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A SOUL TRAGEDY.

Starvation Drives an Honest Man to the Questionable Calling of Fortune-Telling.

There are tragedies of soul and body in fortune-telling. The story of one of the craft, writes Harvey Sutherland, in Ainslee's, is something like this: What precedes his arrival in New York you need not be concerned with except that it shows a capable, a learned and brave man. But New York is a hard city to get a footing in. Sickness came; two pupils in bookkeeping, the only ones he could get, should have paid each his fee of \$25. They didn't. The man and his wife came down to making neckties at 80 cents a gross. One week he reached the high-water mark of \$5,80, They paid five dollars a week for a room and lived on a dollar or so. One day they overheard a man laugh: "I have to live on liver for a month to make up for this extravagance." The wife pinched her busband's arm and whispered: "Liver! Strikes me that's pretty luxurious." The landlady said one day: "Mrs. So-and-So, you don't go out often enough for your meals." They had been smuggling loaves of bread and such things into their room. After that they went out and shivered in the parks with nothing to cat, but staying out long enough to have gone to the restaurant. He knew something of palmistry, and read up more. A saloon keeper that he knew advanced him the money to furnish up a soothsaver's flat, and now fortune smiles on the rogue that frowned on the man trying to be honest.

HELEN KELLER IS A MARVEL.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind. Yet She Gains a Thorough Education-Her Student Life.

Helen Keller, the deaf, dumb and blind girl, has overcome tremendous obstacles and is now progressing well as a student at Radeliffe, says an exchange

The bulk of her preparation for college was accomplished under Arthur Gilman's instruction, aided by Miss Sullivan, for several years her teacher. By the employment of several ingenious instruments she mastered geometry and algebra, while with raised letter books she has secured a grasp on English, Latin and Greek. Her examination papers were in the Braille raised point system and the answers she wrote on a typewriter, in the use of which she is an expert. Besides passing in all the required subjects, Miss Keller has entered Radaliffe with freshman English and advanced Frenc., to the good.

At the lectures Helen is invariably accompanied by Miss Sullivan, who sits close beside her and gives her, in the manual language, whatever the instructor may be saying. The fineness of her soul and the exquisite nature of her thoughts are evidenced by the essays written during her preparation.

For all Helen Keller's remarkable intellectuality she is, in the main, just a pleasant, normal girl. She rides a tandem, sews, crochets, embroiders, and, most marvelous of all, plays a capital game of chess. She is without doubt the most wonderful college girl the world has yet seen.

EDUCATED IGNORAMUSES.

Defects in a Good System-Inductive

HOW KWANG HSU LOOKS.

The Emperor of China Frequently Hulds Audlences from Midnight Till Drawn.

The Chinese emperor is now about 30 years of age. He is under the medi- ence so deeply before. um height, sallow, and apparently of good training in Chinese and in Yanchu. He knows some English. He has a wife, a dozen concubines, and no children. He is unable to control his explosive temper. It is doubtful whether he can exert a rule of authority over others. He has a kind of feminine energy to push ahead, but lacks clear visions of surrounding conditions. His reform edicts are unique in the history of the empire. It is impossible to say, however, what part of them is due to him and what part to Kang Yu-Wei, the greatest leader of the reform party, writes Prof. I. T.

Headland, in Ainslee's. The emperor, as is customary China, transacts all state affairs between 12 at midnight and the rise of the sun. Some sharp tongue has said that the Chinese love darkness because their deeds are evil. What is good, however, is done at the same time. It is during these hours that Kwang Hsu formulates his edicts which are all published in the Peking Gazette. Two officials shadow the emperor without censing. These are the imperial recorders. They note and transcribe his every act, his every word Their memoranda are transferred to the imperial archives and are not opened until the history of the dynasty is written, long after the rotting bones of Kwang Hsu have become sacred beside those of his ancestors.

ARE NOT TO BLAME.

People of Berlin Hold That Missionaries Are Not Responsible for the Chinese Outbreak.

