



THE CONVERSION OF JOE RATTLIN.

Billy Capstan and Teddy Luff, two well-to-do fishermen, stood, or rather loitered, against one of those tall, farrowed wooden buildings at the front of the old town of Hastings...



"Yes," admitted Billy. "It won't be a kind of dizziness." "Let's get him aboard," cried Teddy resolutely, "and give him a lesson. We can drift down Spithead way and come on it kind of casual like Saturday night, then if the fleet's ablaze, as the stranger said, it would make Joe think judgment day had come, and he'd likely swear off and not touch rum any more."



"What's that I see in the offing?" "You've had more than your share now, I've put the rum forward, and there's the rum stays."

"No," said Teddy, "except black water and blacker sky." "Look again, boys," cried the captain, "Oh there, nor'west. Don't you see the lights?"

There was a trace of nervous apprehension in the skipper's tone. His two comrades turned their gaze to the nor'west, and again shook their heads. "Don't see no lights," murmured Billy.

"Then," said the captain defiantly, "I've got 'em! I've got 'em, boys. I've been often on the borders before, but now I've got 'em, sure."

"Looks like it, skipper," said Teddy sympathetically, "but don't get frightened, Joe; it'll be all right if you swear off. That is sent as a warning you should pay heed to."

"A warning!" cried Capt. Joe exultantly. "Why, rot my halyards! It's the finest sight you ever saw. I never dreamt of anything equal to it. Talk about the deliriums! My word, it's heavenly. I thought a fellow saw something ghastly when he got into the tremors, but that isn't the case. You should drink more rum, you two, and then you'd know what enjoyment is. Take me for a guinea, if this don't beat all the maple lantern shows I ever see, and if a pint of rum will give a man a heavenly vision like this what won't a quart do? By ginger, boys, I'm going to double this row of lights; where'd you say the rum was? Well, here goes for the rest o' the cask."

Billy and Teddy looked at each other with dismay. "I reckon," said Teddy, "we've been hasty. This lesson's a failure."

And Billy nodded his head solemnly several times without speaking.—Detroit Free Press.

Smaller and Smaller. The smallest elephant is one from Sumatra, which was recently exhibited in Berlin. Three years old, it stands only 36 inches from the ground. It is a little over one yard in length, and weighs 168 pounds.

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THE LANGUAGE OF TRADE. Rapidly becoming recognized as the World's Commercial Centers. Notwithstanding all the difficulties foreigners find in mastering the English language, that tongue is becoming the language of commerce the world over.

The Chinese and sometimes awkward features of English orthography are the only blocks to the general acceptance of our tongue in commercial dealings. Then, too, there is no court of last resort to which differences of opinion on these disputed points can be carried. This is the kind of arbitration that the world needs most, say people whose trade brings them in contact with all nations.

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MONGOLIAN ELECTORS. The Chinese Vote in California Will Be an Important Factor. The isolated patter of one pair of Chinese baby feet in a noisome "China alley" a few years ago would have caused a flutter. Almond eyes, olive skin, jaunty cap, rustling silken garments, snowy white little shoes, a braided "pigtail" which oscillated like a pendulum, long finger nails—and there was the little pagan who pioneered a long array of similarly attired other little pagans out from Chinese hovels into the sunshine and fearless freedom in the open air.

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THE FORTRESS OF MONTJOY OVERHUNG BARCELONA. Where many Anarchists have been executed, recently.

execution of a relative on the gallows, which was the method employed in Spain up to about thirty years ago for carrying out the sentence of death.

Garrote wondered that a more expeditious and, therefore, merciful method had not been discovered. He little thought then that he would be the one to furnish his country with a substitute for the gallows, but the thought haunted him so long that he at length found it assuming ordered form in his mind, and in time the ponderous death-dealing machine that has immortalized him in his country came to be a fact.

The two points of excellence claimed for the garrote are these: That it can be made with reasonable care to kill instantly and that it sheds not one drop of blood. Force that is measured by horse power is the agency it employs and its aim is the breaking of the victim's neck.

The unfortunate is first made to sit in a chair directly under two heavy iron bars, one of which is adjusted on the back of his neck and the other—vulgarily known as the corbata, or necktie—under his chin. Then the executioner grasps the handle, gives a vigorous twist and death is instantaneous. The entire machine is made of iron and ordinarily weighs several hundred pounds. They are ordinarily of very rough construction, thus adding to the horrifying impression which the circumstances connected with them cannot but leave in the mind of any observer.

