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MUTEL HERMITS.

who Find Solitude In the Very Cen-ters of Liveliness.

One of the most interesting studies in human nature about the city is the man who lives in hotels. I do not mean the commercial traveler or the man who is engaged in business of any kind, but the man who has nothing to do but to look around him and enjoy himself. He may actually enjoy himself, too, for all I know. I hope he does. He is interest-ing as an illustration of what some men

rall enjoyment.

The fashionable hotels of New York—
and unfashionable hotels for that matter-are the shelter of many men who are not in business other than the business of looking pretty and observing the rest of the world move. I do not say they are the homes of such men—they ely shelter and feed them

In many instances this life is that of a hermit. Possibly a man accustomed to the wild, hilarious career offered by a country hotel may cavil at the expression in this connection, but it is because such a man does not understand city ways. A year or two ago a well to do pen-tleman died in a New York hotel. He had lived in the hestelry for years, and yet not a soul—if I may use the word soul in speaking of a hotel corporation knew him personally or anything about him beyond the fact that he paid his bills promptly and regularly. He chose to make no acquaintances and was satisfied to appear to the hotel managers as "No. 61, K.," or by whatever number his room was designated. The hotel management had changed several times, but he lived on there, a caim, unruffled existence.

As a guest such a man is a jewel, and as may reasonably be supposed he was not likely to be harassed by unnecessary attentions. When he died and it was found that he was a gentleman of indefound that he was a gentleman of inde-pendent fortime—the newspapers, of course, making the discovery—some peo-ple marveled for a day or two and then forgot him. I recall the incident now only to illustrate that in a great city like this what appears to be the most public life may be in reality the most exclusive. There are pienty of men living hermit twee in New York batels—as much so as if they occurried a poor hovel in the soliif they occupied a poor hovel in the soli-tary fastmasses of the wilderness.

I know men who reside at swell hotels who do not seek to avoid their fellows, but who might as well be confined in the penitentiary or be dead, so far as their usefulness to society is concerned. their usefulness to society is concerned. They remind me of convicts—so apparently listless, aimless and mert their existence. They eat, drink and sleep. Life holds no more inviting cup for them than that offered by the hotel corridor. They have exhausted what men call pleasure or are beyond the age of physical enjoyment, with no reserve capacity for mental pleasure. To a man of some temperaments such a life would be a living death.—New York Cor. Pittsburg death.—New York Cor. Pittsburg

Wanted a Book on Courting.

The requests made to editors are curious at times. One of the frankest ever made and bouse of one Shubase Williams their headquarters. The totality of the eclipse was visible only at Perobect bay and vicinity, a fact which would make such an event one of great import even today. It is that the letter should be handed to any hooked an event one of great import even today. It is that it would be the should be handed to any hooked an event one of great import even today.

Wrote His Will on His Own Body

The seer of Charing Cross.

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Dr. Gower, of Brighton, carried in his pocket a competency for life when he left the house on Walsingham terrace with the knowledge of Parnell's death; for Parnell died at midnight, and the doctor could have realized a fortune by selling the exclusive news of the event to any of the richer papers in London or New York

It was so when Gambetta died at 5 in the morning. At midnight he was pro-nounced convalescent. The death watch of roporters was relaxed. Yet one of them, a Frenchman, member of a small Parisian news agency, came out of a wine shop at early morning and saw a maid servant running across the grass. "The master is dead," she called to

him. He stood there in great perplexity To whom should be sell the news? He hesitated between the Paris, London and New York papers. He finally cabled thus, "Gambetta died at 5 this morning." The dispatch reached a New York office at ten minutes before 2, there being five hours difference between Paris and New York. Hold reached a few and New York. and New York. Half a page of accompanying matter was given to the compositors, and at twenty minutes past 2 the whole story was on its way to the stereotypers.

The reporter is still living on the pro-ceeds of his "beat;" and the sensation of Gambetta's death was nothing to that of Parnell.—New York Truth.

They Eat as Dickens Told Then

good story is told at one of the h tels here about some of the English di-vines who are in the city in attendance upon the Methodist comenical council It was noticed that at the hour set down for dinner on the card posted in each room giving the rules of the house these English preachers would gather about the doors of the dining room and when they were opened would make a wild rush inside, and to seat themselves hasti-ly at the first table they reached and to begin to eat as quickly as possible. The landlord was puzzled to know the

cause of this strange conduct on the part of his foreign guests. Inquiry developed the fact that these reverend gentlemen had before coming over posted them-selves on American customs by reading Dickens "American Customs and "Mar-tin Chuzzlswit." The scene in the latter descriptive of the effect of the hotel dinner gong causing everybody to quit whatever he was doing and make a rush for the dining room lest he should fail to get any dinner they took as gospel truth and were governing their own con-duct accordingly. — Washington Cor. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Bow to Stay Well.

