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"IMMENSE"

Few words are commoner in the language of the newspapers than the word "alleged." To allege anything, if the old meaning be good, is to affirm it with the exactness of a dispatch. But the participation of this verb has found new service. Whenever any doubt is felt that a murder is a murder, the deed is softened to an "alleged murder." Whenever a man loses his watch and his senses, and cannot tell exactly how they went, the lamentable occurrence is chronicled as an "alleged robbery." According to these new linguistic lights an allegation means a guess. "Phenomenon," applied to something wonderful and abnormal is a common instance of high-flown vulgarity, much in the mouths and on the pens of persons who can hardly have compassed the truth that a shower of rain is just as positively a phenomenon as is a shower of frogs, a calf with six legs, Miss Crumles or an enormous gooseberry. "Immense" is an adjective seldom used but in such a manner as to confute its own meaning. Thus, in an account of some discovery beneath an ancient ruin, it was said that skeletons of great size were found, one of them being of "the immense length of 7 feet 10 inches." If the length of this skeleton was really 7 feet 10 inches, or 10 feet 7 inches, how could it have been "immense?" So, too, we read of walls of "immense" thickness, and pumpkins of "immense" girth. Are there, then, no foot-rules or measuring-tapes to reduce these immensities? A "conflagration" is not the burhing of one house; it is the meeting of flames, as when a street, town, or village is fired in several places. "Culminate" is a verb which is incorrectly used, unless in respect to something that has reached the limit of its possible height. When, therefore, the career of a wrong-doer is said to "culminate" in the lowest depths of degradation, the term is misapplied, even to being turned upside down. So is the term "assiduous," when employed to strengthen the idea of perseverance, if the particular kind of perseverance intimated be locomotive and not sedentary. So, too, is "preposterous," unless clearly denoting the figure which rhetoric describes as "putting the cart before the horse."—*Macmillan's Magazine.*

"Rise up William Reilly."

"I do not think a person should be waked at morning, and for this reason when a man falls asleep he is in the shop for repairs, as the railroad men say. His frame and all its intricate machinery is being overhauled and made ready for the next day's work. The wear of the previous day is being repaired. Nature is doing that herself. She knows what the tired frame needs just as she knows how to make the heart throb and send the blood coursing through the veins. Then she takes that tired frame, lays it down on a bed, surrounds it with the refreshing air of night, covers it with the soft darkness and lets the man rest. 'Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep,' visits him, and as the hours wear by his energies are renewed, his strength comes back, and finally, when morning breaks and the sunlight steals through the lattice, he opens his eyes and is himself again. Or if he is early to bed he awakes with the cock's crowing. Now who shall go to that man's side an hour before he opens his eyes and say to nature, stand aside and let him get up. He has had enough of rest! Well, nature will say: 'You can take him if you will, but I will charge him with an hour's loss of sleep and I'll collect it out of his bones and nerves and his hairs and eyesight. You can't cheat me, I'll find property to levy on.'

"What would be the result if a man were to lose sleep habitually for a number of years?"
"You are a reporter?"
"Yes."
"You work how many hours a day?"

"Fifteen. I go to work at 12 in the day time and quit at 3 at night."
"How old are you now?"
"Say 23."
"Well, when you are 30 in years you will be 55 in aches and ailments—older than I am. Go ask your morning paper printers how they feel! Are their steps elastic—are their eyes bright—are they fagged out—are they dragging out their lives? Put them beside the men who do day work, and how do they compare?"
"You say a man ought to sleep all he wants to?"
"Yes, and so should a child. A baby should sleep with its mother, a child should be sent to bed early and be allowed to wake of its own accord in the morning."

Transatlantic Troubles.

A London special says: The various extracts from leading American papers telegraphed to this side of the Atlantic are accepted as offering a satisfactory assurance that the government of the United States will permit no act which could rightly be characterized as a breach of international good faith. It is believed here in circles which should be well informed upon such a subject that, though no formal representations have been made on either side of the Atlantic, inquiries are making by British representatives in the United States into the attractive subject of dynamite agencies at New York. I may say public uneasiness in London has subsided greatly under the influence of the supposition that all the chief conspirators are now in the hands of the authorities and that the police have accounted for all the explosives shipped to or manufactured in this city. This comfortable belief, however, is not shared by the government, and the vigilance of the police is, therefore, if anything, increased, so that even lawyers' clerks going into law courts or to committee-rooms of the House of Commons are compelled to open their bags for inspection by detectives who are posted everywhere. If there are any American participants in dynamite plots now on shipboard bound for England or Ireland, they are running a tremendous risk, as every incoming vessel is carefully searched and suspected persons are shadowed from the moment they set foot on shore. The detectives, too, are working with the assistance of full descriptions that have been obtained from numerous approvers in every ramification of the conspiracy. The penalty that awaits expected American plotters during whose voyage the new Act has been rushed through, is twenty years penal servitude, which is quite as bad as hanging.

It is said that while a party of friends were making the rounds a few days ago of establishments where creature comforts are kept in bottles and sold by the glass, one man, whose turn it was to "treat," led the crowd into a furnishing store and asked them what they would have. One ordered a shirt collar, another took cuffs, a third asked for a scarf pin, which, it is to be presumed, he took "straight."

A reporter of the Norfolk (Va.) *Virginian*, recently referred in that paper to a conversation with Prof. Cromwell, the world-renowned art exhibitor, wherein he states that he had some year or so before suffered excruciating tortments from rheumatism, and that he had tried all kinds of medicines and so-called cures—all without effect. He heard, however, of St. Jacobs Oil, and resolved to give it a trial, which he did, and he stated that its effect on him was almost magical. A complete cure was effected, and since then he had never suffered from rheumatism. But in order that he might be at all times prepared for the enemy, he never traveled without carrying in his trunk a bottle or so of St. Jacobs Oil.

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Old Pits in California.

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Pain in the right side, under edge of ribs, increasing on pressure; sometimes the pain is on the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are costive, sometimes alternating with laxity; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having left things unaccomplished, which ought to have been done. A slight, dry cough is at first attended with a tickling sensation of the throat; his spirits are low, and although he is satisfied that exercise would be beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it.
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