

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

A Lunatic Colony.

Of the many visitors to Antwerp or Ghent, only a few have heard of the strange town of Gheel, and scarcely any have thought it worth their while to visit it.

At Gheel, a large portion of the population consists of insane persons, who share in all the daily toils and pleasures of their sane fellow-citizens.

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Tradition states that some lunatics, who were witnesses of this horrible deed, were restored to their senses. The miraculous cure was ascribed to the virtues of the murdered princess, who from that time became the patron saint of the insane.

At this distance of time it is impossible to discover whether the cures were real or imaginary, but at all events, we can easily perceive now what at first was a work of charity and piety soon became a source of prosperity to the country, and of freedom to the insane who were brought there.

It is wonderful to see how soon the lunatics accustom themselves to the regular hours and habits of their guardians. The whole system which prevails at Gheel may be summed up in two words—liberty and work.

In the town the female lunatics work in the lace manufactories; while some of the males find employment in the workshops of bootmakers, tailors, and other tradesmen.

A Curious Incident

Who can say, after reading this little story, that truth is not nearly as strange as fiction.

A young man, a mechanic by trade, passed the evening in Brooklyn, about six weeks ago, and was returning to New York on the ferry boat at twelve.

At a meeting of the council at Leavenworth, Kansas, it is reported that one of the city fathers arose and delivered himself thus: "Mr. Mayor and gentlemen of the Council, let us lay our heads together and make a wooden pavement."

After waiting about the ferry house some time, he took the captured articles home. Of course he expected that they would be speedily advertised, for the satchel, which was locked, and the umbrella, were well worth a reward.

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A Fighting Man. One of the generals of the "Lost Cause," says that at the time of the attack upon Fort Pillow the Confederates had converted a Mississippi boat into a cotton-clad, the mate of which was a big, double-fisted sample of a river-bully.

Just before we came into the fight he came swaggering up to me and said: "Well, General, I suppose when one side or the other is licked, you big men'll quit and shake hands?"

A Davenport, Iowa, paper, tells of a colored man who was caught in the gearing of a brick machine, and crushed to a jelly. The negroes are trying to sell the remains of the deceased as blackberry jam.

Why are types like criminals? Because it is not proper to look them up without proof.

A Scandalous Show.—Singular and Startling Developments.

In one of the most flourishing villages of this country there was a recent occurrence which merits chronicling. A dry goods merchant went to New York for stock, and among the articles purchased, brought home three shawls of a most remarkable pattern and unlike anything ever seen in the village.

For the purpose of telling the singular, yet truthful story of these shawls, we shall improvise names instead of using real ones.

When Miss Grit and her mamma heard that Miss Pounce had carried off the second shawl, they were consumed with jealousy, and immediately set to work to devise ways and means to secure the scarlet and white shawl.

At dinner the attempt was to be made, sure, but Grit, (for some unaccountable reason) did not come home to dinner.

Who had bought it? was the next question. Mr. was disposed to be reticent, but finally told Miss Grit that her father had bought the shawl, and, undoubtedly, intend to surprise her.

Improbably after the first prayer, who should come up the broad aisle but a luxuriant young California widow, the village milliner, and enmeshed in all the glory of the scarlet and white shawl.

In Switzerland, a milkmaid who is a good singer gets more salary than others, because under the influence of music cows "give down" better and give more milk.

—Josh Billings says: "Most people decline to learn only by their own experience, and I guess they are more than half right, for I don't suppose a man could get a correct idea of molasses candy merely by letting another feller taste it for him."

—Here is a boy down east who is accustomed to go out on a railroad track and imitate the steam whistle so perfectly as to deceive the officer at the station.

—A California clergyman, Rev. J. M. Woodman, predicts an awful famine next year, succeeding seven years of plenty, which he says he had. Like Joseph, he has gone to building granaries in which to store away his year's crop.

Helmbold's Column.

ADDRESS TO THE NERVOUS AND DEBILITATED, WHOSE SUFFERINGS HAVE BEEN PROMPTLY TREATED.

If you are suffering, or have suffered from involuntary discharges, what effect does it produce upon your general health? Do you feel weak, debilitated, easily tired?

Now, reader, self-abuse, venereal diseases badly cured, and sexual excesses, are all capable of producing weakness of the generative organs.

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—If hens would do as much laying around as loggers do, eggs would be as plenty as bank robberies.

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