Today the physician is asked not only how the sick may be heated, but how the well may stay well. From the less serious maladies immunity is targely a question of ing death.—New York Cor. Pittaburg
Dispatch.

America's First Recorded Eclipse.

The first observations of an eclipse of the sun taken by American astronomen were made on Long island, Penoiscot bay, on Oct, 37, 1789. On that occasion a party from Harvard college, headed by Professor S. W. Hollis, Lib. D., having obtained the consent of the British general who was in command of Castine, landed at Bounts of the sun taken by American astronomen were made on Long island, Penoiscot bay, on Oct, 37, 1789. On that occasion a party from Harvard college, headed by Professor S. W. Hollis, Lib. D., having obtained the consent of the British general who was in command of Castine, landed at Bounts of the l

made the house of one Shubsel Williams their headquarters. The totality of the cently, the envelope bearing a request that the letter should be handed to any hookan event one of great import even today. It is furt justice to add that the observations made by the Harvard scientists were very successful, notwithstanding the fact that their instruments were very crude and in accurate.—New York Press.

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G'TITAL PUNISHMENT.

Interesting Views Amout the Action of New York's Legislature.

Again a bill for thoubellition of capital punishment in this state has been passed by the assembly, and again it has been de-tered in the state of th

femile in the sente.

When a measure to the same effect was passed by the lower house a few years ago, kemmler was awaiting execution by electricity as the first victim of the new method of judicial killing, and in some quarters its passage was absurdly attributed to sinister inflamens exercised by the electric companies. In others it was treated as a more freak of the assembly, indinative of no positive and settled conviction against capital punishment.

The vote on Monday and the very intelligent discussion of the measure which preceded it prove that there is such conviction in the minds of the great majority of the assembly. The vote was 78 to 30, and the arguments in favor of the bill were all practical and reasonable and not in any measure sentimental. They were based on the easily demonstrable fact that marder, the highest crime of all, is more likely to go unpunished than any minor form of crime, and that consequently the penalty of death does not justify its savage severity by acting as a deterrent from number, last year, said Mr. Malby during the debate, only about 15 per cent of the muriterers were executed. The penalty that should be administered with the most certainty and with absolute equality is actually administered with the least certainty and the gnoot inequality. A pickpocket gets his Yust deserts from a jury. A muriterer stands agnost the equality, A pickpocket gets his Yust deserts from a jury who will send a man to death. Putting acide all other considerations, this is an argument from experience, which has prevailing influence with the assembly, in young for the abolition of capital punishment that body voted for a penalty whose infliction would be surer and more conductive to the ends of justice, and be a more effectual deterrent from nurder. As it is, the death penalty remains, but experience indicates that the average sentiment of juries is so far opposed to it that practically it gives encouragement to the murdernes indicates that the average sentiment of juries is so far opposed to i

right or is so rarely administered for the crime of murder that its entire discuss seems to be near at hand. Cold blooded killing as a public penalty is repagmant to modern civilization—New York Sun.

What Becomes of "Trophies."

The girl who has a brother knows—and there is something sad in this—ane knows what becomes of faded flowers, bits of ribbon and the like. She has seen her brother carefully fasten a red rose close to a certain photograph upon the wall. She has noticed his signation when the housemaid happened to dust both the rose and the picture to the floor. She has watched him save the pieces of that dried up rose, and after that she has heard him wonder why he was such a simpleton about that girl, and has seen him consign the broken poey, with a lot of other consign the broken peer, with a lot of other rubbish, to the flames. She has known him to take out tender relies that have been carefully wapped and laid away and ask himself where on earth they came from or why he ever kept them. On one exceptor she profited by a hitter

himself where on earth they came from or why he ever kept them.

On one occasion she profited by a hitter lesson which he learned. They were boarding—he and she—in a house where there were a number of young people, several of whom had been out together one evening. When the brother had retired to his room that night, he drew a flower from his buttonhole and held itup. "Another trophy," he said hanguidly and dropped it in the grate. The next day at table his blundering roommate was accusing him of being a hardened flirt and to prove his statements told the "trophy" story.

The lesson came in here. The girl who had given him the flower happened to be sitting opposite, with five in her eyes, and heard it all. Since that time she has been almost as wary about giving flowers to sentimental youths as though she had a brother of her own—Chicago News-Becord.

A Honquet Spolled His Chances.