The better elements among the people of Berlin as well as the entire religious population are indignant at the persistent attacks of a large portion of the press on Chinese missions and missionaries. The aspersions cast on the missionaries, it is pointed out, do not rest on any basis of fact. The charges are all vague and are usually repetitions of travelers' hasty reports or utterances of second-rate diplomatists out of sympathy with Christianity, says a London paper.

The greatest regret is expressed by newspapers representative of militant Christianity that responsible organs of public opinion, like the Vossische Zeitung, the Cologne Gazette and others, should lend themselves to this chorus of abuse of Chinese missionaries. One can understand that savage hordes of heathen will readily massacre men of a different religious persuasion, especially if these men are unarmed, and if their lives are a protest against violence and crime in all their forms, but that journalists should be found in a Christian country ready to trample on men whose aims are a noble ideal, who have sacrificed all they possess for their cause, and at last life itself, is one of the saddest signs of the times.

It is recognized here that these press attacks mostly originate in circles which are not only opposed to missionary methods in China, but to the missions themselves, their object and end.

Unintentional Comedy.

She-I suppose you atetnded the amateur theatricals last night? He-Yes; and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

She-You don't say! I pawar heard of "Julius Caesar" affecting an audi-

He-No. It would have surprised a weak constitution. He has received even Shakespeare. We just simply laughed till we cried .- Catholic Stand ard and Times.

New Medical Term. "Let me see your tongue," said the doctor. "Certainly," said the patient, suiting

the action to the word. "You're all right." said the M. D

"You've got what is called the shirtwaist tongue." "What's that?" said the young man,

in alarm. "Why, there's no coat on it."-Yon-

ker's Statesman.

The Successful Song.

J. Rime-The other day you said my verses would be sure to make a hit. Editor-Yes.

J. Rime-And now you say they're absolutely rotten; nothing but doggerel.

Editor-Yes; you see, when you showed them to me the other day I thought you were going to have them set to music.-Philadelphia Press.

She Had Hopes,

"Of course, Susan, if you intend to get married that is your own business," said the mistress to the cook, "but you mustn't forget that marriage is a very serious matter."

"Yes, ma'am, I know it is sometimes." remarked the domestic, "but maybe I'll have better luck than you did."--Tit-Bits.

Few Equipped for the Work.

"Every man," quoted the thoughtful one, "is the architect of his own fortunes."

"Yes," returned the observant one, "and the character of the structures put up shows that few have taken the necessary course in architecture."-Chicago Post.

No Mere Probability.

"Maria," called out the anxious mother of the family, "the clouds look terribly threatening. I'm afraid we are going to have a tornado. You'd better go and wake your father."

"I'd rather not," answered the eldest daughter. "If I call him as early as this there'll be a tornado without any sort of doubt."--Chicago Tribune.

Before Dinner Exercise.

"Your wife wants to take about three hours' exercise just before her dinner every day," shid the family physician.

"She does that now, doctor," replied the husband; "yes, it takes her just about three hours to dress."-Yonkers Statesman.

Has Plenty of Company.

Rix-Bighead is another of those unfortunate great men who live before their time.

Bix-What makes you think so? Rix-I notice that he spends all his money before he earns it .- Town Topics.

His Industry.

"What's your husband doin' now?" asked the neighbor. "Well," answered Mrs. Corntossel 'pears to me like he ain't doin' much of anythin' except scoldin' our boy

Josh fur not bein' more industrious."

Where Have They Gone Tot There are multitudes of old copper cents somewhere, but no one can loente Loeni.

