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A Matter of News.

If a reader of current newspapers have access to a file of American newspapers of the last century, it will be found interesting to compare the news therein with the news of to-day. The world-belt telegraph has, of course, made each morning's paper a mirror in which is reflected the world's history for the preceding twenty-four hours. But the modern difference in the news is not referable entirely to this greater prominence in its presentation. The press and all the news-gathering agencies forage for material in fields that were not sought a hundred years ago. The percentage of crime, scandal and indecency in the conduct of persons was fairly large then, but it was not treated as news, to which the press subordinated all other things. If mentioned at all these things were dismissed with a mere reference. The press was devoted more to the cultivation of literary taste, to discussions of statesmen and their craft in an enlightening spirit, and not in that of fault finding for political effect. The discoveries of new lands, the extension of commerce by mariners, the condition of strange and distant peoples, all made news in those days. The world seemed more interested in the good and great things that were going on than in the bad and little things of individual experience. Perhaps it is for this reason that one rises from reading an old file of newspapers with a satisfactory sense of having gained information, although the sheet is tawny with time, and the men who produced it are dirt and the events it records are long gone by. The old paper is a genuine history of the world's doings in its day, of such things as were not only of moment to the people then, but of those which were to concern people yet to be.

It must be admitted that in these respects the old newspaper is in great contrast with the successor of these days. Whether the public taste for news has changed, or whether the news-gatherers are of a different kind, there is a change, which will make the press of today compare queerly in the future with that of the eighteenth century.

A glance at the news of the day telegraphed to the American press from abroad, and also distributed to the press from New York, is enough to furnish a text either for a cynic or a moralist. The cable brings from England the fifth only of the worst English high-life divorce cases, with every bit of decent reserve stripped from it.

For home news we have the startling intelligence that a black setter dog, "name unknown," jumped off a bridge in New York and was picked up and cared for at a neighboring stable. In the same city there was an extempore prize fight between two boxers in a drinking place. The principals were interviewed, and their affirmations and denials were wired as carefully as if they affected the standing of the public credit or threatened a change in the map of nations. Then follow several lynchings, with lickerish descriptions of the crimes that caused them, and a number of legal hangings, ornamented in the same way. Segregated from the rest of the day's "news," it is found that these things constitute two-thirds of it. The other third is compact of suicides, some defalcations, a few misrepresentations of public men and quotations from the different markets.

The inference is that the people who gather and those who read the news, are occupied for the most part with follies, frailties, calamities and crimes which occur all over the world, and a visitor from another planet would conclude that all we do here of note is in the line of divorce, incontinence, slaying, sneaking, slogging, lynching, lying and devilment.

It is fortunate that the world is not as black as it is painted in the news. If it were, only the drastic remedy which purged Sodom would ever cleanse and make it fit to live in.

SUSANVILLE, Cal., May 12.—Ice formed half an inch thick here last night. The entire fruit crop is killed.

New Uses For the Shoe Button.

It is a singular fact that nine out of ten of the "bums" and tramps brought into the station house have on their person a shoe button. No matter what kind of shoes they wear, still they have one of these simple instruments. Lieut. Hambrook decided a week ago to make a collection of the shoe buttons taken from the prisoners brought into the Yermen street station. In the seven days they numbered eighteen, and like young ladies do with their strings of buttons, he attached them together. He has now a chain some three feet in length. A peculiar thing is, that the hook end is bent into a variety of shapes. This penchant for having buttoned attracted the attention of the detectives long ago, and it happened to strike some bright minded policeman that the little instrument could be made to do the work of a skeleton key, as far as the locks in common use were concerned. In reality, the shoe button, to all intents and purposes, was converted into a burglar's tool, and still could be readily passed off as a necessary implement in arranging one's toilet. The possession of a skeleton key is a serious offense and carries with it conviction of a penal term. The law, however, cannot regard the shoe button as a contraband article, and still the evil intending are as well fortified with it as with the burglar's favorite tool, since, when properly shaped, it does the work equally as well. The expert can pick a lock with one of these little iron hooks with as much facility as if he had a skeleton key, and yet if caught with it in his possession enjoys immunity from the statute covering the offense. Usually, when one of these instruments is found on a prisoner's person, it is thrown away, or perhaps given back if the owner is released. No doubt in the course of a year several hundred are taken up by the police. The amount of theft that could be traced to them would very probably prove startling.

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