A CURIOUS EPISODE.

Questions Which Courts as Well as Reformers Ought to Study.

A few days ago a young lady of good social position, and the daughter of most respectable parents, was arrested at a jeweler's store in Brooklyn for the larceny of some diamond rings. She was examining a tray of the costly jewels when, as she describes it, an uncontrollable impulse urged her to take a handful and conceal them about her person. The grief and consternation of her parents, when the fact was made known to them, is readily conceived. They procured her release on bonds, and she will have to stand her trial for the crime.

In the same police court where this fashionable girl was arraigned, another young woman was present to answer to a similar charge. She watched intently the proceedings which had to do with the novice in crime. And just as they were concluded, she rose and facing the judge, said in a voice which cut the like a knife:

"You are going to make a thief out of that girl!"

The words thrilled through the court room like an electric shock. Officers and spectators were alike amazed. "I was once like her," continued the young woman, "and my first crime was like hers. I could have been saved then. If they had let me go, I should never have offended again. But they sent me to prison, locked me up with thieves and abandoned wretches, and I am now what I am."

The sensation which this announcement created was reported to be intense. The episode, however, quickly passed, and the ordinary routine of the court went on as usual. The circumstance, however, is fruitful of thought to those who are devoting their lives to the reformation of criminals. Perhaps this young woman spoke the truth. In her case the punishment was the confirmation of a criminal career. No one will argue that the perpetrator of a first crime should invariably be let off without punishment. But should the machinery of justice be always inexorable and implacable? Should it never be relaxed? Are there no circumstances when the veil of justice should be drawn over a crime? Is there such a thing as uncontrollable impulse? These are questions which courts and reformers ought to study.—*St. Paul Globe.*

PHYSICAL BEAUTY.

How Plain Faces Are Transformed Into Handsome Ones.

There are some men to be met with who frankly admit that their wives are ugly, and even here and there a wife who agrees that her husband's judgment is correct. But, as a rule, every man considers his own choice the best, and where there are fifty minds there will be fifty ideas of what constitutes physical beauty. We all know and admit that personal charm and mental accomplishments can transform a plain face into a handsome one, and the lack of them deprive a woman with the countenance of a Greek statue of the beauty which at first sight struck the eye. It is notorious that the women for whom men "play the fool" are often far from pretty. Not infrequently the belle of an Indian station is the ugliest girl within fifty miles, and the women around whom half the men on board a ship on a long voyage flutter, are very often by no means the beauty of the quarter deck. Nina D'Enclos, who had lovers after she was seventy, does not seem to have been a great beauty. Nor, if we are to judge from some of the portraits of Mary of Scotland, was that siren, with whom, as Lord Beaconsfield used to say, men fall in love till this day, by any means strikingly beautiful. The "dangerous women" of history have seldom been beauties. Nature is full of compensations. The reigning belle is too often silly, or, overestimating the fascinations of her face, does not take the trouble to be amiable. On the other hand, the plain woman, knowing that she is handicapped at the start, makes her best to compensate for her ill-favoredness by attractiveness of manner, and in the end generally wins in the race. John Wilkes, who was the ugliest man of his day, was in the habit of boasting that he would give the handsomest man in England half an hour's start of him and oust him early in the morning. There is, in truth, no accounting for taste. Dr. Johnson always spoke of the painted and affected Thrale, old enough to be his mother, whom he married in the heyday of his youth as a "pretty creature," and even Mr. Gargery, in one of the most delightful of Dicken's novels, was willing to believe that Pip's masculine sister was "a fine figure of a woman."—*Boston Gold.*

His Curiosity Fully Satisfied.

Small man (on railway train, writing letter to his wife)—It would afford you some amusement, my dear, if you could see the freckle-faced, long, lean, gamp-shanked, knock-kneed, sneaking, impertinent, ill-bred, half-baked specimen of a back-woods gawky that is looking over my shoulder as I write this.

