

NEARLY SMOTHERED BY VIOLETS

Miss Sadie Connolly Has a Narrow Escape in New York.

Miss Sadie Connolly, an actress, was half smothered by the sweet breath of violets the other night. She was able to be out of the bed the next day to receive in person the congratulations of friends, though still nervous and upset over her extraordinary experience.

When not on the road she has been at home in her snug flat at 1445 Second avenue, of which her sister Julia is housekeeper. The two sisters live entirely alone. Monday morning an expressman delivered at Miss Connolly's flat a huge box of violets shipped all the way from California in a bed of moist moss. There were nearly 3,000 separate flowers. The penetrating odor filled the flat. Miss Connolly's bedroom has no means of ventilation except a door opening into the front parlor and another communicating with her sister's bedroom.

The air being chilly the actress retired in the midst of her violets with the windows all closed. The next morning her sister found her unconscious. A physician who was promptly called brought her back to earth after having dumped the violets outdoors. These he said were partly responsible for the young woman's condition. As they were cut flowers and in the process of decay they had added greatly to the carbonic acid in the room.

BIDDY'S HALF HOLIDAY.

Most Wonderful Law Presented Before the New Zealand House.

The New Zealand house of representatives has been doing some wonderful things, and its latest achievement is a bill for a statutory half holiday for domestic servants, which has already received its second reading. According to this proposal, every mistress is bound to turn her servants out of her house from three p. m. until ten p. m. one day in every week. If the servant is found employed at her ordinary work during the statutory half holiday, the mistress will be liable to a penalty of \$25. If the servants return to their homes for food during the time mentioned, the mistress must wait on them or be mulcted to the same tune, but we take it, says the Westminster Gazette, that the mistress has a legal right to refuse admittance. The result will be that a large number of the servants in the town, being country girls without friends, will be driven to parade the streets for these six hours of compulsory holiday. The humorous completeness of this proposal will, we are afraid, be fatal to its chances of becoming law. A prominent lady politician has already avowed her preference for a statutory half holiday for overworked mothers of large families who have no servants. The husband will then be compelled to remain at home and mind his house in the absence of his wife.

TO WED THE UGLIEST MEN.

Society of Lovely American Girls Which Has Been Formed for That Purpose.

Extremes meet in the fickle feminine fancy. The attractiveness of the Adonis for women is not to be compared with that of the man who is so fearfully and wonderfully ugly as to serve as a living confirmation of the truth of the Darwinian theory regarding the descent of man, says the New York Herald.

A bevy of lovely American girls have formed a society, the object of which is to search the land for the ugliest men to be found outside a museum and, when found, to marry them as soon as possible.

Ever since the time when Mirabeau, the ugliest of all Frenchmen, had his host of female admirers really hideous men have been worshipped by women.

This extraordinary fondness of women for extremely ugly men is seen when some especially villainous looking criminal, accused of a particularly atrocious crime, is exhibited in the dock and immediately becomes the idol of all the women who attend the trial. The more hideous his appearance and the fouler his misdeeds the more enthusiastic is the worship of the women.

"He is so delightfully ugly," said a pretty girl, when asked what particular fascination a brutal criminal possessed for her.

It is a fact that in all ages and countries this strange feminine tendency has been strikingly demonstrated.

No explanation that seems plausible has ever been given.

Impulsiveness.

If a thoughtful woman was asked, "What is the greatest curse of your sex?" she might well answer, "Impulse." It is responsible for almost all the mistakes made by the good-hearted among us. May it not safely be said that a few minutes' thought before speech or action would prevent most fatal blunders? Many of us are in positive bondage—quickness to feel, to show our feelings, to retort or to respond. If we are hurt we must immediately "give ourselves away," as the phrase runs, if not by bitter speech, at least by look and manner, yet reflection frequently brings the keenest regret for lost dignity, the betrayed secret or other ill results.—Home Magazine.

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SUMMARY OF INDICTMENT

Under Which Williamson, Gesner and Biggs Are Convicted.

