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PAINTING BLACK EYES.

Interview with a Successful Bruise Disguiser—Treatment of the Patients.

[Philadelphia Press.]

The leeching and painting of eyes, discolored through various causes, has become quite a profitable business, the headquarters of which is situated in the center of the district occupied by the bruising fraternity.

"You see I am pretty busy," said one of Philadelphia's most successful bruise disguisers to a reporter, as he ushered a very pretty young lady out of his office and resumed his seat, placed within easy reach of the implements of his profession. "Here are my materials," he went on pointing to a collection of tubes containing variously colored paints, and taking up a bottle filled with healthy, slimy, squirming leeches. "You would be interested to see the patients that will call here to have their discolored beauty made perfect again. There are all kinds, from the well-dressed, daintily gloved lady, who, for once, uses the street cars instead of her carriage, down to the ragged pot-boy at some concert den, who has been trying his powers as a bare-knuckled boxer."

"Do your visitors tell you how they receive their wounds?"

"O yes; though I never ask. They are generally eager to explain how stupidly they ran against a door left ajar in the dark. That is almost always the story told by the ladies, although some vary it by describing the fall down stairs, caused by a torn ruffle in their dress. The other morning a young lady, evidently a bride, came here with a badly swollen and blackened eye. While I was leeching it she told me how she had struck her face against the corner of a dressing-table in stooping to pick up her scissors, which she had dropped on the floor. I, as usual, offered my condolences, and as I was about to apply the paint to her eye, the door was hastily opened and a gentleman appeared, with a face very much the worse for three long scratches on the left cheek. The lady looked up, started, clenched her small hands, grew white with anger, and perhaps there would have been more blood spilt had not the new arrival, evidently recognizing my visitor, beaten a hasty retreat. There was no more talk of dressing tables that day."

"Do you remedy bruised faces as well as blackened eyes?"

"O yes; no matter what the injury is, I can generally render it invisible through my skill with the paint-pot. I never ask for names, and, if possible, avoid any conversation, because in some cases where people have been quarreling and afterward applied to the courts for a settlement of the dispute, I am apt to be called in to testify as to their appearance when they called on me."

"How often do you have to treat your patients?"

"About every three days the paint becomes hardened and crusted and the first costing has to be removed and a fresh one applied. If the eye is swollen I leech it before painting, and I can, in almost every case, entirely conceal the bruise. The paint I carefully apply with my finger, rubbing it well in and taking great care that the blending of the colors is exact."

A Dangerous Old Hat.

[Harrisburg Telegraph.]

Dr. Roberts, the oil torpedo man, gives an odd description of the danger which may lie in an old hat. "Speaking of nitro-glycerine," said he, the oil torpedo man, to a group of legislators in Warren the other day, "and its explosive properties reminds me of one incident of a thousand that I can relate regarding it. At the factory where the oil-well torpedoes are made we strain the nitro-glycerine through the crown of a felt hat, and when the hat has served its purpose we destroy it. One day some of the workmen, instead of destroying the hat washed it thoroughly and treated it with alkalis in order to destroy the effect of the nitro-glycerine. Then they laid it up on a shelf and forgot about it."

"Some two years afterward one of the men ran across the hat, and his curiosity was excited as to whether it would explode if struck a hard blow. He placed it on one of the iron arms that run out from the tinner's bench in the factory and struck it, while his companions looked on in wonderment. He struck it twice without any result, but the third time it exploded, blew the iron arm through a brick wall, killed the man down and broke both of his arms, and wrecked the interior of the tinshop."

An Animal Apple-Gatherer.

[St. Nicholas.]

