AN APPALLING DISASTER

A Niagara Falls Excursion Train On the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, with 900 Passengers, Drops Through a Burning Bridge, Near Chatsworth, Illinois-One Hundred and Forty-three of the Killed and Wounded Thus Far Identified.

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The Chicago Times' special from Forest, Ills,, says: All the railway horrors in the history of this country were surpassed three miles east of Chatsworth last night when an excursion train on the Toledo, Peoria and Western road dropped through a burnigg bridge, and over one hundred people were killed and four times that number were more or less badly injured. The train was composed of six an organized gang was proven by the sieeping cars, six day coaches and chair cars and three baggage. It was carrying 900 passengers, all excursionists, and was bound for Niagara Falls.

Three miles east of Chatsworth is a little slough, and where the railroad crosses a dry run, about ten feet deep and fifteen feet wide. Over this was stretched an ordinary wooden trestle bridge, and as the excursion train came thundering down on it what was the horror of the engineer on the front enengine when he saw that the bridge was a fire. Right up before his eyes leaped the bright flames, and the next instant he was among them. There was no chance to stop. Had there been warning it would have taken a half mile to stop that on-rushing mass of wood, iron and human lives, and the train was within one hundred yards of the red tongued messenger of death before they flashed their fatal signals into the engineer's face. But he passed over in safety, the first engine keeping the rails. As it went over the bridge fell beneath it, and it could only have been the terrific speed of the train which saved the lives of the engineer and his fireman. But the next engine went down and instantly the deed of death was done. Car erashed into car, coaches piled on top of another, and in the twinkling of an eye nearly forty people found instant death, and fifty more were so badly hurt they could not live. As for the wounded, they were everywhere. Only the sleeping coaches escaped, and as the startled and halfdressed passengers came tumbling out of them they found such a scene of death as is rarely witnessed, and such work to do that it seemed as if human hands were utterly incapable.

night. Down in the ditch lay the second engineer, Engineer McClintock, dead, and Fireman Applegate badly injured. On top were piled the three baggage cars, one on top of another, like a child's card house after he had swept it with his hand. Then came the six day coaches. They were telescoped as cars never were before and three of them were pressed into just space enough for one. The second car had mounted off its trucks, crashed through the car ahead of it, crushing the woodwork aside like tinder, and lay there, resting on the tops of the seats, while every passenger in the front car lay dead and dying underneath. Out of that car but four people came alive. On top of the second car lay the third, and its bottom was smeared with the blood of its victims. The other three cars were not so badly crushed, but they were broken and twisted in every conceivable way, and every crushed timber and beam represented a crushed human frame and a broken bone. Instantly the air was filled with cries of the wounded and the shrieks of those about to die. The groans of men and the screams of women united to make an appalling sound, and above all could be heard the agonizing cries of little children as, in some instances, they lay pinned alongside their dead parents.

It lacked but five minutes of mid-

Chatsworth was turned morgue to-day. The Town Hall, the engine house, the depot were all full of dead bodies, while every house in the little village has its quota of the wounded. There were over 100 corpses lying in the extemporized dead houses, and every man and woman was turned into an amateur but zealous nurse.

In the Town Hall was the main hospital, and in it anxious relatives and sorrowing friends sat, and fanning gently the sufferers' faces, queried the attending surgeons as they bound up the wounds, and insisted that there must be hope. Down in the deadhouses, fathers, husbands, brothers, sisters, wives and children tearfully inspected each face as it was uncovered, and sighed as the features were unknown, or cried out in anguish when the well-known face, sometimes fearfully mangled, but yet recognizable, was uncovered.

The entire capacity of the little village was taxed, and kind-hearted women drove in from miles to give their gentle ministrations to the sufferers.

