

LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

Experience of a Man Who Came to Secure a Government Position.

He sat on a Lafayette square bench, says the Washington *Crane*, a wooden tooth-pick held meditatively between his teeth, the picture of a club-man who had dined well. Shuffling down one of the gravelled paths was a man—a tramp. He passed the club-man, glancing at him closely, and, halting in the gloom of a nearby tree, looked back to where the club-man sat, and then retraced his steps.

"Your pardon, sir," the tramp said, in a husky voice, "will you give me a little advice."

"Well, what is it?" the club-man asked, a shade of annoyance showing in his good-natured features, for, like most heavy drinkers, he disliked any thing that savored of business after dinner. Besides, he thought the man but a beggar, and disliked his not approaching the matter directly.

"I'll take but a minute of your time, sir, if you'll listen to me. I came to Washington two months ago to get a government position. As you see, I failed. For the last eight days up to last night I have been drunk. I have drunk a drinker all my life, but I never drank so much nor so badly before. I woke up this morning with the sun shining in my face through the trees of a park. My clothes were pawned and replaced with these rags, my watch, money, everything gone for drink.

"Did you ever have mania-a-potu? No; I can see that you haven't. Well, I have. Two hours ago I felt it coming on me. You can see, holding up a tremulous hand, 'how unsteady my nerves are. I can almost see the devils now as they tighten their fingers on my throat. And the thirst—thirst that nothing but alcohol will quench. You can not imagine what it is to feel yourself petrified, powerless, dead to every thing but pain, while lizards, ants, toads, worms, snakes, every thing alive, are twisting, wriggling, squirming over you, gunning your eyes together, filling your ears with horrible sounds, while every joint in your body is racked and twisted until it seems ready to come apart. Your brain on fire, your throat parched and swollen, and the hot, fetid breath of devils in your face as they taunt you with great fagons of liquor, held just out of your reach. God, sir! This and a thousand times this I have felt, and feel coming over me again.

"I asked you for advice. Well, I've got a quarter in my pocket. I can get a bed for a quarter, or I can get a pint of whisky that will keep me out of the reach of these devils to-night, until I can get to sleep. But where would I sleep? If I got a bed I can't sleep unless I have something to drink. You see why I asked you advice."

When the tramp began his story the club-man was a look of wearied indifference. But the tramp talked quickly and excitedly, with jerky, expressive gestures, his hollow eyes fixed on the club-man's every look and every motion, lending strength to what he said, until the club-man seemed fascinated. As the tramp finished he got up from the bench and shook himself like a man ridding his mind of an unpleasant day dream.

"Ugh, man, you ought to be an actor. Here's fifty cents. No, here's a dollar, and, for God's sake don't talk to me any more about your delirium tremens. Ugh!"

And the tramp shuffled off through the deepening gloom, and as he passed in the glare of the electric lights in front of the Treasury, the dollar and the quarter jingled merrily in his pocket.

He was an ex-actor.

AN OSTRICH RACE.

Huge Birds That Seem to Cover Fourteen Feet with Every Stride.

A writer in the *Providence Journal* gives some interesting facts in regard to an ostrich farm near Los Angeles, Cal., owned by Dr. J. C. Skitchley. He has sixty acres devoted to ostriches, having imported thirty pairs of ostriches directly from Africa, landing them at Galveston, Tex. He also brought with them four Madrasse men and women; these people being thoroughly familiar with the habits of the ostrich. Their food is corn and alfalfa, the latter a kind of California grass, of which at least half a dozen crops are frequently cut off the same ground in one season. These ostriches weigh from 300 to 400 pounds each. The male bird is black and the female gray, and they are valuable chiefly for their feathers, the finest of which sell for \$4 apiece, according to this account, while good, common ostrich feathers bring \$200 a pound. The price of a full-grown pair of birds is from \$100 to \$200, and young birds, six months old, cost from \$100 to \$200. They are very long-lived creatures, sometimes reaching the age of eighty years. The article closes with the following account of an ostrich race:

At a command from the doctor one of the Madrasse keepers opened the door of one of the pens, and in response to the doctor's call two superb ostriches came running to him. After crossing the gate he uttered a loud whistle, and the birds were released, and the race began. It seemed to me that these birds covered fourteen feet at every stride. Like the wild birds they came, their great necks stretched forward and upward to their utmost length; their wings, like arms, working with a motion similar to that which they use in flying, and their legs were extended far behind them, and their heads were turned back to look over their shoulders. They kept their heads low to the ground, and their legs were turned back to look over their shoulders. They kept their heads low to the ground, and their legs were turned back to look over their shoulders.

A good story is told by the *Providence Journal* of a well-known citizen of Providence who, in view of recent burglaries in his neighborhood, concluded to remain over night at his city residence. Before the coming to bed down upon a lounge, he noticed a shadowy figure in the room. He called out, and the shadowy figure came forward. He called out, and the shadowy figure came forward. He called out, and the shadowy figure came forward.

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