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REMARKABLE DRAMA OF REAL LIFE WITH INTRICATE PLOT.

An Adventuress Named Mary Thiers the Woman in the Case—Sensational Results of the Conviction of a Cleveland Physician of Burglary.

A drama of real life more extraordinary in its developments than the complicated plots of Wilkie Collins has been brought to light by the indefatigable investigations of a Cleveland attorney.

Two years ago a Dr. Emerson of Beesa, a Cleveland suburb, was arrested on the charge of burglary. The trial was sensational, a pathetic feature being the devotion displayed by his young and beautiful wife, who sat constantly by his side during the trial. Emerson was convicted and sent to the penitentiary. His wife was shocked later to discover that he had repaid her devotion by surreptitiously making out a mortgage of his property, while in jail, to one Mary Thiers.

Mrs. Emerson's love turned to hatred. She instituted divorce proceedings and was granted a decree. Then she consulted an attorney in regard to the legality of the mortgage. In his investigation of the mortgage discovered that Mary Thiers had been living with John Thiers, who was not her husband. This John Thiers died last July, leaving all his property to Mary. He had been an intimate friend of Dr. Emerson.

Several days ago the attorney received a letter from a man named Wittman of Buffalo. The writer said he had read the name of John Thiers in the death list of a Cleveland newspaper. He asked the attorney to make inquiries and see if John Thiers was not in reality Casper Wittman, the writer's father. "Casper Wittman," continued the writer, "left his devoted wife in Buffalo to follow Mary Thiers, who poisoned his mind against his family. He was worth \$50,000 in cash and held much real estate in Cleveland and Detroit."

The letter concluded with the statement that if Thiers and Wittman were the same, the attorney should immediately institute proceedings to contest the will, as the writer should maintain that his mother and children were Casper Wittman's legal heirs.

An investigation of the will settled the question of identity. It is signed John Thiers, but he says he was formerly known as Casper Wittman. Now comes another complication. In his will Wittman speaks of his "former wife." The court records show that he was never divorced in Cleveland, and the attorney claims that were Wittman divorced the divorce would be fraudulent. The story of these two suits, derived from entirely different sources and so singularly welded together, furnishes litigation that has no precedent in Ohio.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Proposed Permanent Negro Exhibition.
A movement has been started at Washington by some colored people, having for its object the establishment in that city of a permanent negro exhibition. Their plan is to get congress to take the matter in hand and establish the exhibition with the necessary appropriation, and they will ask that the affair be kept under the control of the government. The Exposition association of Atlanta is to be asked to allow the removal after their fair closes of the negro exhibit, which has attracted so much interest there. This, if secured, is to form the nucleus of the permanent exhibition.

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Esperanto Is the Name of a New Universal Language.

Esperanto is not the name of a new liqueur or of a new appetizer, nor that of a popular comic song, but it is the name of an artificial language which is fast gaining adherents in France, and that is already able to boast of many followers in Russia, Germany, England, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Spain, the United States and even in some parts of Africa.

Among those most proficient in the language is a Frenchman, bearing the aristocratic name of D'Eysautier. He says that Esperanto is by no means a new language, nor even a recent discovery. This international language has been in existence nearly ten years, and there are at least 10,000 adherents in different parts of the world.

The author or originator of Esperanto is a Russian gentleman, Dr. Zamenhof of Warsaw. He calls it a universal language. He says that one may learn its grammar in an hour and all its vocabulary of words in a few days.

Max Muller writes it with the greatest ease, and so does Tolstoi, who is one of the leading contributors to the official organ of the language, The Esperantist, which, by the way, is utterly opposed to the Volapuk organ, for it has literary tendencies.

The fact is, Esperanto hopes to dethrone Volapuk altogether. Verses may be written in it, and translations of the "Iliad" and "Hamlet" have been published. This new language, which means the "person who hopes," is in perhaps better known in Russia than in any other country. Russia is its birthplace.—New York World.

A REMARKABLE PEARL.

Taken From an Oyster and Looks Like a Piece of Columbus.

A most peculiarly shaped pearl of great size and value was found by Charles N. Ames while opening oysters in his cafe at Pittsfield, Me., the other day. The oyster containing the pearl was raised and gathered in Narragansett bay at the mouth of the Providence river.

