

THE COLUMBIAN AND DEMOCRAT, BLOOMSBURG, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA.

Miscellaneous.

Escape From the Eastern Penitentiary.
An escape from the Eastern Penitentiary has generally been regarded as among the impossible things. The constant watchfulness that is exercised, the manner in which the convicts are confined, and the difficulty in procuring the necessary aids to flight, supposing the plan looked to a scaling of the walls, all tended to create that belief. No one, not even those who have been the longest connected with the Penitentiary as managers or keepers, had the least idea that a small culvert used for drainage would be the means of facilitating escape.

Three of the convicts, all negroes, two of whom had been sent from one of the interior counties for horse stealing, the other a convict whose good conduct had so won upon the confidence of the warden and keepers, that he was employed as a runner on one of the corridors, were enabled to effect their escape on Monday afternoon of last week, under these circumstances. Two of the fugitives were engaged in whitewashing the cells and otherwise purifying them, and discovering the grating over the opening into the culvert, they watched an opportunity when the overseer was momentarily absent, and lifting the plate made their way down into the culvert, followed by the runner, who had doubtless been spoken to on the subject of flight.

The men were missed very soon afterwards, but until the condition of the grating was discovered, it was not thought they had any intention of leaving the penitentiary. Now it was apparent to the keepers that they had descended into the culvert, but none supposed they would be able to reach the street. It was known that when the Coates street culvert was built, a gate had been placed at the mouth of the penitentiary culvert, to prevent the escape of prisoners, and this was depended upon to check their flight in that direction. They were, however, able to remove it, and to make their way into the new culvert on Corinthian avenue, along which they passed as far as Parrish street. At this point, a crack in the plate covering the man-hole, sent a ray of light through to the imprisoned men, and they began to knock against the plate. The noise was heard by some boys playing in the street, and they asserted that their tendency is in a diametrically opposite direction. Their effects can be seen.

Have enough regard for yourself to treat your greatest enemy with quiet politeness. All petty slights are mere meanness and hurt yourself more than any one else.

Do not try too hard to be polite. Never overwhelm your friends by begging them to make themselves at home or they will soon wish they were there. Show by your actions rather than words that you are glad to see them.

Do not talk about yourself or your family to the exclusion of other topics. What if you are clever and a little more so than other people, it may not be that others will think so, whatever they ought to do.

It may be interesting to you to talk over your ailment, but very tiresome to others to listen to.

Make people think you consider them clever and agreeable and they will be pretty apt to have a pleasant impression of yourself.

Treat people just as you would like to have them treated.

It is much easier to lose the good opinion of others than to regain it; when any one does not care for the good opinion of others he or she is not worthy of respect.

Do not excuse your house, furniture, or the table set before your guests. It is fair to suppose their visits are not to your surroundings.

The whole machinery of social intercourse is very delicate and intricate and it is our business to keep all places of possible friction well supplied with oil of politeness.

Humorous.

A cynical lady, rather inclined to flirt, says most men are like a cold easy caught, but very difficult to get rid of.

Medical authority says sunstroke may be avoided by carrying certain things in the hat. Almost anything damp will do; but it should never be a brick.

"Boy," said an ill-tempered old fellow, "what are you doing?" "Hump," returned the boy, "what are you going by for when I am hoolerin'?"

The cat that serenaded a literary lady the other night has not been able to be cut since; and the lady is minus one foot, one four post, a patient inkstand and a new chignon.

There is something to imitate even in the "other's existence." They celebrate their holidays by paying their debts, forgoing their earnings, and "shaking hands all round."

A bairny fellow bragging that he could carry a barrel of pork without difficulty, was suddenly put to his traps when told that he was frequently seen staggering under a load of less than 175 pounds of corned meat.

The writer of an obituary notice of an estimable lady says that the bereaved husband was "hardly able to bear the death of his wife." Imagine his distress on reading a paper that the deceased husband was "hardly able to bear the chemise of his wife."

A Methodist conference in Iowa decided the other day "that the movement now being made to enfranchise women is both wise and just, the genius of our government, the rights of woman, and the good of society, alike required it."

A contemporary prints this item: "A Chinese man presented his wife with a block of wood as a token of admiration. She received it on the forehead, and was so overcome with gratitude that she fainted away. The generous husband has also given twenty-five dollars to the police justice."

A Hartford man was taken sick a few days ago and his physician said it was a case of measles, gave him medicine. The next day, dissatisfied with the treatment, he called doctor number three. The third day, still dissatisfied, he called doctor number two. He said it was typhoid fever, and he gave him medicine. The third day, still dissatisfied, he called doctor number three. The fourth day, still dissatisfied, he said it was a case of small pox. In three days he was out, hunting for a lawyer who would bring suit for damages against somebody, because it was only an attack of erysipelas.

How to QUARREL WITH A WIFE.—Wait until she is at her toilet preparatory to going out. She will be sure to remark that the lives of married people are passed in thinking whether their bonnets are straight, and wind up with the remark that you never had one who had common sense about her life will ask who that one is. You, with a sigh, reply: "Ah! never mind." Wife will say, abashedly: "But you don't marry her. You say, "Most close on Saturday." "Why, I am sure. You would not have me open on Sunday, would you?"

The Remedies for sale by Druggists

Stockkeepers, and Medicine Dealers

everywhere

Vices of Genius.

Coloridge was such a slave to liquor that he had to be kept an unwilling prisoner by Christopher North or an occasion when some literary performances had to be completed by a certain time; and on that very day, without taking leave of any member of the family, he ran at full speed down the avenue to Elsay, and was soon hidden, not in the groves of the valley, but in some obscure den, where, drinking among low companions, his magnifico mind was soon brought to a level with the small culvert used for drainage.

DeQuincey was such a slave to the use

of opium that his daily allowance was

of more importance than eating. An

ounce of laudanum a day prostrated

an inmate life during the afternoon. It

was an unfrequent sight to find him

on a rug before the fire in his room,

his head on a book, and his arms crossed

on his breast. When his torpor from the opium had passed away, he was ready

for company until about daylight. In

order to show off, his friends, we are

told, arranged their supper so that

the great fact with which we are cal-

led to diet is:

Patent Medicines.

ONE MILLION OF LIVES SAVED.

One of the remarkable facts of this remarkable age, not merely that so many persons are living despite of dyspepsia, or indigestion, but its willing victim. There were not less than 100,000 cases of dyspepsia in the year 1850. We must stand to say that any one regards dyspepsia with suspicion, and that it is a disease of the bowels, and that it is a disease of the liver, and that it is a disease of the kidneys, and that it is a disease of the heart, and that it is a disease of the lungs, and that it is a disease of the brain, and that it is a disease of the spinal column, and that it is a disease of the nerves, and that it is a disease of the skin, and that it is a disease of the bones, and that it is a disease of the joints, and that it is a disease of the muscles, and that it is a disease of the tendons, and that it is a disease of the ligaments, and that it is a disease of the glands, and that it is a disease of the teeth, and that it is a disease of the tongue, and that it is a disease of the palate, and that it is a disease of the lips, and that it is a disease of the nose, and that it is a disease of the eyes, and that it is a disease of the ears, and that it is a disease of the brain, and that it is a 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