

THE POOR OF A CITY.

How they live, and facts for the Philanthropist to consider—Scenes among the Very Destitute.

As a general rule, two-thirds of the community, or at least that portion who have a comfortable bed to sleep in and three square meals a day, are not familiar with the scenes which are to be seen in every shape and form, which the journalist or those whose business takes them almost everywhere, daily encounter.

In a garret on Thompson street, a reporter found a poor woman with a sick child in her arms, lying upon a bed of rags. Her husband went out seven months ago in search of employment and has not returned yet.

On Vandewater street, in a front basement, were found a family without food, without furniture, sleeping on the floor with such articles as were left by their neighbors can spare them.

In the back basement a woman was sick in her bed for the past twelve months. With death from starvation as well as from disease staring her in the face she cannot move, and has to be helped in and out of bed by passers by.

"Cheer up, cousin; sure yer dadma may be alive an' doin' well a hundred years from now; Lord save his soul. Oh, darlin', don't ye cry, sure; it's only the little fustin' he's a-goin' to get through with that wakened him right."

"Sure there is, sir; this child's father, Mr. Murphy, sir, is well nigh gone. Sure, ye'd see the cellar they live in—'t'd not wonder; it's no more no the bread 'n' butter, an' three or four yards long, an' the roof creeps in."

"Have they no fire?" "It is fire, yer honor? No; nather fire nor food, an' they sleep on the bare boards for want of a bed."

"I see it, yer honor? No; nather fire nor food, an' they sleep on the bare boards for want of a bed. Well I mind them comin' here—a nice, decent, respectable family—but the sickness come, an' when he could get no more, an' his rooms an' sell their furniture an' crawl in here to the cellar."

Old Phin, a Pennsylvania hunter, tells a great many stories of his adventures in the woods, and loves to dwell on the many scenes he has been in during his long life as a hunter.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Domestic Hints.

CHICKEN SALAD.—Turkey is more economical and better for salad than chicken; one turkey weighs more than a pair of chickens, and costs much less.

BUCKWHEAT BATTER.—Keeping buckwheat batter is often very troublesome, especially in mild weather. It can be kept perfectly good for several weeks.

Boy Heroism.

The burning of the British school-ship Goliath had this good effect that it served to show the excellence of that system by which the boys (all of them more children and gathered from the very slums of cities) had been trained.

A GOOD BREAKFAST DISH.—When any body has fresh fish kept from dinner, take out all the bones carefully, and pick the fish up in small bits, cover the bottom of a deep dish with some of the fish, and if needed, a little pepper and salt.

SARATOGA FRIED POTATOES.—Wash the potatoes clean, slice with a potato slicer very thin, throw into cold water long enough to take out some of the starch, then wipe dry and put into boiling lard a few pieces at a time.

COMBATANTS AND NON-COMBATANTS.

In military parlance, these terms signify—the one, the soldiers who carry the muskets and do the actual fighting, the other, those numerous classes of the medical, quartermaster's, commissary's, and some other departments whose actual business is to take care of him when he is sick or wounded.

Treed by a Buck.

Insanity and Crime.

Professor Ordonaux, New York State commissioner in lunacy, in his report recently submitted to the Legislature, makes some interesting observations in regard to needed changes in the lunacy laws. He says:

Crimes of a violent character are multiplying with a fearful rapidity, and every circle of society seems to contribute its quota to swell the number of perpetrators. Causes of a manifold nature, acquired by ancestors, transmitted to offspring and by them unmodified, tend to produce a series of results which last expression is either insanity or crime, or both.

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The American mind is active. It gives the books of history, the sentimental, learned books for the scholar and professional student, but few books for the people. A book for the people must relate to a subject of universal interest.

A Story of Retrenchment.

A joke is told by a Brooklyn paper about Guston House Inspector John P. Ames. Being a practical man, when notified that his salary had been reduced ten per cent, he resolved to bridge the difficulty by retrenchment.

Cotton Seed for Feeding.

Cotton seed, "just as it comes from the gin," says a Northern correspondent, is fed by hundreds of thousands of hogs, and is a very profitable feeder.

Procure at a drug store fifty cents' worth of granulated cyanide of potassium, and pour some of the cyanide in the office of the nest, and then sprinkle slightly with water.

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A Lengthy Case.

Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce was not an exaggeration, as witness the case of Ashley vs. Ashley. It was begun in 1740 when Lord Hardwicke was chancellor.

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