Two Maine hunters went into Mr. Ames' restaurant and asked for "a dozen on the half, quick!" Two ordinary oysters were opened. In the third bivalve Mr. Ames' knife struck something. When the shells fell open a most extraordinary pearl was disclosed. It was a startlingly lifelike reproduction of a human head. There were the partly bald head, deep set eyes, long straight nose and thin lips disclosing beautiful ridges like teeth, and a pointed beard of an Italian, Spaniard or European of high degree. The hunters said it looked very much like the death mask of Columbus. Mr. Ames agreed with them.

The pearl protrudes about half an inch from the surface of the shell, to which it is firmly attached at the back of the neck. It is surrounded by a circular band of muscle which looks very much like one of the styles of ruffled collars worn by the noblemen of the middle ages.

NEW SORT OF CRANK.

He Seems to Find Opportunity in Snatching Off Buttons.

A new crank has made his appearance in New York in the person of Antonio Volpe, an Italian, 18 years old. He is what may be called "a button snatcher." Police Officer Klan saw him in the crowd around a dry goods store window.

He dodged in and out among the women so often that the policeman thought he was a pickpocket. He watched him closely, hoping to catch him in the act. He finally noticed that he only brushed against the women who wore large buttons on their coats. To his surprise he saw that all of these women had lost at least one button. Presently he caught the young Italian in the act of pulling one of the buttons from a woman's coat and arrested him.

On the way to the station house the prisoner threw a handful of large buttons into the street. When he was searched at the station, 40 other buttons were found in his pockets.

THIS HORSE WEARS WOOL.

Broker Martens' Acquisition Has a Coat Like Astrakhan.

Clarence G. Martens, a broker who has a stock farm near Mount Vernon, N. Y., has just bought a horse which has all the appearance of a huge black sheep. He is about 15.2 hands high, and his hide is covered with a woolly coat, black and as soft as silk. When Mr. Martens drove him through the streets of Mount Vernon recently, he attracted crowds of curious people.

"He is an inbred Wilkes colt," said Mr. Martens, "and is 4 years old. I have never speeded him, but the man from whom I bought him assures me that he can trot in 2:30. He was bred in California and is by Sable Wilkes, dam Rosema Wilkes, by Guy Wilkes."

The horse's coat looks exactly like a piece of astrakhan wool. Mr. Martens says that he will shear it next spring.

An estimate of the French and Russian armies combined is 1,877,000 men, and of the armies of the triple alliance, Germany, Austria and Italy 1,260,000 men. England can tip the scale, and if she quarrels with Russia there is likely to be a quadruple alliance.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"COIN" FOUNDING AN ORDER

The Patriots of America, a Secret Organization, to Further Bimetallism.

A Chicago morning paper says a secret political order, founded by William H. Harvey, the author of "Coin's Financial School," will file articles of incorporation with the secretary of state at Springfield, Ill., within the next few days. It is to be known as the "Patriots of America," and its sole object is the restoration of the bimetallic standard.

Charters, it is said, have been made out and will be sent immediately to at least 1,000 lodges in various parts of



WILLIAM HOPE HARVEY.

the United States. The immediate purpose of the order, as voiced by its founder, is to take such steps as will compel recognition of the claims of the bimetallicists from the representatives of the Democratic or Republican parties, or both, when they assemble in national convention next summer.

Since November a persistent and thorough canvass of every county in the United States has been in progress, and thousands of letters were sent out to the sympathetic leaders of all parties from Harvey's office in the Fort Dearborn building. Thousands of reports came in from every state.

HE HAS AN IRON SKIN.

Peculiar Case of Patrick Wood, a Painter in New York.

In the Hospital For Incurables on Blackwell's island, New York, Patrick Wood is suffering from an odd hardening of the skin. The medical term for it is scleroderma. The doctors say he is to all intents and purposes as firmly incased as though he wore a suit of mail. He is 45 years of age, and his skin has been solidifying for the past two years. He was a painter. When he tried to twist his neck, his skin felt positively brittle.

His malady grew so rapidly that he had to give up his trade. Deprived of making a livelihood, he was forced into the almshouse. The doctors decided that massage treatment should be given. Four strong armed men rubbed the hapless Wood for hours, but the skin grew harder under their manipulation.