Gathering fruit is a frequent practice of animals, and yet there is a stratagem attributed to that "walking bunch of tooth-picks" called the hedgehog which is curious enough to deserve special mention. It seems that fruit is frequently found in the hedgehog's sleeping-apartments, and its presence there is explained in this remarkable way: It is known that hedgehogs often climb walls and run off upon low boughs, and instead of scrambling down in the same manner they boldly make a leap from the top to the ground, sometimes ten or twelve feet. They coil into a ball in the air, and upon their armor of spines, and bound away unhurt. In taking this jump they have been seen to strike upon fallen fruit which, thus impaled upon their spines, was carried away by them and this has given rise to the opinion that in this way they may have stored their winter homes."

A Genuine Boy.

[Berkshire (Conn.) Bulletin.]

A youngster picked up a piece of unslacked lime on his way to school the other day and put it in his jacket pocket. During the session he jammed a wet sponge into his pocket and steam began to pour forth. He didn't know just what to do, the whole school was in a roar of laughter, and the frightened teacher flew to his side, thinking that his clothing was on fire, and hastened to remove the combustible from his pocket. In doing so her hand was severely burned. He took a lecture upon his stupidity from his teacher with an air of amiability which suggested that he was satisfied if she was."

Micro-Organisms of the Earth.

[Chicago Times.]

In a communication to The Academie des Sciences, M. Duclaux states that the presence of micro-organisms in the earth is essential to the germination of seeds. His experiments were made with plants whose seed grow on the surface as well as those which develop in the ground. The agricultural importance of his researches lies in the fact that farmers who understand this principle will avoid the use on planted soils of any substance inimical to the lower forms of organic life.

Edison at Work.

Edison, the inventor, is in good health and hard at work. In his shop he wears a gown of bed-ticking reaching from collar to ankles and does not look picturesque.

DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY.

Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars Spent in Counting Thirty-Five Thousand.

[Philadelphia Press.]

Since the 20th of July last Alex. Balfour, a paper manufacturer of this place, has been engaged in fulfilling a contract with the internal revenue department for 400,000 pounds of paper to be used in printing stamps for beer barrels and other receptacles for liquor. For some days past the news has been published from Washington, with a flourish of trumpets over the vigilance of the new administration, that Balfour had been detected in furnishing wood-pulp paper in place of paper manufactured from rags. The matter has been investigated by the Press and the following facts, the most remarkable hitherto discovered in connection with the working of Manning's department, were brought to certain light:

First—That from the 20th of July till the 1st of September a force of 25 girls, at \$3 a day, has been employed by the treasury department at Balfour's mill in doing the same work in counting sheets which is done by two girls in Balfour's employ at \$1.02 a day.

Second—That to enable the \$3 government girls to keep up at counting with the two \$1.02 girls employed by the contractor the force was increased to 55 girls.

Third—That to watch the 55 \$3 girls keep up with the two \$1.02 girls of eight watchmen, also at \$3 each a day, has been employed and will be employed until the contract is completed.

Fourth—That to watch the eight watchmen, while they are watching the 55 \$3 girls keep up with the two \$1.02 girls, a superintendent has been employed, and will be employed until the contract is completed, at the rate of \$150 a month and \$75 a month for incidental expenses.

Fifth—That on account of the slowness with which the 55 \$3 girls, the eight \$3 watchmen and the \$225 superintendent get through their work, the contract will not be completed until the 1st of January, by which time it will have cost the government under a reform administration in round numbers \$25,000 to count \$55,000 worth of paper.

RAW RECRUITS IN ARITHMETIC.

Promptly with Balfour's start at the contract in July, the 25 girls, the eight watchmen and the superintendent arrived. Of the 25, none had ever before seen the inside of a paper mill, but three or four had ever counted paper before, and of the balance one was one-armed, some near-sighted, and a fair share of the remainder so young that counting past 100 was an intellectual feat of no mean accomplishment. The contract was to have been finished in 60 days, and the contractor could easily have filled its requirements had it not been for the slowness of the government counters, who, 25 strong, managed to tell off 1080 pounds a day, at which rate 425 days would have been required to count the entire 400,000 pounds. The two \$1.02 girls who were supplying the 25 \$3 girls had plenty of time to do their dress-making and imitate the modish styles of their new-found Washington acquaintances. The eight \$3 watchmen sit around and watched Balfour's two \$1.02 watchmen, and declared that they hoped the thing would last for seven months. Balfour had a dressing-room, with mirrors, brushes, combs, soaps, towels and other toilet appointments. He even provided the 25 with a board-house, but after a week's stay, they declared that it was not good enough for them, and left in a body to seek other quarters. Meantime their constant passage to and from the mill, dressed in Washington style, had incited what closely resembled a mutiny among the \$4-a-week girls in the rag-picking room, and this Balfour had to pacify.

