

### "DRUV INTO DECENCY."

Policeman's Story of the Change in London's Wicked Slums.

I stood at Seven Dials and heard the policeman's account of what it used to be. Seven Dials is no more like the slum of old than is the Five points today. The policeman's story rambled among the days when things were different. Then it was dangerous for an officer to go alone there at night, says the Atlantic. Around the corner there came from one of the side streets a procession with banners, parading in honor and aid of some church charity. In it marched young men and boys with swords and battle-axes, and upon the outskirts skipped a host of young roughs—so one would have called them, but for the evidence of their honest employment—who rattled collection boxes, reaping a harvest of pennies from far and near. I looked at the battle-axes and the collection boxes and thought of forty years ago. Where were the Seven Dials of that day, and the men who gave it its bad name? I asked the policeman. "I say, were druv into decency, sor!" he said, and answered from his own experience the question ever asked by faint-hearted philanthropists. "My father, he done duty here afore me in '45. The worst dive was where that church stands. It was always full of thieves"—whose sons, I added, mentally, have become collectors for the church. The one fact was a whole chapter on the slum. London's way with the tenants was adopted at last in New York with the slum landlord. He was "druv into decency." We had to. Moral suasion had been stretched to the limit. The point had been reached where one knockdown blow outweighed a bushel of arguments. The rear tenements were chosen for this purpose. They were the worst, as they were the first of New York's tenements. The double-deckers had, with all the evils, at least this to their credit, that the death rate was not nearly as high as that of the old houses. That was not because of any virtue inherent in the double-deckers, but because the earlier tenements were old, and built in a day that knew nothing of sanitary restrictions and cared less. The mortality of the rear tenement had long been a scandal. They were built in the backyard, generally back to back with the rear buildings on the adjoining lots. If there is an open space between them, it is never more than a slit a foot or so wide, that gets to be the receptacle of garbage and filth of every kind, so that the windows in these walls become a source of greater danger than if there were none.

### Needed the Soap.

From the Washington Post: It was at a department store bargain counter for odds and ends. The crush was terrific. Women squeezed and elbowed and shoved to get alongside the counter. Frequently two of them happened to pick up the same bargain at one and the same time, and then they both retained their clutch on it and looked daggers at each other until the stronger of the two won the victory or the bargain was rent into ribbons. A haughty matron with an electric seal coat picked up a box containing three cakes of soap for 8 cents at the same moment a humble-looking little woman in a faded tan coat had fastened her grasp on the box. "I believe I was the first to take hold of this," said the matron in the electric seal coat, freezing. The humble-looking little woman held on for a minute, studying her antagonist, then she slowly relaxed her hold on the box. "Well, you can have it," she said, amiably. "You look as if you need the soap." The bargain counter is the place to observe how they love one another.

### He Was Mistaken.

The young man was telling the young lady that he believed there must be some sort of affinity between them. And he went on to say that the other day when he was walking up the street he felt that she was coming up on that next car, nay, he knew she was in that car. Sure enough, when the car rolled by there she sat, and not only that, but she turned and saw him walking. A few days afterwards the young man was forced to make a confession to the young lady. He had told her about "feeling" that she was coming up in another car on another day. He knew that she was coming, and as the rumbling and roaring of the car grew nearer he was more and more curious to see if his premonition was correct. "Well," said he, "that came right along and I was as sure as could be that the next instant I would turn around and see you." "And then?" she asked. "And then," he went on, "that rumbling and roaring and bumping came by and—no you weren't there. It was a freight car full of cabbages."

### Future Favements.

Teacher—"Now, little girl, I have told the class about the wicked place being paved with good intentions. Now what do you suppose heaven is paved with?" Little Girl (with a delightful recollection of a fresh-aid picnic)—"Ham sandwiches, bananas, an' pie."—Harlem Life.

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## NEWS FOR THE FAIR SEX.