HUMAN HYENAS PLUNDERING THE

No sooner had the wreck occurred lowa, body. than a scene of robbery commenced. Some band of unspeakable miscreants, heartless and with only animal instincts, was on hand, and, like the guerillas who throng a battle-field the night after the conflict and filch from the dead the money which they received for their meagre pay, stealing even the bronze medals and robbing from the children of heroes the other worthless emblems of their fathers' bravery, so last night did those human hyenas plunder the dead from this terrible tified: accident and take even the shoes which covered their feet. Who these wretches are is not now known. Whether they were a band of pick-pockets who accompanied the train or some robber gang who were lurking in the vicinity cannot be said. The horrible suspicion, however, exists, and there are many who give it credit, that the accident was a deliberately planned case of train wrecking; that the bridge was set on fire by miscreants who hoped to seize the opportunity offered, and the fact that the bridge was so far consumed at the time the train came along, and the added fact that the train was an hour

and a haif late, are pointed out as evidence of a careful conspiracy. It seems hardly possible that man could be so lost to all the ordinary feeling which animates the basest of the human race, but still, men who wiil rob dead men, who will steal from the dying and will plunder the wounded, held down by broken beams of a wrecked car, w ounded, whose death by fire seemed imminent, can do most anything which is base and that is what these fiends in human form did. They went into the cars when the fire was burning flercely underneath, and, when the poor wretches who were pinned there begged them "for God's sake to help me out," stripped them of their watches and jewelry and searched their pockets for money.

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When the dead bodies were laid out in the corn fields these hyenas turned them over in their search for valuables, and that the plundering was done by fact that this morning out in the corn field sixteen purses, all empty, were found in one heap. It was a ghastly plundering, and had the plunderers been caught they would surely have been lynched

LIST OF WOUNDED.

Following is a list of the wounded, as far as identified. It is slow work, as the bodies are horribly mangled: E. W. P. Parker and wife, Peoria, head and limbs.

Mrs. Emma Reagan and son, Peoria, slight injury. John Frye, Peoria, leg broken, back

injured H. L. Ogden, Grayton, Ill., head and foot injured. Florence Boucher, Bayard, Iowa,

Pat Brady, Gillman, Ill., foot and Sophia Pauline, Peoria, Ill., head. C. W. Young, West Jersey, hand.

C. A. Swank, West Jersey, foot and shoulder. G. W. Scott, Toulin, Ill., ankle. Thomas Trimms, Park Ridge, Ill., arms, hips and legs.

Theodore Godel, Peoria, head and Mrs. Edith, Chellew, Glassford, Ill., eg broken and ankle bruised. Mr. Chellew, Glasford, Ill., leg dis-

Joe Neal, Mossville, Ill., head and Mrs. Joe Neal, Mossville, arm and eg broked; baby killed.

Miss Julia Valdejo, Peoria, Ill., internally. Abble Edmonds, Disco, ankle. Dr. E. P. Hazen and wife, Fort Madison, Iowa, heads hurt, West Point, Miss Emma Ulter,

Iowa, head and limb. Miss H. Thorns, Rish, Iowa, inter-H. H. Bond, Colchester, Ill., inter-

nally. Mrs. Thos. McAvoy, Peoria, Ill., internally. Mrs. I. W. Grant, Peoria, internally.

Mary Morris, Peoria, bruised. Mr. Robert Simmermann, Peoria, E. F. French, Peorla, hips and body.

Eaton Walters, Peoria, hips and Otto Johnson, Burlington, Iowa, Mrs. R. H. Clark, Riotstown, Iowa,

C. W. Cross, Washington, Ill., head and chest. J. E. Deckman, Peorla, ankle.

Madge T. Harris, Peoria, ankle. Arthur McCarty, Eureka, Ill., both David Crawford, Hitton, Iil., head,

limbs and hips. A. F. McGee, La Harpe, Ill., leg and Mrs. S. R. Borden, Tonica, Ill., foot. Wm. Forbes, Elmwood, Ill., chest

and head. Elizabeth Settlers, La Harpe, Ill., limba. Mrs. Linda Walters, Peoria, nose,

jaw and leg. H. Abraham, Peoria, internally. William Smith, Peoria, head crushed. Frank Taylor, McComb, Ill., inter-

John Stear, Rushville, Ill., leg. J. W. Stearns, Green Valley, Ill.,

and heel. J. L. Belstey, Deer Creek, Ill., head and ankle.