Dr. Le Roy Culver had him removed to the hospital. There he was given thyroid extract, two grains at a time, until he now takes 108 grains a day. Under this treatment he has shown signs of improvement. He is also troubled with partial paralysis, brought on by his system absorbing oxide of lead employed in paint. Wood is of a cheerful disposition.

HIS NEWEST PERFECTION.

How the Smartest Man on Earth Turned a Neat Compliment.

There may be some question perhaps of Emperor William's success in seeking distinction in kingcraft, oratory, art and letters, but by a single utterance this week he has compelled even his French critics to greet him as a master of French speech. Addressing a young and pretty Danish violinist, he is reported to have said:

"Mademoiselle, you play the violin admirably. When I listen to you with my eyes closed, I believe I hear Sarasate. Yet I prefer to keep my eyes open."

The astonishment of the French press over this graceful and felicitous compliment is amusing. They have recognized the old question, "Is it possible for the German to have wit?" and are discussing it afresh in the light of this revelation.—New York Sun Cable Letter.

WEDDED HIS RESCUER.

The Happy Completion of a War Drama in Real Life.

John Collins of Kentucky, a bushwhacker during the war, was caught by the Confederate General Marshall and sentenced to be shot at Marshall Court House in March, 1863. R. B. Booher, now of Carrollton, Ky., commanded the firing squad. Collins was given 30 feet start and at the order to fire ran and escaped.

Tom Martin of Bedford, Ky., a member of this firing squad, fell into Collins' hands later and was sentenced to die. Collins' young daughter pleaded for Martin and saved his life. Martin went to Missouri and married. Recently he visited the Collins home, a widower, and found the girl who had saved his life a widow. He married the widow.

An Unsafe Jail.

About 4 per cent of the prisoners in the Arkansas state penitentiary escaped during the 12 months ending with last October. The total of prisoners in the penitentiary during the year was 1,456, and of these 57 escaped, and 362 were discharged. During October four escaped and 19 were discharged.

A Good Example.

The state of New York is going into forestry with a vengeance. It has just purchased 75,000 acres of Adirondack woodland, making a total of 600,000 acres that it owns. This is a movement in the right direction, and is a good example for other states to follow.—Boston Journal.

BIG EXPLOSIONS.

Hundreds of Pounds of Dynamite Used to Clear a River.

The impediment to navigation caused by the recent wreck of some 23 boats and barges of the coal fleet and 250,000 bushels of coal on Dead Man's riffle, 19 miles below Pittsburg, was attacked by the United States government authorities with dynamite the other afternoon. Some 1,100 pounds of dynamite, in charges averaging 100 pounds each, were exploded among the wrecks and their cargoes. Several of the barges were blown to pieces, and the channel was partly cleared.

The dynamite threw great columns of water 80 feet in the air. A piece of a beam pierced the hurricane deck of the towboat Leader, from which the officials were conducting the operation, broke the hog chain, and nearly struck the boat's mate, who was asleep in his bunk. The charges were fired from an electric battery on the Leader, which was kept about 250 feet away from the wrecks, with which it was connected by a wire.

Socialists to Form a National Party.

On account of the great gains made by the Socialist-Labor party in the recent election the Central Labor federation at its meeting recently in New York considered formally the starting of a movement to form a national labor party on socialistic lines, which would be entirely outside of the methods and policy of the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor.

"Uncle Tom" in Hospital.

George Clark, the quadron north, as an escaped slave, lectured in the north before the war, has been taken to the Protestant infirmary, at Lexington, on account of failing health. He is bedridden, and unless he improves quickly under treatment, the physicians think, he cannot live long. He is the original of George Harris in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." He is 84 years old.

Miss Burtia Grace Boyd.

The Eastport (Me.) Sentinel notes, as an honored visitor to that place, a young lady of brave fame—Miss Burtia Grace Boyd, known as the Charge Darling of the St. Croix, who has charge of the Ledge light, located about six miles below St. Stephen, and who won her worthy title 12 years ago by saving, alone and unaided, two young sailors from certain death, a deed of bravery recognized by the Dominion government, which presented her with a handsome, well equipped lifeboat and a beautiful gold watch. Miss Boyd is the daughter of Captain John Boyd, for years keeper of the light. Since his death Miss Boyd has faithfully performed the keeper's duties. She is well known as a petite body, whom one would never credit with sufficient physical prowess for the deeds she has done, but the great things are achieved by the great spirit so often found in small frames.

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