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DOG SHOW

365 Dogs And 1200 Entries.. Task of Judging a Large One.

NEW YORK, June 5.—What is recognized among experts as the second best dog show in the country opened yesterday under the auspices of the Ladies Kennel Association of America in the picturesque Fair Grounds at Mineola.

There were actually 365 dogs and nearly 1,200 entries, the task of judging proving so herculean that many breeds scheduled to be disposed of had to be left over until to-day. The brunt of the task was on the shoulders of the two English experts Christopher Houliker and Midgeley Marsden. So unexpectedly heavy proved the duties of both that dusk overtook matters before either had completed his allotted work.

MAN UNDER BED.

ST. LOUIS, June 5.—As she slipped her night gown over her head, preparatory to retiring at 11 o'clock last night, Mrs. Elizabeth Gerling of 2855 Osage Street, this city was seized by a man who had scrambled from underneath the bed and her throat was cut. She crumpled in a heap and lost consciousness. She is not expected to live. Her assailant, who is said to be a former suitor fled of the street and is still at large.



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American university where the Professor is a controlling factor, and where electivism (a respectable name for sciolism) is the vogue, there is an abundance of courses on the fine arts, on geology, on the romance languages, on culture, on agriculture and agriculture, but a decided paucity of compulsory instruction in the exact sciences. In a word, why mental recreation has been substituted for mental discipline. He might even go so far as to offer him his passage back to New York if the professor can give any other answer than that the students will not attend severely scientific courses—the liberal studies having crowded out the humanities. How easy would it be, then, for the manager to draw a deadly parallel. You give your students, not the rigorous courses you really think they ought to have, but the easy studies and pursuits they demand. So, too, we give the public not the plays it ought to have, but the kind it wants. You say the liberal studies have crowded out the humanities. So too with us,—the modern play, the more amusing, the more recreating play has crowded out and relegated to the library the classical drama or the play of ideas. In both cases we yield to the wishes of the vast majority which is always wrong, always downward in its inclinations, and only kept from perdition by that saving minority that exists in every com-

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