Paton Cross, Washington, Ill., leg. J. B. Kelly, Boodee, Illinois, hip, leg broken. Frank Snadicker, Abington, Illinois, head, leg broken.

Daniel Rock, Rosefield, Ill., head, leg and hands. A. C. Jordan, Danville, Iowa, leg. C. A. Gregg, Danville, Iowa, leg. Mrs. C. E. Allen, Galesburg, Ill.,

W. C. Ellis, Peoria, head. Minnie Vaughsdale, Peoria, leg bro-

Calvin Davis, Peoria, arm.

Conductor Stillwell, head, arm and C. H. Carter, Jr., Burlington, Iowa, Harold E. Lawrence, Burlington,

H. B. Lawrence, Burlington, Iowa, John McMaster, Peoria, body. Frank Brown, Peoria, head.

Mrs. Kellogg, Tremont, body. Mrs. K. G. Welsh, Peoria, body. Mrs. Isaac Body, Whiteside, Ill., Catharine Lot, Peoria, body.

Blanche Allen, Peoria, body. THE DEAD. The following dead have been iden-

R. E. Stock, Peoria, body. Miss Stephens and father. Mike Regan, Binghamton, N. Y. William Craig, Cuba, Ill. Henry Hicken, Pekin, Ill. Noah Haverman, Canton, Ill. H. S. Smith, Mattamore, Ill. G. A. Smith, Peoria, Mrs. Zimmerman, Peoria. Rosa and Maggie Murphy and mother, Peeria

Miss Maggie Malvow, Peoria. Miss Neal, Mossville, Ill. Emiline Carrithers, Evans, Ill. Jess Meek, Eureka, Ill. Sherman, Brimfield, Ill.

McClintock, engineer, Peorla. Elizabeth Cross, Washington, Ill. Mrs. E. D. Stoddard, West Point,

Iowa. Mrs. Pearl Adams, Peoria. Pearl French, Peoria. W. H. Potter, Bushnell, Illinois. Miss J. M. Clay, Eureka, Ill. J. D. Richards, Peoria. Mrs. Breeze, Peoria. W. Gereretzen, Peoria. E. F. Adams, Fairbury. W. H. Lot, Elwood. Addie Webster, Peoria. Mrs. William Allen, Peorla. Mr. W. Valejo, Peoria. Mrs. H. B. McClure and daughter, Peoria.

Mrs. Miller, Peoria. Mr. Wright, Peoria. Mrs. James Dale, Peoria. Mrs. Wm. Ball and daughter, Peoria. F. B. Wynett, Peoria. E. Godell and Son. Dr. Wm. Collins, Galesburg, III. J. Body, J. S. Kaler, Breed's Station,

Oney Spaith, Green Valley, Ill. John A. Moore, Jacksonville, Ill. J. D. McFadden, Peoria. Captain Ahlke, A. Martin, Bloom-

J. A. Green, Breed's Station, and

Henry Siegelson, Keokuk, Iowa.

John Murphy, Peorla,

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

about twenty dead at Piper City.

-Intelligence was received at Lock Haven, Penna., on the evening of the 8th, of the murder of a man named the evening of the 7th.

-The murger of Isaiah Colby and Haven, Penna., was investigated by the been outraged before being murdered. Both bodies lay outside the house where they had fallen. The only other person about the premises was an infant, which was almost dead from hunger and crying. There is no clue to the murderer. John Doors, while misbehaving at a picnic in Calloway county, Kentucky, was fatally shot by Frank Collie, the manager of the affair. Doors drew his knife and fatally cut Collie as he fell dead. Alexander Walker, the colored Prohibition speaker, who was badly beaten and mangled by being thrown against a wire fence after he had made a speech at Prairie Grove, near Webberville, Texas, last week, died on the 7th. His assailants are known. Deputy Sheriff Stanley, of Williamson county, Texas, was ambushed and killed on the 8th. William Carson, a deputy sheriff, captured a desperado named Vigit at Almosa, Colorado, on the 7th, and, while jured. Five of them cannot recover. he was reading the warrant, the prisover the head with it until he died. The murderer escaped.

