisions between vessels having powerful fog signals.—Arkansas Traveler.

A Big Canal Project.
A scheme for constructing a canal deep enough for transatlantic steamers, from the sea to the city of Brussels, Belgium, has been submitted to the city council. The company will undertake to finish the work, and begin running steamers from Brussels to New York within three years from the date of the concession.—Foreign Letter.

A Mean Man.
Jarrett—Peterson is absolutely the meanest man I ever met. Do you know what that fellow did when he was married?

Garrett—What? Declined to see the minister?

Jarrett—Fee the minister! Why, sir, the ushers took up a collection at the wedding!—Life.

Two Motives.
Grocer—I have always believed in fair dealing. My motto in life has been "Live and let live." Can you find one that will beat that?

Shop Manufacturer—Yes, I've got one that says all over the place. My motto in life has been "None other genuine."—Judge.

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