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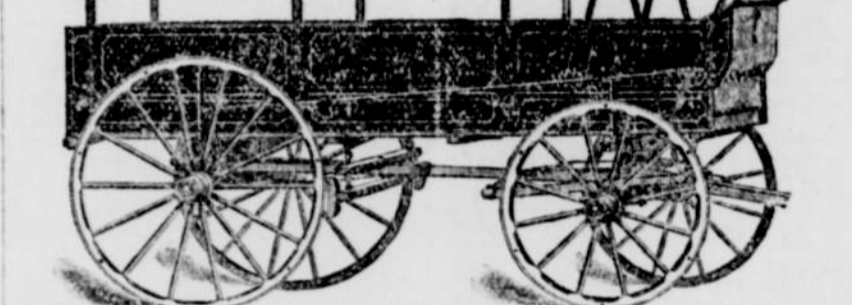
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ANGEL FACES

"And with the more those angel faces smile, The more I love to live, and love to die." Who once has loved beneath the sun, But by and by the time will come, When death will come for those I love, And down from that sweet home above, Some face adorned will look on me.

Oh, trust, dear, earthly friend, Living to die, I need not wait, Till I have met my angel friend, For such a one you will be found.

But keep thy smile allpious white, Living to die, I need not wait, Till I have met my angel friend, For such a one you will be found.

For all things good, strive with me, And thou shalt be my angel friend, With the angels of the great beyond, For such a one you will be found.

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THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Reasons why so much mail is sent There— Suggestions from the Post.

Over six million pieces of mail matter are sent annually to the Dead Letter Office by reason of incorrect, illegible, or deficient addresses, inasmuch as the sender should fail to be called for or delivered to the person addressed, and upon which full letter postage has been paid, and are returned to the sender directly— the name and address of the sender, and the reason of non-delivery indorsed thereon.

Packages and all matter mailed at less than letter rate of postage, should, in addition to the name and address of the sender upon the envelope or wrapper, bear in connection therewith a request for its return in the event of non-delivery, in which case it is also returnable directly to the sender from the post office addressed, charged with return postage at the rate required for the class of matter to which it belongs.

If it be borne in mind that only such unclaimed and undelivered letters and other matter prepaid at full letter rate of postage as do not bear the name and address of the sender, and such other matter mailed at less than letter rate of postage as does not bear a request for its return, is required to be sent to the Dead Letter Office, the importance of the suggestions in respect to placing the name and address of the sender, etc., on all matter mailed, is apparent.

Letters which contain no measure of value are not recorded. Packages and parcels are recorded, and where they do not disclose the name and address of the owner are filed; if not called for or claimed within two years they are disposed of at public auction, the proceeds being covered into the United States Treasury.

A large proportion of the packages and parcels sent to the Dead Letter Office fail to be returned to the owners because of the absence on the wrapper or inclosures of anything to indicate ownership thereon.

Information as to the character and nature of the matter thus received at the Dead Letter Office and the conditions which influence its return, its failure to reach the persons to whom the carriers designed it to go, may be of interest, and will be given in this column.

"Misdirection, improper, illegible and deficient address are given as leading causes which influence its return, its failure to reach the persons to whom the carriers designed it to go, may be of interest, and will be given in this column.

In addition to these, in the case of matter mailed to cities or foreign countries, are the failure to give street or number, business or occupation, or some designation of the person to whom the person addressed, inability to find the person, and their neglect to give forwarding address, or the neglect of permanent or temporary residents to notify the carriers of office of change of place for the delivery of their mail, or the failure of one part of the city to another, together with the failure of new-comers to furnish the post office with their names and places of address. It is to these causes, with others of more or less consequence, as it is the main, attributable, and they are conditions over which the sender has no control, and may alone be remedied by the people themselves.

The following suggestions, if observed, will aid the dispatch and delivery of matter sent through the mails, or its return directly to the sender in the event of non-delivery, and thus prevent the annoyance, delay, and embarrassment incident to the non-delivery of mail matter in its destination, and will also insure the prompt return of the same to the sender in cases where delivery from cause cannot be effected, if the foregoing suggestions are conforming to.

D. P. LEIBHARDT, Superintendent.

Guilty of contempt. James Barry, editor of the Weekly Star of San Francisco, who was found guilty of contempt for publishing an article denouncing Judge Lawler as a criminal judge, was sentenced to a fine of \$500 and undergo imprisonment for five days in the county jail.

The appeal of the case to the California Supreme Court, who recently rendered the following decision, sustaining the Lower Court. The opinion was written by Justice Marks, McFarland, Paterson, Fox and Thornton concurring.

In referring to the liberty of the press Justice Marks says: "The only check upon this liberty is the responsibility for the abuse of it. This may be true in the sense that the liberty to speak and write on any subject cannot be restricted or prevented in advance, and that the only remedy is to punish subsequently for any publication that amounts to the abuse of such liberty. That is precisely what has been done in this case. If the language used was improper, but affected the judge in his individual capacity, and was not an interference with the proceedings of the court over which he was presiding, the remedy could be a proceeding for contempt. So the question is twofold. Was the publication an abuse of the liberty of the press, and if so, was it an interference with the proceedings of the court?"

In the last of those questions we have already determined. As to the former, the liberty of the press to fairly criticize the official conduct of a judge or the decisions or proceedings of the courts, and to expose and bring to light any wrongful, corrupt, or improper act of a judicial officer, is one that should be carefully preserved and protected by the courts. If a public supervision and censure, through the press or otherwise, is necessary to suppress corruption and bring the character of the judge into question, the right to exercise such supervision and to censure and expose wrong-doing should be and must be upheld by the courts. But the publisher of a newspaper who assumes to criticize or censure a public officer or the proceedings of a court must know whereof he speaks. If he assumes unjustly or charges falsely, he must be held strictly accountable. While his right of free speech is protected, his abuse of it must be protected. The great trouble with the freedom of the press at the present day, so far as it affects the courts, is that it is used indiscriminately in many cases, not with the laudable purpose of correcting abuses and exposing wrong-doing, but to gratify ill will and passion, or pander to the passions or prejudices of others. This tendency should be severely condemned and punished, not only for the protection of the courts and the preservation of a pure and independent judiciary, but as a means of upholding the liberty of the press in its true sense.

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