Mulejo on July 25th, loaded with altercation ensued, during which J. M. twenty tons of tan bark. The vessel Bourne shot and killed his nephew. had on board Captain Abraham Baja-Copper Mine at Santa Rosa, and a Pedro and Martinez, in California, the cept the captain and four sailors, who said they were going ashore. As they plunged overboard they were devoured They were rescued by the sloop Refuge.

-The tent in which Revs. Hosler and Schulz, Seven-day Adventists, were holding revival services in Winona, Minnesota, was attacked by a mob of Germans and Poles on the 7th, and pulled down. The congregation resisted and a free fight ensued, in which several persons were hurt.

-Telegrams received in Chicago on the 9th, from central points through-A. B. Shomberger, Peoria, hip, side out the northwestern country, show that the drouth still continues. Not a drop of rain has fallen except eight one-hundredths of an inch at Des Moines. Forest fires are raging in Wisconsin, and much valuable propperty has been destroyed.

-Charles Williams, who was confined in the jail of Logan county, West Virginia, for the murder of James Aldridge, was taken from jail by citizens on the evening of the 8th, and hanged to a tree.

-The monument of the Fifth Connecticut Regiment, at Gettysburg, Pa., was dedicated on the 9th. The stone is of polished granite, and stands on Culp's Hill, a short distance from Spangler's Spring.

-The pine woods, covering 200 acres, just south of Jamestown, New York, were burning on the evening of the 9th. Several houses were in danger. The loss will be heavy.

-A despatch from Augusta, Georgia, says: The river is now thirty-three feet, and is rising at the rate of three inches an hour. It is coming into the city at Upper Broad and Reynold streets. The gate on the third level of the canal has broken, and the water is flooding Upper Telfair, Walker and other streets near the Union Depot.

-Mayor Sutton, nineteen Council; men and the Street Commissioner of Wilkesbarre, Penna,, were arrested on the 9th, on complaint of citizens, for failing to keep the streets in order, and for allowing stagnant water to accumulate, from which foul smells arise, dangerous to the health of the community and harmful to property interests. They were held to answer in \$300 bail one another, and the Chief of Police for the Mayor, and he for the City

Commissioner. -Mrs. Harvey Wills, of Oswego, Kansas, has been arrested for grabbing

cause her death in a short time. It is there is a suspicion that the bridge said the women quarrelled over the was set on fire by them. mother's property which the daughter wanted to get.

-The walls of the ruins of Bishop & Spear's peanut warehouse, in St.

Louis, fell on the morning of the 10th and carried with them a portion of J. Alkires & Co.'s wholesa'e grocery house. In the ruins were buried a number of firemen. Barney McKernan, Frank McDonald and Christian Hoell were dead when rescued. James O'Brien is thought to be fatally hurt, and three others severely injured. The loss is estimated at \$160,000; fully insured. A shoe factory at Wolfboro, New Hampshire, owned by the Steam Power Company and occupied by Monroe & Co. and Cropley & Co., in manufacturing shoes, was burned on the evening of the 9th, together with nine dwelling houses, The total loss is placed at \$125,000; insurance small. A fire which occurred on the 9th in the rear of G. M. Scott's hardware store, in Salt Lake. Utah, burned their tin shop and the north division of their establishment. There was a number of tenants, and the total loss is estimated at \$85,000, all, except in a few cases, covered by insurance. The mill fires at Muskegon, Michigan, on the 9th, resulted in a loss of over 5,000,000 feet of lumber, owned by Stimson & Fay, Mann & Co., Meely & Co. and others. The total losses aggregate nearly \$120,000, on which there is a fair insurance. The Eagle there is a fair insurance. Flour Mills, in Memphis, Tennessee, were burned on the 10th. Loss, \$30,-000; insurance, \$15,000. The steam cake, cracker and candy works of Culby and his wife, in their house on James Barkley & Brothers, in Wilthe mountains south of that city, on | mington, Delaware, were burned on | and Florida ran off a bridge at Albany, the morning of the 10th. Loss, \$30,-000; partly covered by insurance. A his wife at Cherry Run, near Lock despatch from St. Thomas, Ontario, says the mills of M. & J. O'Donnell, Coroner on the 9th. Mrs, Coiby had been outraged before being murdered. Bridgen, on the St. Clair branch, were ignited by brush fires on the morning of the 10th, and all the sheds, together

