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Two Suicides.

CHERRILL, W. T., Jan. 3.—Geo. Palmer, a bachelor, living near Napavine, was found dead yesterday by J. N. Sitton. He was lying on the floor with his brain scattered about, and his gun by his side.

The English police have raised no many great crimes, but one of the most striking cases occurred several years ago when the Washington mill caught fire.

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EXPLOSIVE DUSTS.

Dangers from Pulverized Grains, Sugar, Starch, Etc.

The Philosophy of the Matter-Striking Cases and Curious Accidents.—The Investigations of a Chemist.

Flour looks innocent enough, an overseer remarked while watching the removal of some barrels of flour and other grains from a large warehouse.

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A COMMON STORY.

[Mary G. Crocker.] A careless word to the heart that loved her, A sharp rebuke at a fateful slight, A heart too proud to ask forgiveness.

A bitter word to the heart he worshipped, A glance of scorn from his tender eyes— And two that loved as they love in Heaven, Were strangers to all love's ministries.

A patient man, with his life and talents To easing the great world's sorrow given; And a hidden burden that no one guessed, Save the heart, the heart of love, in Heaven.

A tender, quiet helpful woman, With a gift known only to God above; And singing songs from a heart that's broken— Songs sweet, O! pleadingly sweet, of love.

An Armless Painter. [H. H. A.] In Chicago Tribune.] While on the subject of pictures, there are, of course, dozens of artists in all the museums and large galleries, most of whom earn a very meagre living by disposing of their good, bad, or indifferent copies, as the case may be.

There are too many, especially of the tourist order, who infinitely prefer a poor copy of the "Descent of the Cross," "regard" in which they say: "You see that picture? Painted by who do you call 'em? I forget the name—some great gun of a painter; well, sir, this copy was painted by a man named Felix—a fellow without any arms—in doing a picture of it, sir, with his feet. I seen him to work on it myself in one of them everlasting galleries. I don't remember which one, they're all alike to me. I don't take much stock in paintings, you know, but by George! that fellow does as good a picture with his feet as those big painters that make such a fuss over 'em could do with their hands, and as far as I can see, one's just as good as another. My daughter don't think so, but you know she's been to one of these here schools in New York. She don't take no stock in anything less 'n 600 or 700 years old in the way of a picture. It suits me, though. Yes, sir, painted it with his feet. I seen him do it." And so Felix, the armless—list of Antwerp, has through his affliction made much money.

What by Evolution. [Scientific Journal.] Grant, a noted biologist, says what ranks by origin as a degenerated and degraded lily. The primitive ancestor of the lily was a very simple plant, with a triple set of pollen-bearing stamens, fertilized by insects. It thus acquired those bright colors and that beauty which reveal "Solomon's seal" in its glory.

The first downward step seems to have been self-fertilization, taking the place of the insect aid. Afterwards the winds brought the varied fertilizing pollen dust, and so came the rushes—plain little lilies, with dry, brownish flowers; then the wood rushes, something between the true rush and the grasses. The lily, a common American water plant, rushlike in character, bridged over the gap between the rushes and the grasses, and then step by step the changes in the part of the flower cultivated in our wheat plant.

Overreached Himself. [English Letter.] A man entered a hosiery store in Hartlepool, England, and asked to be shown "a few socks." When he learned the price and said, "All keep on wearing cotton ones. They say if you wear real wool during winter and summer your feet discent get caud." Some cotton ones were handed out and he persuaded the shopman to drop the price. He then said, "Aa can buy these in Middleborough for half the money." "It doesn't seem possible," remarked the dealer; "will you swear to it?" "Aa will oo."

New Use for Photography. [Scientific Journal.] Photography is now turned to new uses in Paris courts in cases of alleged adulteration of pepper, farina, and other articles of commerce. Hitherto the evidence of minute samples of commodities under a strong light, which permits the use of a photographic microscope. The photograph thus taken is sufficiently large to be easily inspected by the court, and thus the judges may be able to verify the investigations, and also give the prisoner the benefit of any mistake which may be discovered in the expert testimony.

An Anxiety That Breeds Ill Health. [London Medical Times.] The very anxiety for health which Sir James Paget and the sanitarians inculcate is an anxiety that breeds hypochondriacs, and tends, to that extent at any rate, to defeat its own object. Every one must admit that the highest form of health is unconscious health, just as the highest form of beauty is unconscious beauty, and the highest form of moral excellence is unconscious moral excellence. The typical healthy man is not aware of his health; he does not think about it at all.