THE ECONOMICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent Lichter, the \$225-a-month representative of the reform administration, was all the while saving his \$75-a-month incidental expenses by riding down town on the contractor's teams, instead of taking the street cars; by using the contractor's pens, ink, paper and office boy, the latter's care on government errands being paid out of the contractor's pocket, and by similar economies. The superintendent was so busy watching the eight watchmen who watched the 25 girls at \$3 try to keep up with the two \$1.02 girls all the time that when the slight fire which called attention to the mill a few weeks ago occurred, he excused himself on account of the pressing nature of his duties from giving any information of it to a reporter. Toward the end of last month the \$225 superintendent made a discovery. The press of his duties let up on him sufficiently to allow him to ask Balfour what the paper was made of. The latter told him of its ingredients and mentioned the fact that for the purpose of thickening the paper and at the same time making it so soft that it could not be washed and used again by counterfeiters, a certain amount of chemical wood pulp was used in the manufacture. The superintendent immediately wrote and then telegraphed to Washington that his sleepless supervision had detected the contractor substituting wood pulp for linen and woolen rags. Thirty-eight hundred dollars' worth of the paper had already passed the eagle-eyed superintendent and the other eagle-eyed individuals at Washington, and Miller, chief of the internal revenue bureau, immediately summoned Balfour to Washington. When brought face to face with that official, Balfour confessed that to make the sort of paper which the government had stipulated for—namely, one that could not be washed of the stamp and used again—he had added the ingredient, making a more expensive paper than the contract called for. Graves, chief of engraving, backed Balfour up in this,

and said the paper was the best the department had had in 10 years.

THE VIGILANT CHIEF.

The sleeplessly vigilant chief of the internal revenue bureau then consented to keep the \$3800 worth already passed, but sternly commanded the contractor to destroy an equal amount which had been manufactured but not yet passed. This the contractor said he would do.

"Do you think you have counters enough?" asked Miller at parting. "Great Scott!" ejaculated Balfour; "of the kind of counters you've sent so far I should think we want about 50 more to get through before 1888."

The chief smiled, and the contractor went home and prayed for the time when he should be through with his contract.

September 1 the heavens about Balfour's mill began to rain girls. There were red-headed girls from West Virginia, fever-and-aguish girls from the malarial portion of Indiana, gay señoritas from California, nasal girls from Connecticut, fat girls from New York, and girls with advanced ideas from the neighborhood of Oberlin college. When the astonished contractor managed to count them all up he found that there were 30 of them all told. Most of them came from doubtful states. He enlarged his dressing-room and put in more mirrors, soaps, combs, brushes and other toilet accessories. The girls all went to work at \$3 a day. Yesterday they made a spurt. The 55 counted 317,000 sheets, or \$422.42 worth of paper. This is the highest record yet reached. The cost to the reform administration was:

Fifty-five girls at \$3.....	\$165.00
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One superintendent at \$225 a month, to watch the eight watchmen at \$3 watch the 55 girls at \$3.....	7.50
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of his intention to make final proof in support

of his claim, and that said proof will be made

before ASHURW LOCKHART, notary public, at

Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon.

On Thursday, October 29, 1885,

Via: ELDREDGE NORTON, pre-emption declaratory

statement No. 4925, for the southeast quarter

of section 21, township 25 south, range 11

west, Willamette meridian.

He names the following witnesses to prove

his continuous residence upon and cultivation

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