> were burned. The loss is \$150,000. -Reports from the Northwest say the storm on the evening of the 9th was pretty general; and in the lumber districts, where forest fires were raging, the rain checked the progress of the flames. Telegrams from the interior of Wisconsin indicate that the wind storm which accompanied the rain was very violent, and that much damage has resulted in consequence.

with 2,000,000 feet of matched staves,

-As a construction train on the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Air Line Railroad was approaching Duff's station, Indiana, on the 9th, the engine struck a cow, and the train was thrown from the track, Nine of the construction crew were badly in-

-J. M. Bourne, during the hearing oner seized his pistol and beat him of a case in court at Owenton, Kentucky, charged his nephew, James Bourne, Jr., with false swearing. Af--A despatch from Nogales, New | ter court the nephew demanded a re-Mexico, says: The sloop Sara left traction. This was refused, and an on the 12th, from Barnell county. Vice Consul Mitchell, at Piedras Nerim, his wife and children and niece, gras, Mexico, reports to the State De-Superintendent Halle, of the Baltimore | partment that James H. Duval, citizen of the United States and a native of crew of five men. While between San | Mobile, who had been residing in Santa Rosa for several years, engaged in minvessel was struck by a heavy surf and | ing, was murdered July 2d as he was capsized. All on board perished ex- going to the mine to pay his employes. Julia Hogan and Fannie Thornton, colsaved themselves by climbing on the ored women, quarrelled about a sheet bottom of the sloop. On July 30th in Memphis, Tennessee, on the evening two of the sailors became crazy and of the 9th. Fannie Thornton was stabbed and killed.

-Willis McDearmon, a school by sharks. The captain, one sailor and teacher near Babattia, Tennessee, boy remained on the sloop for eight found his school house surrounded by days, sustaining life by catching turtles | a mob, on the 10th, and he was refused that came near and sucking their blood, admission because he was a Prohibitionist. McDearmon opened another divided according to parents' views on the question.

-William Purbs, alias "Fritz," the printer's apprentice, who is accused of | pondents cannot get a complete list, as having set on fire the offices of the New a number of the killed and injured Yorker Zeitung, was arranged for ex- were removed from Chatsworth before amination at the Toombs police court they arrived. Railroad officials say on the 10th. William Mayer, the pub- there were about six hundred persons lisher, charged Purbs with having been in the train, and that it was going at the author of the fire on August 4th, the rate of about 35 miles an hour, and also expressed the belief that he | One of the first physicians at the wreck was guilty of the other five fires.

-James Glenn, 40 years old, was killed, and John Schmidt, middle-aged, seriously mjured on the 10th, by the falling of a truss of the bridge across the Central Hudson tracks at Schenectady, New York.

-The glant powder works at West Berkely, six miles from San Francisco, blew up on the 11th. Buildings were shaken throughout the entire business portion of San Francisco. One that they have moved into a larger Chinaman was fatally, and six white men and six Chinamen seriously, injured.

-On the evening of the 11th a large piece of the ornamental stone work on the front of Odd Fellows' Hall, in Baltimore, fell to the pavement, a distance of about forty feet, and crushed to death an unknown man who was passing.

-Three colored preachers, Rev. Messrs, Israel, George and Calwell, while riding in a wagon in Atlanta Georgia, were run over and killed by a West Point train; a fourth, Rev. Mr. Upshaw, was seriously wounded.

