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NO SLUMS IN NEW YORK.

Verdict of an Expert After a Search Through the City.

I have made an amazing discovery. It is the result of three days and nights of going to and fro in New York—sometimes alone and sometimes with a wise but not cynical detective. And the amazing and disconcerting discovery is this: There are no slums in New York.

You can find crime and criminals; you can find vice, poverty, drunkenness, disease, but you cannot find a slum—such slums as blacken and fester in Antwerp, Genoa, Naples, Paris, London and many another old world city. The reason is that you cannot have a slum without filth, and New York is a clean city. Neither crime nor poverty nor crowds make a slum. You must have filth as well and that is what New York hasn't got. I looked for it east and west and north, from river front to river front. Everywhere, anywhere, were crime, vice, mean poverty. Everywhere thieves, rogues, outcasts, men and women isolated from their kind by sin or mere suffering, but no slums.

Dirt, of course, is relative, but the tenements—even the old nests of low houses lined with fire escapes—were habitable human dwelling places. And the night going detective declared he could show me nothing worse. I wanted to see the fetid caves where wretched slummers lay moaning on garbage heaps the windy gullets where it starved and there were no fetid caves.

In the old streets and the dingy courts of Paris you can still find hun dreds of them; you have but to walk peeringly through the street of the Three Gates or the street of the Iron Pot; you have but to go into the suburbs that lie outside the fortifications—for year by year the centrifugal force that sets in every great agglomeration of human atoms has thrown Parisian beggars into that dreary circumference.

But in the washed and lighted underworld of New York there are no slums. There is not one slum that half deserves the name. Wretchedness all you please; hunger in the streets and on the housepots, it may be, but none of those gangrened holes of filth without which no real slum can exist.

I speak almost with the decision of an expert. For I spent many years prowling investigating the slums that rot and blacken the surface of Europe from Moscow to Lisbon.—Vance Thompson in New York Sun.

Self Control.

Control self and the first step is taken toward becoming a power. The youth whose own hasty passions and uncontrolled appetites run away with him is a cipher as far as real strength goes.

He Stirred Up Business.

With a view to stirring up business a restaurant keeper in an English town placed one day a rather daring announcement at the door of his place of business.

Waiting until next day, a man went in and had dinner enough for two. As he was leaving without paying, the



THE PROPRIETOR STOPPED HIM. proprietor stopped him at the door and demanded payment. The queer notice was still posted at the door, and the customer, pointing to it, asked what it meant. "It means exactly what it says," replied the angry proprietor. "There is no charge for dinner tomorrow." "Good!" said the customer. "My name is Morrow, so I am entitled to a free dinner."

Who Gets the Medals?

"I understand that you have a fine crack team here," said the visitor to the guide who was showing him through the college. "What individual holds most of the medals?" The guide pondered. "Well, sir," he said, "I guess it is the pawnbroker downtown." Exchange.

Wealth of Detail.

Former Governor Proctor Knott of Kentucky used to tell a story of a naive fellow who appeared as a witness in a mountain rafter trial where Knott was an attorney. The mountainer took the stand, chewing tobacco, and gave his name, his age and his place of residence. Then one of the lawyers asked him to describe his first meeting with a certain person who figured in the case.

"Well," droned the native, "he rid through our place a-boutside of a dun colored critter a-boutside of a fox 'bout in' horn and a-crown of a bearish, scroovid, and ill was hot weather. I axed him if the critter he were a rid a waze a gollin' or a 'binted which he loved it waze and det's on."—Banded's Evening Post.

REVENUE CUTTER'S LONG ARCTIC CRUISE

Steamed 18,000 Miles and Arrives With 37 Refugees.

Port Townsend, Wash.—Completing a cruise of seven months in the arctic, during which she steamed nearly 18,000 miles, the United States revenue cutter Bear, Captain J. G. Ballinger, arrived here from the north, having on board thirty-seven refugees from Nome, who were landed at Seattle.

Captain Ballinger before leaving Nome took all the Eskimos from that city and vicinity to their homes, so that they would not be a burden on the community during the winter. That the Bear rendered valuable service to Nome after the storm is evidenced by a vote of thanks passed by the city council to Captain Ballinger and his officers.

This is the third cruise Captain Ballinger has made on the Bear as master to Point Barrow. The two previous voyages the passage was free from ice, but on this trip it was with difficulty that he succeeded in reaching the top of the continent. The Bear sailed from Point Barrow on Aug. 18, having been delayed seven days in the ice, and Captain Ballinger says that if he had not sailed when he did his vessel would have had to winter in the far north.

The Bear is the only vessel which went into the arctic this year that was able to get out. She made many trips to the relief of vessels in distress, most of them being small craft.

Captain Ballinger expresses the belief that all the vessels caught in the ice are safe and those on board can reach native villages.

The Bear after a stop at Seattle will proceed to San Francisco.

OWES LIFE TO CHEAP PANTS.

Caught in Machinery, Trousers Give Way Under the Strain.

Chester, S. D.—The fact that his trousers were of sufficiently flimsy material to not stand the strain saved the life of John Schmidt, a farmer living near town, when his trousers became caught in the machinery while he was elevating a load of corn into a crib.

Had his trousers not given way and released him he would have been seriously injured and in all probability killed.

As it was he escaped with a broken ankle bone.

Delivers Mail in Three States.

Auburn, Neb.—Hamburg, Ia., has a rural mail carrier who enjoys a unique distinction. Every day he drives into three states—Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. Hamburg is very close to the Missouri line, and there is an island in the Missouri river, well populated that belongs to Nemaha county, Neb.

UMBRELLAS ARE ANCIENT.

But They Were Ridiculed When They First Appeared in London.

Umbrellas were described in early dictionaries as "a portable penthouse to carry in a person's hand to screen him from violent rain or heat."

Umbrellas appear in the carvings at Persepolis. Niebuhr saw a great Arabian prince returning from a mosque, he and each member of his family having a large umbrella carried by their side. Old chinaware shows the Chinese shaded by umbrellas. They were first used in this country in Baltimore, brought from India, in 1772. It is said that the first person who commonly carried an umbrella in London was the benevolent Jonas Hanway, who died in 1786.

John McDonald, a London footman who wrote his own life, said that he had "a fine silk umbrella which he brought from Spain," but he could not with any comfort to himself use it, the people calling out: "Frenchman! Why don't you get a coach?" The hackney coachmen and chairmen were clamoring against their rival. The footman says he persisted for three months till they took no further notice of this novelty. Foreigners began to use theirs and then the English.—Kansas City Star.

DENTISTRY FOR TREES.

All Cavities Should Be Treated as Soon as They Appear.

Whether it is a shade or fruit tree a little judicious treatment of a cavity will often save the tree for many years of usefulness. Whether it be a branch or the main trunk the treatment will be the same. First all decayed or apparently decaying or diseased wood should be removed with a sharp chisel or knife until perfectly sound heartwood is exposed. Immediately wash the wound with a solution of copper sulphate in the proportion of one pound of sulphate to five gallons of water.

As soon as this has been done fill the cavity with a thin mortar made by mixing one part of cement with three parts of clean sand. When it has become stiff, but not hard, face it on the outside with thin cement, using a trowel to smooth the cement over all parts that have become injured. If a cavity or split should occur near a fork of the tree it would be an additional safeguard to put a long bolt through both branches so as to hold them together. When the cement hardens in a cavity the trunk will be perfectly solid, and decay will be arrested.—Farm and Florida.

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