A Dangerous Dragon Fly. [Chicago Herald.] In the province of San Pedro, Brazil, the destruction of all eucalyptus trees has been ordered. It appears that the tree favors the generation of a terrible dangerous dragon fly, which attacks all living creatures, and whose sting is fatal within a few minutes.

Cholera in the Mississippi Valley. Professor Bartholow says that the Mississippi valley is as much the habitat of cholera as the Ganges is, the condition being the same, and sporadic cases occurring every year. The doctor, who has had a large experience with the disease, affirms that for its treatment there is no agent comparable to chloral.

German Forest Police. [Cornhill Magazine.] In Germany the woods have their police, whose duty it is to see that no devastation is wrought by inconsiderate owners. No man may cut down his trees without the sanction of the authorities. The reason is that wood is the staple fuel of the country, and if the government did not step in to protect the people against their own improvidence, the peasants would speedily sweep away all their forests to enable them to clear the mortgages which the Jews hold on their lands. In Bavaria the price of fuel rose between 1850 and 1860 as much as 60 per cent, and building timber rose 70 per cent.

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AWAY FROM POLITICS.

Connecticut Boys No Longer After Public Preferment.

Railway and Manufacturing Avenue to Wealth Sought by the Great Majority—Business Instead of Politics.

[Hartford Cor. New York Sun.] "The brightest and ablest of the young men born and brought up in Connecticut do not go into politics," was the complaint recently made by a veteran politician of this city. These most promising fellows either go into business or go west. Many of them go no further west than New York city.

But to-day mothers and school visitors and the ministers do not stimulate ambition by telling the boys that they may go to the White House. The bright boys no longer look to the law as the stepping stone to political preferment. The power of wealth and the fascination to be found in getting rich are the lessons now taught, and the brilliant young fellows are studying railway problems, the laws of trade, mechanics, and the arts. At Yale college a series of lectures has just been begun in the problems of railway management, the laws of natural selection, and the development of the railway systems of the country have created, and it is announced that nearly all the students are eager to attend these lectures.

Two of the ablest lawyers the state has produced, both successful politicians, and once a member of congress, practically abandoned law and politics to become president of the great railroad corporation of the state. The son of a successful politician, a young man of great promise, threw down his law books, packed his college degree away, put on overalls and entered a woolen mill as an apprentice some year ago. He learned thoroughly every detail of the mechanics of a woolen mill, as well as of the manufacture of wool into cloth. To-day he is at the head of the largest woolen mills in the country. One of the ablest lads that Yale has matriculated for years closed his law office, sold his library, and applied his brains to a certain line of manufacturing, and to-day thanks his stars that he forsook politics. A bright though poor youth who had saved enough from his wages as a soldier in the army to pay his way through Yale, and who had brilliant hopes of congress or some other political honors, cast them aside after graduation, studied practical mechanics and chemistry, and is now the machinist of one of the largest railway corporations in the country, with great responsibilities and a corresponding salary.

Pickpockets and Fat People. [Exchange.] "It is my opinion," said a gentleman of experience in the matter, that pickpockets are always very particular in picking out their victims, as to what kind of persons they are. I have heard many complaints by corpulent people about this kind of robbery, and I therefore infer that the thief has a partiality for bulky persons. Do you ask why? I am pretty sure it is because such people are less nervous and fidgety and slower in their movements than others of moderate size, and are not very apt to turn around suddenly, or take much notice of any little ruck or jostling about them. The hand of the pickpocket, therefore, finds the bag or pocket of a fat person to be its best customer, and invariably succeeds in making a good bargain. A thin, nervous person, you see, would be constantly on the alert, so that it would be difficult to take anything from him and not disturb him; but the fleshy person falls into passive attitudes and reveries that render him quite unconscious of the soft, sly hand."

Louisiana's Lotus. [Chicago Times.] The veritable lotus of the Nile grows in Louisiana. A pond near Opelousas is covered with the umbrella-shaped leaves of the plant. "Visit the place early in the morning," says a correspondent, "when the stately flowers unfold their large white petals, and the purple anthers of the closed buds brighten into rose under the rays of the rising sun, and you will reach the very heart of the Hindoo conceit which pictured the dawn as a young boy sitting on the flushed bosom of a lotus flower."

Krao's 'Unconscious. [Chicago Times.] A "mising lunk," one of the race of the "Tree Livers of Soos," which has been imported into this country, can speak English and German. He has lately become tired of the many examinations of the medical fraternity, and when asked, "What do you like best, Krao?" she immediately responded, "Pretty clothes." "And what do you dislike most?" The answer came, "Doctors."

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