-Shaft No. 1 of the Ashland Mine, near Hurley, Wisconsin, caved in on the afternoon of the 10th, killing four men and injuring another. -An excursion train for Niagara

Falls, on the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, composed of six sleeping cars, six day coaches and chair cars, three baggage cars and two eng nes, dropped through a burn ing bridge over a dry run about three miles east of Chatsworth, Illinois, or the evening of the 10th, while running each. The Councilmen went ball for at the rate of a mile a minute. There were nine hundred and sixty passen gers on board from various parts in Central Illinois, the majority of them however, from Peoria. The estimate of the dead and wounded vary, bu her mother, Mrs. Mary Rawlinson, 71 there have been seventy-two dead and years old, by the hair, throwing her violently to the floor, and beating and the disaster the dead were robbed by kicking her in such a manner as to an organized gang of miscreants, and

—The west-bound passenger express train on the Southern Pacific Railroad was run off the switch near Papago, about fifteen miles east of Tuscon, Arizona, on the 10th, by four masked men. The engine was ditched and the express car robbed of \$3500.

-A wind and rain storm struck Harrisburg and Lancaster, Penna., on the evening of the 11th, and unroofed houses, blew down trees and damaged

-The firm of Henry S. Ives & Co., of New York, suspended, on the 11th. Mr. Cromwell, of Sullivan & Cromwell, was made assignee. It is said that the liabilities are about \$20,000,-000, with assests something in excess of that amount.

-Alexander English, George Horton and Frank Edwards, sons of respectable New York people, were arrested while ransacking Captain M not's cottage, at Asbury Park, New went to Asbury Park to spend the season, but went to the races and lost all their money.

-Frederick Hopt, alias "Welcome," was shot to death in the yard of the penitententiary, four miles from Salt Laze City, Utah, on the 11th. The firing party consisted of five men with rifles. The condemned man showed the utmost firmness. A rosette was pinned over his heart. Hopt had murdered John F. Turner, son of the Sheriff of Utah county.

-A despatch from Macon, Georgia, says a passenger train for Brunswick on the evening of the 11th, leaving only the engine on the track. Thirteen persons are reported wounded, but none killed. A freight train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad stopped to do some switching at Montgomery, three miles west of Aurora, Illinois, on the evening of the 11th, and left several cars standing on the main track. These were run into by an east-bound freight train, William Breed and a young man named Watkins were seriously injured, and three men asleep in a way car, and a man stealing a ride in a box cas, were also hurt. A number of freight cars were ditched. An east-bound freight train on the Pennsylvania; Railroad was wrecked at Parkersburg, Pa., on the morning of the 12th, by a broken switch-frog. A number of cars were demolished, and both track were blocked for six hours. A brakeman was slightly hurt by jumping. A construction train on the Evansville and Indianapolis Rairoad went through a wooden culvert at Saline City, Indiana, on the 12th. Six passengers were injured, but only one, Thomas Brouth-

ers, dangerous. -Natural gas has been discovered at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

-The first bale of new cotton was received at Charleston, South Carolina, -Reports from many points in I

nois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Minnesota, indicate that rains fell generally in the Northwest, on the 10th and 11th, giving fresh life to crops and aiding the people in checking the prairie and forest fires which have been raging.

her throat cut. Her stepfather, Daniel murderer, and asked to be hanged at and hanged him to the rafters of a cane

-The number of killed by the railroad disaster at Chatsworth, Illinois, school house. Anti-Prohibitionists on the evening of the 10th is still uninstalled a new teacher, and pupils certain. A list furnished on the 12th places it at one hundred and fifty-six. It is said that the railroad officials alone can fix it. Newspaper corressaid that one cause of so many deaths was lack of ambulances or proper means for moving the injured.

-The cashier of a Montreal, Canada bank is on an excursion to Boston. His "shortage" is stated at \$12,000.

A Screen From a Harem.

In Washington dwell two young women who own so much bric-a-brac house to accommodate it. Among other rare things is a screen, such as is used in eastern harems, made of carved wood, with curious little windows which open and shut like doors.

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INFECTIOUS DRUNKENNESS.

Reformed Men Who Havy Shown Signs of Intoxication from Contagion.