Large man on seat behind (fiercely)—You lie, you litt'e scoun—

Small man (turning round)—Beg pardon, sir; are you speaking to me?

Large man (confusedly)—Y—no! No! Didn't say any thing. I wasn't speaking. I—I—

Small man resumes his writing. Large man goes back to the rear platform of the last car on the train and relieves his mind by swearing volubly at the flying landscape.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Rusty black woolen goods can also be freshened by sponging with equal parts of ammonia and alcohol, diluted with a little tepid water, or yet it can be rubbed in warm soap suds for a couple of hours, and then dipped in a solution of two ounces of extract of logwood to a pail of warm water, added to a couple of gallons of warm water. Let the goods stand in this solution some hours, then rinse well, adding some milk to the last water; iron while still damp, and on the wrong side.—*Christian at Work.*

WIDOW'S SCHEME.

How She Supported Herself Without Performing Any Work.

There was a poor woman living in one of the little shanties up-town, with a large family of pigs, goats, geese and children swarming around it. She supports her family by taking in washing, and her poverty and industry have secured for her the compassion and the washing of a number of benevolent ladies. One of these ladies recently remonstrated with her on the size of her bills, and said that she had to pay much more for her washing than she did at any of the laundries. The hard-working widow admitted that this was the case, but she respectfully, but firmly, declined to reduce her price.

"You see, ma'am," she said, "I do the very finest handwork, and it wouldn't pay me to do it for the price the laundries get for machine work. If you compared my work with theirs you would see a great difference. Those Chinamen living in dirt like pigs are taking the bread out of honest women's mouths. I don't see how any lady can be willing to send her clothes to them. Of course they do it cheap when they have no families to support and can live on almost nothing; but they tear your clothes all to pieces, and dear knows what you catch from them. No, ma'am, you'd better pay a little more and have your clothes done nicely by a clean, respectable woman, besides helping her to support her family."

The lady was influenced by this candid statement, and decided to continue her patronage. But a few weeks after she was surprised to see emerging from a Sing Sing laundry in her neighborhood the well-known figure of the son of the poor but honest laundress, staggering under a huge bundle of clothes. A dark suspicion crossed the mind of the charitable woman. Having a slight acquaintance with Sing Sing from a few previous negotiations, she entered the laundry and made some cautious inquiries about the boy who had just gone out. Sing Sing readily acknowledged that he came every week with a large bundle, and it was too obvious that the poor but honest and hardworking laundress was doing an easy and profitable business by subletting the washing given by her customers to the much despised Chinaman against whom she had warned them so vigorously.—*Chicago News.*

NO VERMIN THERE.

How a Lady in Search of a House Mystified a Landlord.

Lady—You are sure that the house contains no vermin?

House Owner (indignantly and very emphatically)—Vermin in a house of mine! Not much!

Lady—Well, I'm glad of that. If there is any thing I do detest it's a house overrun with roaches and—

House Owner—Oh, I won't say there ain't a few roaches. Most any house is liable to have a few roaches.

Lady—And rats and mice—are there any of them?

House Owner—Well, there might be a mouse here and there and a couple of rats or so, may be, but there ain't none to hurt.

Lady—How about bed-bugs?

House Owner—Bed-bugs? Well, now, of course, bed-bugs is different. Jevver see a house that had been lived in at all that didn't have a few? (Warmly.) Why, the house I live in myself is chock full of 'em. What I do say, though, is, that there ain't no vermin in no house of mine; no sir, not none. When do you think you'll move in?

Lady—I'm afraid your house will not suit me. Good-day.

House Owner (soliloquizingly)—Now I wonder what that woman can find fault with in this house? After almost sayin' she'd take it and my provin' that there's nothing wrong with it, she don't want it. That's just like a woman. They ain't got no sense, nohow.—*Texas Siftings.*

Mr. Beecher's Estate.