Persons who have witnessed all sorts of capital punishment are unanimous in the opinion that garrotting is the most revolting and appalling of all. It is not always as expeditious as its inventor made it possible to be. A vicious executioner can prolong it practically at will, and herein is the system's great drawback as it is now constituted. Cases are etched in which the process was prolonged twenty, thirty minutes, even three-quarters of an hour. The executioner merely gave twist enough to the handle, or lever, to choke his victim. Then he turned it back and twisted again, this time a little more than at first, and so on until, his spite having been satisfied or his instructions perhaps obeyed, he gave one final turn and ended the tortured life. Such was the execution of Maloja in Mantanzas, Cuba, in 1888.



PROFESSOR NIPHER.

conducting the experiments, is one of the foremost physicists in this country. For many years he has been head professor of physics in the Washington Institution, and is the local authority on subjects falling within the range of his specialty.

JOHN McCULLAGH. Recently Appointed Chief of the New York Police Force.

John McCullagh, New York's new chief of police, is a solid citizen of comfortable fortune, who has been upon



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the force since 1870. In 1874 he was promoted roundsman, and was advanced to sergeant in 1876 and to captain in 1883. McCullagh became a conspicuous member of the department as captain of the Sixth Precinct, where he fought the evils of Unatown and the remnants of the notorious Whyo gang. He gave the coup de grace to that noted band of law-breakers. He hunted opium dens and fan-tan games, and often disguised himself as a tramp and associated with the fiercest of the criminal elements to further his work. When the reform board came into power McCullagh was brought to headquarters, and in 1895 he was made inspector. Since then he has done inspector's work on captain's pay. He was favored by Theodore Roosevelt for promotion, but Chief Conlin would not recommend him, and it has taken two years to break the deadlock.

JAP COUNT DEAD. Former Minister of His Country to the United States. Count Munimutsu Mutsu, former Japanese minister to the United States, is dead. The count was one of the foremost statesmen of modern Japan. He leaves behind him much political and historical literature, of which he was the author, and which will be of inestimable value to the future Japanese historian. Mutsu was in the forefront of the constitutional movement and he and the Marquis Ito were

the leaders in molding the empire into its present form and modern form. His services were of incalculable good during the late Chinese war. At the end of that conflict he was a member of the peace convention that framed the treaty which left Japan with many great political and commercial advan-



COUNT MUTSU.

Pure Food in France. Anybody who doubts the genuineness of an article of food that he has purchased from a Parisian tradesman may take it to the municipal laboratory for analysis. It will cost him nothing to have it analyzed, and the fact determined whether it is unadulterated or adulterated, and if the latter, the law deals with the offender without further action on the part of the purchaser. The shopkeeper is liable to be heavily fined, imprisoned, deprived of the few civil rights he is supposed to be otherwise entitled to, and has to display conspicuously in his shop window or on his door for a year a large placard bearing the words "Convicted of adulteration."

Hard to Believe. A New London (Conn.) man of an ingenious turn of mind, who had a water meter in his house, tinkered its interior arrangements so that it ran backward, and at the end of six months the dial indicated that instead of his owing the city for water, they owed him \$51, and he says that they brought him a check for the amount.

Horse Census. It is estimated that Russia leads all other countries in its horse inhabitants, the number, including those in Siberia, being put at 21,570,000. The United States is placed next, with 7,500,000, though there may now be less because of the decrease of car horses caused by the trolley. In Argentina there are 4,000,000, in Austria 3,500,000, in Germany 3,350,000, in France 2,850,000, in England 2,700,000, in Canada 2,624,000, in Spain 680,000 (and 2,900,000 mules), in Italy 2,000,000, in Belgium 383,000, in Denmark 316,000, in Australia 301,000, in Holland 125,000, in Portugal 88,000 (and 50,000 mules). There are also 300,000 mules in France, according to equine statistics, and there must be more than that number in the United States, but the estimate of horses does not include them.

How They Were Married. Years ago there lived in a Massachusetts town a justice of the peace known as "Square" Simmonds, a man noted for the shortness of his memory. He carried about with him a slip of paper on which was written the brief marriage form which he used when called upon to unite a pair in the bonds of matrimony. He never trusted himself to begin the ceremony without reference to this document.

One day, at a county fair in a neighboring town, he was approached by an elderly couple who expressed their wish to be married then and there. After some conversation the "square" agreed to perform the ceremony on the spot; and the three, accompanied by a grown-up daughter of the man and a sister of the prospective bride, stepped into a convenient horse-shed.

There the "square" began a fruitless search for the important paper, growing more and more perturbed as each succeeding pocket played him false. At last he abandoned the search.

"Are you willing to marry this woman?" he asked the man, who replied with a prompt "Yes."

"And you want to marry him?" asked the justice, turning to the bride.

"I do," said she, with promptness equal to the bridegroom's.

"Then," said the "square," in his most impressive tone, "I hereby pronounce you married, according to the memorandum left at home in my other trousers pocket."