

penalty when a commander surrenders an imperial fortress. This is the law.

When in the old days an English gunner caused the death of a Chinese by firing a salute from a cannon from which by oversight the ball had not been removed, he was seized, tried and executed. And in 1839, when in the course of a disturbance with English and American sailors at Canton a Chinese was killed, the authorities demanded that if the guilty person could not be detected and executed the whole party should be handed over for execution. This is the law.

Intention is never taken into account. A dollar for a dollar, an eye for an eye, a life for a life, and all for the emperor and his representatives-this is the law of China.

The Nickname.

The public man in America who has never been tagged with a nickname may be just as efficient and worthy of praise as his brethren who are known as "Bill" and "Joe," but he has not achieved an equal measure of popularity. Nicknames are oftener inspired by affection than by aversion. "The men of the people," so called, are invari-ably nicknamed. Venerable citizens still refer to "Abe" Lincoln, dwelling with reminiscent affection upon the abbreviation. Nicknames both good and bad are as old as history. In this coun try the people have a way of abbreviating the names of the men they really like and assigning their full titles to the men who prefer dignity to popular ity .-- Pittsburg Gazette.

A Fateful Day For Catholics. One of the most wonderful contrasts in history was made manifest on the day of Newman's entrance into the Roman Catholic church. On Oct. 8, 1845, Newman made his conversion to the Passionist Father Dominic at Littlemore. On the same day, Oct. 8, 1845, Ernest Renan left the seminary of St. Sulpice and went out of the church into the world.-London Standard.

Fit and Fought.

One would have thought this an Americanism, but I find it in Garrick's "Miss In Her Teens," where Tag says to Flash: "Oh pray let me see you fight! There were two gentlemen fit yesterday," etc. (act 2) .- Notes and Queries.

"Ninety per cent of the men in this world make fools of themselves for money.

of them make fools of themselves for nothing."-Cleveland Press.

It is often better not to see an insul than to avenge it .- Seneca.

A Habit to be Encouraged.

The mother who has acquired the