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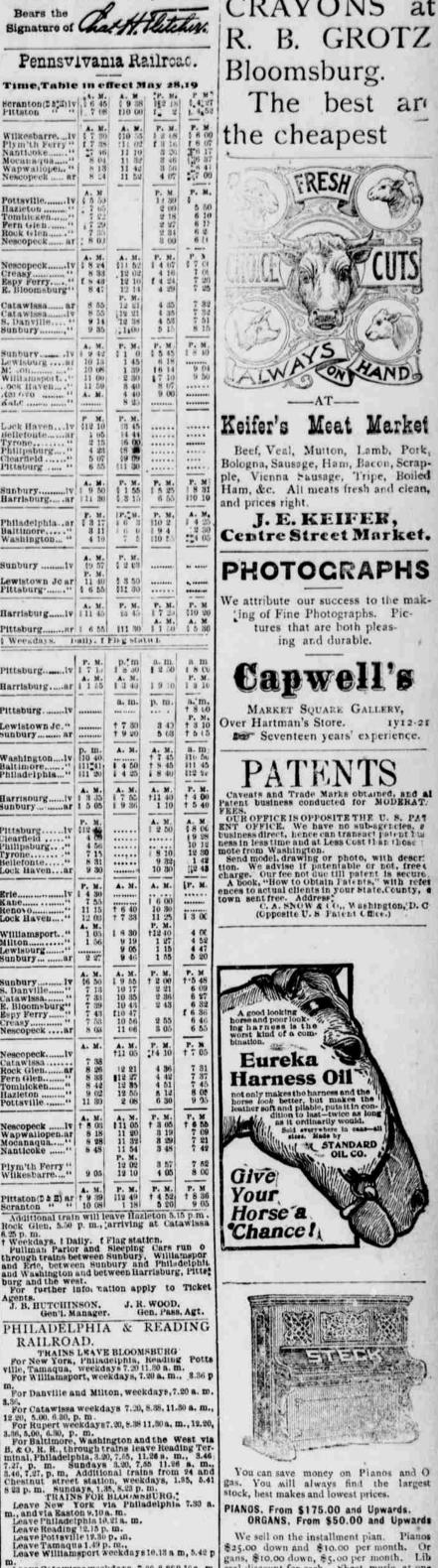
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Method of Teaching Discounts Drudgery of Memorizing.

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Modest Marriage Fee. A Jersey City justice was recently paid a marriage fee of ten cents.

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BAD TASTE IN PULLMAN CARS.

Their Interior Decorations Show the Most Glaring and Grossest Inharmonies of Color.

In Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok sharply criticises the interior decorations of Pullman cars as "a riot of bad taste," that is absolutely inexcusable, for "the Pullman company," he contends, "is a rich corporation which can have what it wills. If good taste does not exist in its furnishing department, as indisputably seems to be the case, the company can and should buy it. For the same amounts now expended on these cars, effects of harmony and of truly artistic drapery could be obtained which would be a credit to the company. These cars could have an incalculable influence on the community. The new cars which the company constantly builds could. better than any other medium that I know of, be made to reflect in a panoramic manner the newest and most progressive steps made in artistic decoration and furnishing. They could be made the most effective traveling educators of the public. Instead, they are simply vehicles of the worst taste imaginable-in fact, of no taste whatever. As amazing conglomerations of the most glaring and grossest inharmonies of color, they stand absolutely supreme. They violate even the simplest canous of good taste."

Diamonds in Hawaii,

According to an English expert, diamonds are in process of formation in Hawaii. He spent much time and some money following up the first indications that attracted his attention. In many respects, he says, the formation here is like that of the diamond fields the City of Toledo, County and State of Kimberley. But after researches he came to the conclusion that the process has not yet gone far enough, but is still going on, and that in the course of 100,060 years or so Hawaii will be a great diamond field.

The Ticks of a Watch.

Many watches make five beats per second, 300 each minute, 18,000 every hour or 482,000 per day. Thus it will be seen that a half dozen turns of the key once a day, taking up a few seconds of time, stores up a modicum of power in the spring which is cut up into nearly 500,000 beats. If we multiply the daily beats by 3651/4, the num-ber of days in a year, we find that the watch ticks 157,788,000 times while the earth is making one annual trip around the sun.

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