

AMUSEMENTS IN PARIS.

The "Ham" and "Gingerbread" Fairs.

French people have very strange manias, and one of the most peculiar is to offer themselves at stated periods amusements in which there is nothing really amusing.

The "Gingerbread fair" that begins immediately after Lent and continues six weeks, is the most important of Parisian fairs.

In the center of the fair are numerous stalls of charlatans, swings, merry grounds, circuses, riding schools with wooden horses, balls, to which dancers are admitted for five sous—in short, a thousand tents that cover noise, bustle and general din.

As night approaches the dancing hall are brilliant with electric lights, the group of visitors become more talkative, gayer, in fact, forgetful that if they have not come in carriages there is scarcely a possibility of return to Paris unless on foot.

Tricks in the Wine Trade.

Two Parisians named Bernard and Fourcade have just been sentenced to six and twelve months imprisonment respectively, for having practiced a series of very ingenious frauds on keepers of public houses in the metropolis.

Another "dodge," to quote his own expression, was to pour into a barrel of 200 litres forty litres of first class wine.

A Noble Sentiment.

Dumley—Brown told me last night, in strictest confidence, Robinson, that everything is all right with the pretty little widow, and that they are to be married in June.

Robinson—You don't say so? Dumley—Yes, but you mustn't say anything about it. When a man confides in me I like to respect confidence.—The Epoch.

Physician's Wife—Are your affairs in bad shape, John? Physician—Yes, but I hope to pull through. My eyelids have extended my paper to the middle of the watermelon season.

JOHN BROWN'S DEATH.

Interesting Reminiscences of the Last Act in the Tragedy—A False Statement Corrected—"Porte Crayon's" Sketch—Politeness on the Scaffold.

The only time during the whole time of his captivity that John Brown showed temper, according to Mr. Andrew Hunter, was when his wife visited him the day before the execution, and Gen. Tallaferra, who was in command of the troops, refused to let her remain over night.

"Brown did show right smart temper over that," said Mr. Hunter. "But he soon calmed down and acquiesced in the arrangement. Mrs. Brown stayed in the jail two or three hours and was then sent down to Harper's Ferry, where she waited until next day, when the body of her husband was delivered to her.

Of the last act in the tragedy Mr. Hunter tells some interesting reminiscences. He, with Mr. Smith, of the military institute, went out the afternoon before the execution and selected the location for the gallows, which was immediately put up by Capt. Cockrell, the town carpenter.

THE EXECUTION.

"We chose an elevated place, just out of town, where there wasn't a tree or anything else to serve as a landmark. Our idea was that the exact spot should be forgotten as soon as possible. And we were eminently successful. There isn't a man living, except myself, who can tell you just where John Brown was hung. I can put my hand on the spot, but I wouldn't. The gallows was put up the afternoon before, and it was taken down as soon as the execution was over, and the timbers were stored in the jail yard.

Afterwards the gallows was erected as wanted for Brown's companions, but not in the same place. As soon as one hanging was over the gallows was taken down. When the war came on the timbers were moved from the jail yard and built into a porch to hide them from the Yankees.

Some things which have been printed about the execution were utterly untrue, according to Mr. Hunter.

"That story of John Brown stopping on the way to the scaffold to kiss a little negro child is utterly false," he said. "No negroes were allowed to be near. I saw him all the way from the jail to the gallows. I was close beside the scaffold when he mounted it, and I heard him say in a plaintive tone, 'I hope they will not keep me standing here any longer than necessary.' The military were going through a lot of movements. While Sheriff Campbell and Capt. Avis were binding him and adjusting the rope I heard him say, 'Make haste! Make haste!' When I heard that I dropped my handkerchief as a signal for them to cut the rope which held the drop, and they obeyed. The military kept on moving about, but before they got into position and knew what had happened John Brown had been hung and was as dead as Henry VIII."

THE LAST SKETCH.

Strother, the artist and author, best known to the literary world as Porte Crayon, until recently in the diplomatic service of this country, was a nephew of Mr. Hunter. He died a few months ago at Charlestown. He was here during the trial reporting and sketching.

"Strother," said Mr. Hunter, "was with me when the drop fell. He slipped up, raised the cap from John Brown's face and commenced making a sketch of the dying man's face. On my asking some question, Strother replied that Lydia Maria Childs had published her wish to have a picture of John Brown in every condition of life to hang in her room, and he was taking the sketch that she 'might have him when he was finished.'"

Mr. Hunter says that he immediately had Brown's body packed and sent it off that afternoon to Harper's Ferry. "Not one of them was buried here," he added. "I shipped the bodies north to friends and was very glad to do so. Stephens' sister and sweetheart came here from Connecticut and were with him the night before he was hung. They took his body back with them."

"There was one thing in connection with the execution of Brown I have always regretted," said Mr. Hunter, as he concluded his reminiscences "and that is this: As he neared the gallows he bowed to me very politely. I was looking in another direction and did not see him, but was told of it afterward. If I had seen him I should certainly have returned the bow."

Mr. Hunter said this with the sincerity of a Virginia gentleman of the old school, who felt that by accident he failed to sustain on one occasion his reputation for good manners.—"W. B. S." in Globe-Democrat.

Imitating Paris Milliners.

When copied in vile stuffs and unartistic colors by clumsy fingers, the creations of Parisian milliners reappear all over the world, they are often eccentric enough. I admit, another form of French as she is "traded"—and it is no wonder that reverend doctors are found to town on them: they shock more than the French themselves.—Max O'Hell in The Casano politan.

A Heroic Girl.

Miss Clara—Oh, Ethel, I had my ears pierced to-day! Miss Ethel—Were't you dreadfully frightened? Miss Clara—A little at first, but I kept saying "solitaire," "solitaire," "solitaire" to myself, and before I knew it it was all over.—New York Sun.

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