Henry Ward Beecher left a comparatively small fortune. He had an estate in the Peekskill which cost him about $150,000. He had insurance policies which footed up something like $20,000 or $25,000, and in hot haste his heirs sold his pictures and books and all personal belongings endeared to his friends, at all events by many, many years of close association with the dear old man, and now how does it stand? The $150,000 place at Peekskill has literally gone to seed. Those magnificent flower-beds, on which the old man eloquent spent years of thought, fortunes of experience and thousands of dollars earned by the sweat of his imperial brow, are choked with weeds and overrun with grasses. Already the market price of the place has fallen to $85,000, and I understand—in fact, I have seen it stated in print—that an offer of $65,000, which was refused, will, in all probability never be made again. And on the heels of this, with what was curiously called an "autobiography," written by one of his sons and his son-in-law, lying as dead as Mark Twain's own books upon the shelves of the stores, come a rumor that his simple will is also to be contested.—*N. Y. Letter.*

He Was Not An Indian

Tramp—Could you give a bite to a poor man who hasn't eaten any thing for—

Lady of the House (shouting shrilly)—Tige! Tige! Come here, Tige!

T. (doltily)—You are calling your dog, madam. I want you to understand that I don't eat dog. I'm no Indian.

And he strode away in silent dignity.—*Boston Courier.*

—To beat the whites of eggs quickly put in a small pinch or two of salt; do not have one particle of the yelks with the whites, or they will not froth nicely.

—A cooking school lecturer has on her sick list fifteen varieties of gruel. She says that one of the most palatable is a combination of cream, beef tea and barley water.

—Camphor ice is an excellent ointment. Melt one drachm of spermaceti with an ounce of almond oil, and add a drachm of powdered camphor; mix well together and let it harden in small cakes.

SUGAR FROM BEETS.

One of the Most Prosperous and Extensive of German Industries.

The beet-sugar industry in Germany has grown to large proportions in the last twenty years, and has been thoroughly systematized. It was introduced in Hanover in 1864, and sugar is now produced in all the southern portion of Hanover, the larger part of Brunswick, the Prussian part of Saxony, and also in a part of the kingdom of Saxony. Perhaps two-thirds of all the German beet sugar is raised in these localities. It requires very fertile ground to raise the sugar beet, and bone dust, phosphates, Chilian saltpeter and composts are freely used. The plant is exceedingly exhausting to the soil, and farmers, to preserve their ground, observe strictly the rule of rotation in crops, only planting a field to beets once in seven years, as a rule. The planting is done in May. The ground is thoroughly prepared beforehand. It is plowed twice in the fall preceding, the first plowing being to the depth of 4 inches, the second 16 or 18 inches. Then just before planting it is harrowed and rolled until it is as smooth and hard as a floor. The seed is drilled in rows 1 foot apart. When the young plants are about 3 inches high they are thinned out, leaving three or four in a hill, 1 foot apart, and these are subsequently reduced to one in a hill. The cultivation is done mostly by plow, the crop being plowed about four times in a season, both lengthwise and across the rows. The women and children, meantime, are constantly going over the field keeping out the weeds by hand. The gathering season extends from September 15 to February 15. Men go ahead with long spades and loosen each hill, the women and children following, who lift the roots out of the ground and pile them together. After the tops are removed they are either taken directly to the community factory or covered deeply with earth to preserve them. The factory system is a very interesting part of the business. Factories are established in each neighborhood. In all the successful ones capitalists are rigidly excluded, and only "farmers may" hold shares. Each farmer must, for each share he holds, cultivate from three to five acres in beets. The average product is 17,000 or 18,000 pounds per acre, for which the farmer gets about 90 pfennig per 100. He is guaranteed a sure market for his crop at a fixed price, and gets a dividend out of the profits at the end of the season. The pulp of the beets, after the sugar is taken out, makes a first-class food for cattle, and this the farmer gets also at a fixed price. The cultivation is subject to inspection by the factory, and each inspector must be not only a first-class farmer, but a chemist. He must live close to the factory, and gets a good salary, besides a per cent. of the profits. Most of the sugar goes to refineries at the large cities. At each factory is also a government inspector, who examines each lot and fixes the tax. Each wagon-load of beets is sampled by a chemist, and if they fall below a certain grading as to percentage of sugar, they are rejected. This is to prevent the use of inferior composts, which would make large beets with little sugar in them. One nice feature about the business is that on all the sugar which is exported the government returns to the farmer an amount which is more than equivalent to the tax. This results in a very large portion of the crop being exported.