A Bouquet Spolled His Char

A Ronquet spelled His Chances.
Shortly after the inauguration of Mr. Cleveland in 1885 a young fellow came here from one of the western states and applied for a consulship in Germany. He was splendidly indersed, and after an interview with the chief executive he thought sure he had a "cinch" on the place. He returned to his hotel in great spirits.

Days and weeks passed and nothing definite came from the White House.

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Finally the young man concluded he would remind the president that he was anxiously waiting to hear from him. Should he send a note? No, that wouldn't do. he send a note? No, that wouldn't do. The young man hit upon a novelides. This was to send Mr. Cleveland afford offering. He went off to Freeman's and ordered a splendid bouquet, which he directed sent to the president with his compliments. Two days later Senator —, the young man's indisence, went up to the White House 19 ascertain what chances his constituent had for that consulating. "None whatever," was Mr. Cleveland's emphatic reply. "I dismissed his case from my mind two days ago when I received a present at his hands. It was a bouquet."—Washington News.

The race track at Columbus, Ga., which was laid out 50 years ago, is generally re-puted to be the oldest continuously used race course in the country

It is perhaps not generally known that the watercress, that best of garnishes for a roast, has a distinct value as a blood purifier.

A curious Romanian proverb is this, "It is easier to keep a sack full of hares than a wife."

ONCE UPON A TIME

Oh, yes, he's a decent young follow;
I've nothing against hite, my dear,
And it's likely be thinks be is courting,
And it's wholesome, a bit of a fear,
But when I trink back to my girlhood,
And your grandfather, he was the buy!
If these days were those days, my darling,
By the I'd be wishing you for.

He courted at fair and at froite;
He toasted me more than he ought,
And I don't like to think to this day, sear,
How he looked the day after he fought.
Twos all a mistake that he fought for;
The other has word it himse.

The other boy wasn't to blame.
"Twas only a fancy of Talbut's
That Mike laughed in speaking my name

And the ways Talbet usked me to have him!
He'd not even pass me the tea.
But he'd look in my eyes and then whisper
"iff I was that teacup, machren!"
If I gave him my hand just in friendship,
He'd sigh to his boots or as deep,
And say is his beautiful acceuss,
"Ah, when can I have it to keep?"

It seemed that I couldn't well help it:
I just plagued him out of his life.
Though still to myself I kept saying
That I should some day he his wite.
And then came the day of the jaunt, dear;
Twas to an old ruin we went;
And he wandered me off with himself, like,
And I for the once was content.

I fancied a little blue flower.
That grew in the crack of the wall,
And he chinsed like a goat till he'd pick it,
And some way he managed to fall.
I don't know to tris day how I did it;
He'd have slipped to his death, at the last,
but I caught his two feet in my hands, dear,
And held for his life safe and fast.

And that boy as he hung upside down there And groping about for his life, Calls up, "You've my fate in your hands

dear, dear, dear, let go if you'll not be my wife!"

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Louid i mursier him? No, that I conlin't!

I gave him so answer at all!

I only held fast till he d managed

To catch his two hands on the wall.

I stood there all laughting and crying.
And, well, you might fancy the rest
If you could, but these days are so differ
And each thinks her own day the best.
There'll not be another ilso Talbox,
No matter the day or the year,

And your boy's nice, quiet, well mannered, I hope you'll be happy, my dear! —Margaret Vandegrift in Echoes

A Terrible Habit.

"Were you ever troubled with the thought while you walked along some street," said Charles Ebert, "that some-how you ought not to step on the cracks that separate the flagsiones of the pave-ment or the boards of the walk? You have been th—well, then you know. That is the meanest habit to form. Cigarette smoking is bad, and cigars are expensive and so bad also, wing is abominable and drinking is killing, but the crack dodging habit is the worst of all. If I could exchange this miserable feeling that possesses me when I walk along the streets for any one of those habits—providing I didn't possess all of them already—I would do

it instantly.
"I will start out of a morning for a pleasant stroll, just to see the beauty of nature, and unconsciously I will begin to step over all cracks. Then I will acto step over all cracks. Then I will ac-cidentally step on one, and all my pros-pective pleasure is gone—simply dis-pelled and driven away by that one mis-erable thought of utter usclessness that I have stepped on a crack. I have start-ed for home of a nighttime fairly tired and conscious of duties well done, pur-roughe to enter a long award them. posing to enjoy a long, sound sleep.

Again I fall into the desire to avoid stepping on those miserable partition lines.

"If I succeed in avoiding all of them, I rest beautifully, but if not then I go home and have a restless, pervous siegr in which there is no satisfaction what-ever. Of all the diabolical mental inventions that go to break up a man's happiness and peace of mind this one mental status of avoiding cracks is the most consummate that any ovil genius could afflict a man with."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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