There are cases of reformed men who show signs of intoxication from the contagion of others who are drunkards. The following is an example: A prominent ex-military man who had drunk moderately once, while attending a dinner with his old comrades, where toost of them were intoxicated, suddenly became hilarious, made a foolish speech, settled back in his chair in a drunken state, and was finally taken home quite stupid. He had not drunk any spirits and had only used coffee and water, and yet he had all the symptoms of the others, only his was intoxication from contagion; the favoring soil had been prepared long ago in the army,

Another case was that of a man who had been an mebriate years ago, but had reformed. He was recently elected Jersey, on the 10th. The prisoners to office, and gave a dinner to some friends. Among them was a physician who had been greatly interested in these studies. He sent me a long report, the substance of which was this: On the occasion referred to many of the company became partially intoxicated, and the host, who drank nothing but water, became hilarious, and finally stupid, with them. He was put to bed with every sign of intoxication, but recovered, and next morning had only a confused notion of these events.

The third case occurred four years ago. A reformed man of twelve years' sobriety, went on a military excursion with a drinking company, and, although he drank nothing but lemonade, became as much intoxicated as the others. This event was the subject of much commet and loss to him, socially and otherwise, although he protested, and other confirmed his statements, that he did not take any spirits at this time. In these cases two conditions were present-one in which some special unknown nerve state was inherited, which readily reflected alcoholic states from contagion; the other, in which this particular alcoholic state had been acquired, and more readily responded to contagious surroundings than otherwise.

Thus actors who essay to represent insanity or inebriety are successful in proportion as they inherit a nervous organization predisposing them to these affections. A single glass of spirits may awaken a latent nerve defect and soon after merge into inebriety. So the effort to imitate the manner and conduct of an intoxicated person may give impress and direction to an organism that will be permanent. An actor greatly praised for his skill as Hamlet was obliged to leave the stage for the reason that this character was becoming so intimately his as to suggest insanity at an early day. A man who acted the part of a drunken man was after a time so completely intoxicated as to be unfit for his part. He could not use spirits and had to give up his part in the play for the same reason as mentioned above

A remarkable incident of this kind came to my notice. A temperance writer of great power and vividness of detail said that he lived all the details of the hero he was describing in his own mind. When the character was intoxicated he had all the symptoms -A dispatch from Franklin, Loui- and had to go to bed after writing that siana, says the body of Jane Collins, a the hero did so. He suffered, was excolored girl, was found in the thicket hausted, had pain, mental agony, was on the plantation of Joseph Birg, with joyous, happy, contented, and lived over every event which he described. Pleasants, confessed that he was the This man was strictly temperate, but had a drunken father, from whom he once. The crowd granted his request | inherited a peculiar nervous organization that gave him power to realize the toxic state from alcohol and throw himself into it most perfectly. He says that it would impair his health to write more on this theme, for he would be intoxicated most of the time while

> Many of these states may be termed emotional trance states, and in some future time will be the subject of some curious and wonderful psychological discoveries. For instance, reformed men, or those who have recently stopped the use of spirits, cannot safely listen to a recital of the sufferings and struggles of others to become temperate without taking on some form of mental shock that is fatal to their own resolutions. The more vividly and accurately the struggles of a drunkard are described the more certainly the will of the hearer is weakened and rendered impotent to helf itself. Temperauce lecturers who hope by painting the horrors of drink so vividly to deter any one in the audience srom falling in that way are deceived, and produce the very effect they seek to remedy.

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The Rag Pickers of Paris.

In Paris the privilege of removing and overhauling the city's debris is farmed out to large contractors, who hire chiffoniers, as French rag pickers are called, who go out at nightfall with their hotte, or square basket, buckled over their shoulder and grub over the piles of ashes and sweepings which have been placed in the streets. They take everything of the slightest value down to the smallest pieces of wood and bits of bread, and carry their burdens to the contractors' warehouses. They are poorly paid reside in squalid quarters, exist for a few sous a day at the rag pickers' restaurant, indulge in some of the gayeties of life, such as attending a chiffonier's ball, and are members of a well organized rag pickers' mutual benefit society. The agreement into which the contractors enter with the municipal authorities compel the former to remove the city refuse within certain hours and gives them the sole power of appointing chiffoniers. All other persons who overhaul the household offscourings are amenable to a city ordinance. Consequently it is no unusual thing for over 4,000,000 francs worth of old rags, bones, etc., to be taken out of the collections of the 7,000 chiffoniers.

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