SMALL INDUSTRIES.

The Insignificant Shops in Which the Famous Sheffield Cutlery Is Made.

The Sheffield cutlery—one of the glories of England—is not made by machinery; it is chiefly made by hand. There are at Sheffield a few firms which manufacture cutlery right through from the making of steel to the finishing of tools, and employ wage-workers, and yet even these firms—I am told by my friend, E. Carpenter, who kindly gathered for me information about the Sheffield trade—let out some part of the work to the "small masters." But by far the greatest number of the cutlers work in their homes, with their relatives, or in small work-shops supplied with wheel power, which they rent for a few shillings a week. Immense yards are covered with buildings, which are sub-divided into series of small work shops. Some of them cover only a few square yards, and there I saw smiths hammering, all the day long, blades of knives on a small anvil, close by the blaze of their fires. Occasionally the smith may have one help or two. In the upper stories scores of small workshops are supplied with wheel power, and in each of them three, four, or five workers and a "master" fabricate, with the occasional aid of a few plain machines, every description of tools—files, saws, blades of knives, razors, and so on. Grinding and glazing are done in other small work-shops, and even steel is cast in a small foundry, the working staff of which consists only of five or six men. When walking through these work-shops I easily imagined myself in a Russian cutlery village, like Pavlovo or Vorsma. The Sheffield cutlery has thus maintained its olden organization, and the fact is the more remarkable as the earnings of the cutlers are very low as a rule; but, even when reduced to a few shillings a week, the cutler prefers to vegetate on his small earnings than to go as a waged laborer in a "house." The spirit of the old trade organizations, which were so much spoken of five-and-twenty years ago, is thus still alive.—*Prince Krotapkin, in Nineteenth Century.*

—Stains may usually be removed from linen by wetting, then rubbing the stain with yellow soap, and laying on a thick mixture of clear starch wet with cold water. Rub in well and expose to the sun for several days, sprinkling when dry.

—To use the glazing iron, after the shirt has been dressed with the ordinary flat iron, damp the breast of the shirt with a damp cloth and the glazing iron being nice and hot, rub it hard over the shirt until the desired polish is attained.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—Philadelphia has 675 churches; New York, 432; Chicago, 371; Brooklyn, 300.

—Brown University, of Providence, R. I., has received the Wilson legacy of $100,000, the Lyman legacy of $50,000, and Alexander Duncan, of England, lately added $20,000 to the general fund of the institution.

—Twenty-one schools in Syria which had been closed by order of the Turkish officials have been reopened. This result is to be credited to the efforts of Mr. Strauss, the American Minister, who is a Jew, but was educated at Princeton College.

—Bishop Vladimer, of the Greek Church in America, has the largest diocese in the world. It includes all of North America to Buenos Ayres in South America. The Bishop lives in Sitka, but spends a good deal of his time in San Francisco.

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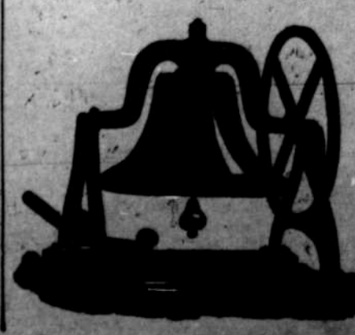

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