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PARIS CASUALS.

Shelters in Which They Find Refuge at Nightfall.

"In Paris, as in London, and in fact in every great city, the people who patronize the night refuges are of every occupation and almost of every class," says the London News. "One refuge received in the year 980 women, 750 chambermaids, and after that, in their order, cooks, general servants, governesses (these sent only a contingent of twenty), lady companions (five), and persons formerly having money in the funds" (two)—this out of a total of nearly 3,500 picked up and cared for in the one asylum alone. This establishment belongs to an association of a mixed religious and philanthropic character. Then comes the Societe Philanthropique, which is purely religious, and which opens refuges for women under the management of the Sisters of Charity. This is called the 'work of the hospitality of labor,' and its most considerable establishment, or perhaps, the only one at present, is a house opened at Anteuil at the beginning of this year. Although the police find none of the money, they cannot exactly keep their hands out of the management, and they insist on having a register kept, just as though the place were an ordinary lodging-house. However, this is not allowed to become an excuse for a too searching inquisition. The applicants for admission give just what answers they like, and what answers they sometimes do give. Maxime du Champ will tell us. Many of them have nothing but soubriquets, or do not choose to have any other. 'What is your name?' 'They call me La Chiffonnette.' 'That is not a name.' 'Well, I have no other name.' 'What is your family name?' 'I don't know.' 'Where is your father?' 'Where is your mother?' 'I don't know.' 'Did you ever know them?' 'Never.' 'Who takes care of you?' 'Nobody.' 'Where do you live?' 'Nowhere.' In one case a young girl was asked: 'Did you ever hear of any one speak of God?' 'God?' she said, 'oh, yes, an old man with a long beard.' The arrangements here at Anteuil are of the simplest. There is a big reception-room, with benches and tables, and with a few religious pictures for its sole ornament; a bath-room beyond, and a disinfecting chamber for clothing, with a wardrobe of cast-off clothes given by the charitable to supply some of the miserable creatures with a new outfit. The rags, once off, are often quite unfit to put on again, and, in fact, cannot be put on. Some of the inmates look on the bath as quite a penal infliction, or refuse to take it because they are 'not ill.' But, as in the English casual wards, all are tubbed remorselessly, whether they like it or not. A good deal of delicacy is shown in dealing with some of the applicants. Whatever their age or status, they are all termed 'madame,' a title intended to cover every trace of irregularity in their past life. To call some mademoiselle might lead to awkward revelations when, as it often happens, they bring their babies with them. The Sisters go even further, and when a mother is unprovided with the marriage ring they give her one of brass, so as to put her, as far as appearances go, on a footing with the best in this heterogeneous society. The house at Anteuil is more than a temporary refuge. Those who most need it are allowed to stay there for some time, and many have won their way back into decent positions by the help given them in this way. This is intended to meet a supposed defect of some of the asylums, where the wretched inmates are remorselessly turned out in the morning, no matter what their needs, and many of them to certain and obvious starvation. Of the 3,500 women received at Anteuil in one year, over 1,700 found their way back to modest comfort under this arrangement.

Grand and the Frightened Officer.
An old army officer told me how General Grant once revived the flagging courage of one of his staff officers. The latter, when he was first assigned to duty under Grant, had never been in any serious engagement. Almost the first day that he reported to Grant he was placed under a fire of the hottest and most severe kind. The screaming of the balls, the roaring of the cannon, and the sharp crack and rattle of the musketry, thoroughly demoralized him. He became absolutely sick and paralyzed with fear. He was so weak from nervous excitement that he lost physical control over himself. Grant came up at the very climax of his fright, and noticing his pale face, his blue lips and chattering teeth, he said: 'Captain, you are frightened. That is natural enough. You will get over it. Suppose,' continued Grant, 'I should come to you with a hat containing ninety-nine white beans and one black one, and I should ask you to thrust your hand into the hat at a venture and pick out the black bean, do you think your chance of getting that black bean would be very good? Well, your chance for being hit under this fire is no greater than your chance for drawing the black bean.' This officer at once took heart, and from then on he never showed the slightest sign of fear.

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All Sorts.

Very rash—A boy with measles.—[Life].
Scenefrom reelife—A waitz.—[The Hatchet].

Buckskin is proverbially deer.—[Chicago Sun].
The lover sows his wild dots.—[Whitehall Times].

A coign of vantage—The counterfeiter's quarter.—[Rambler].
Whist players are likely to wipe out the old score with a rubber.—[Life].

Why would not Claud be a good name for a pet Thomas cat?—[The Independent].
One who takes lots of interest in his business—The pawnbroker.—[Stockton Maverick].

Showing the attendants at a prize fight is giving rain to the "fancy."—[Yonker's Gazette].

We hear much about the pipe of peace. Is not the stovepipe the pipe of quarrels?—[South and West].
The youthful bass bawler usually strikes out when his mother makes a base hit.—[Texas Siftings].

It is not the anonymous writer's name that interested parties want; it is his scalp.—[New Orleans Picayune].
"A bald header" wants to know how to dye the hair permanently. First catch your hair.—[Burlington Free Press].

There's nothing very original about the Board of Trade, but it's a great place for "quotations."—[The Rambler].

Ponce de Leon did not discover the fountain of youth. He did not know that it was kept behind the scenes.—[Boston Budget].

Mistakes for consumption.
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The Forces of Public Opinion.
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