The indictment under which Williamson, Gesner and Biggs were tried and convicted was drawn by Oliver E. Pugin, of Washington, D. C., and was the object of much criticism and attack by both the attorneys for the defense and by the court, Judge De Haven having at the former trials made some caustic remarks regarding the looseness of its construction when it was under discussion. The document was based upon section 5440 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the specific charge allied was a "Conspiracy to commit the offense of subornation of perjury denounced in section 5393 of the Revised Statutes."

Stated briefly, the indictment alleges that John N. Williamson, Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs, of Prineville, on June 30, 1902, entered into a conspiracy in the consummation of which they were to suborn a large number of persons to commit perjury by inducing them to file upon timber claims under contract to transfer the claims to the firm of Williamson & Gesner for \$500 each as soon as title had passed to the claimants from the Government of the United States.

The persons named in the indictment as being those who had been suborned by the defendants were Campbell A. Duncan, Susie M. Duncan, Frank Ray, Ethel M. Ray, Ben F. Jones, Nancy D. Jones, Green Beard, Mary J. Beard, Emmett B. Holman, Henry Hudson, Christian Feuerhelm, Wilford J. Crain, Jennie Crain, Henry Beard, Jefferson D. Evans, Mahal J. Evans, Ernest D. Starr, John S. Watkins and Lottie Watkins.

According to the allegations of the indictment the defendants induced these persons to file upon timber claims

in the vicinity of Prineville at which time they were forced, according to law, to swear that they were taking the claims for their own use and benefit and without intent to sell or transfer them to any other person, and that they had no contract to sell. It is alleged in the indictment that at the time the persons filed they were doing so at the instigation of the defendants, and for their benefit and profit; that Gesner had lent them the money and furnished the filing fees and final proof money under the contract and agreement that as soon as the lands were passed to patent and deeds given by the Government, the lands were to be transferred to the firm of Williamson & Gesner, the claimants to receive \$75 profit in each instance.

Man Ape Until Educated.

That a college education is one means of passing from the gorilla stage to that of a civilized man, and that the only difference between President Roosevelt and a gorilla is that the former is educated, were some of the contentions of Professor Frank Parsons, of Boston University, last night, when he addressed the Boston Newsboys' Protective Union at their hall, 53 Hanover street, upon "The Value of College Education to Newsboys."

While many of the little fellows did not fully understand the Professor's meaning, they were so enthusiastic over his presence that they applauded him time and again, even though he declared that even newsboys were gorillas.

"Hundreds of years ago," he said, "the gorillas were the only inhabitants of the earth, and they were masters of the situation."

"Let us compare a gorilla with President Roosevelt," the speaker shouted, and the boys shouted. "The difference is in the brain. The President has been educated while the gorilla has been allowed to roam wild. That is why some of you newsboys should go from the gorilla stage to that of the civilized man. Many of the best men of our country went from the gorilla stage to the Roosevelt stage simply by learning. They either received a college education, or educated themselves by hard work."

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in, my boys? If you do not win the scholarship, you must try. Those who are not successful will at least receive an education in trying.

The way you boys can go from the gorilla stage is by securing a college education, or by reading the news papers, good books, or becoming acquainted with educated men and absorb their knowledge. The newspapers are too near the gorilla stage, and for that reason you should not place too much confidence in them. While you can profit somewhat in reading them, do not neglect to read good books.

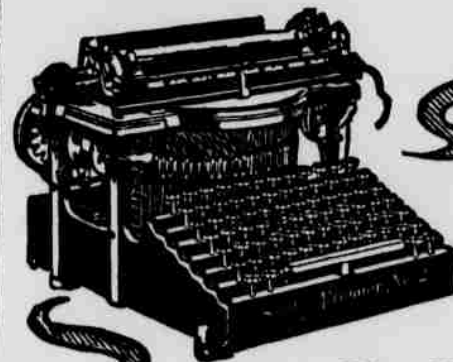
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