### NEWS OF INTEREST ON NUMEROUS FEMININE TOPICS.

**A Perfumed Bath—The Wife of General Joubert—Women Object to Making Wills, etc., etc.**

#### The Wife of General Joubert.

Mrs. Joubert is rather an educated woman for a Boer vrouw, and as a girl was remarkable for her musical accomplishments. She is known to have possessed one of the first pianos ever seen in Pretoria. She, like her friend Mrs. Kruger, revels in domesticity, and once boasted that she had always cooked her husband's Sunday dinner.

#### Women Object to Making Wills.

"In this country comparatively few women make their wills," said a woman lawyer recently, "and the result is that when they die complications and disputes are apt to arise. I think the explanation of this lies in the fact that woman are superstitious about the matter. They have a feeling that making a will hastens one's death."

#### A Perfumed Bath.

Perfumed bath tablets are not considered good form, inasmuch as they exhale a fragrance largely suggestive of musk, and few women of refinement care to carry about with them such a strong perfume.

However, toilet water is in good taste, and a few drops of violet or rosewater in the bath are refreshing. Never use cologne except as a skin tonic after bathing.

#### Fabrics and Trimmings.

Camel's hair cloths, so soft and clinging and fleecy on the surface, are greatly in demand, because they accord so well with the styles of the moment, especially in the new color swallows, peach brown and a deep venetian green. These look very well in the new form of dress, which is princess at the back and a jacket in front, set off by a Robespierre ruff. Ribbon velvet is a very favorite trimming blended with fringe. The fringe by itself is employed for plastrons, epaulets and the tops of sleeves, while it edges overdresses and draperies on the bodice.

For evening gowns many beautiful tones of yellow figure in the new materials and soft bengalines, Aureole, sunset and daffodil and a novel golden green are fashionable. Collars and vests are frequently cut in one, the revers covered with jet applique.

Rep woolen fabrics wear well and cost little by comparison, and many reception dresses are being made of them in old rose, gray and fawn tones. Elderly women are adopting tennish and cedar browns, or the new Persian red like the damask rose. It is far prettier than even Italian red; it suits the complexion which has lost the freshness of youth.—Washington Star.

#### The Russian Baby's Bath.

The Russian peasants have a way of bathing their babies, the principle of which might well be adopted in our own luxurious nurseries. A large thick log about four feet long is hollowed out, so as to form a deep cavity as possible. This is set up on cross bar sticks at either end, which brings it to about the height of a small tea table, and enables the nurse to bathe the baby while standing up. The hollowed space in the log is filled with water, which is poured over a flannel sheet which has been laid at the bottom with the ends hanging over, and a small flannel pillow is placed at one end to support the head of the child above the water. The infant is then laid in the water as if in a bed, and greatly does the wet tot enjoy the untrammelled kicking and splashing. In taking him out the flannel sheet is about him, and he is carried warm and moist to the fire to be rubbed dry with hot towels.

#### For the Bride-Elect.

The bride of to-day is being made the recipient of many social honors. All her friends pay her tribute by these pretty entertainments, and the popular maid must be ready for her wedding several weeks before the event transpires, for at each of the functions she is supposed to wear one of her trousseau gowns. Most of these affairs are funereal or breakfasts, each with a special feature. A "linen shower," for instance, consists of each guest bringing a piece of linen, a doily, centrepiece or bureau scarf, whatever one chooses, and as the party leaves the table the pieces are thrown at the bride-to-be.

For a "book shower" each guest brings a book appropriately inscribed to her friend, with a sentiment which the giver fancies. Of course, each hostess can use her own ideas in planning her entertainment, and in her invitations puts in one corner what each guest is to bring for the honored one. "Teaspoons," "cups and saucers," "plates" and "sofa pillows" are all acceptable. These contributions go toward furnishing the bride's new home with memories of her girlhood days and friends. The "rose shower" should be left for the last affair before the wedding, and as the bride departs an immense bag filled with rose petals is burst over her head, and each maid throws a handful of the fragrant blossoms, signifying the hope that her future may be rosetrewn. The bag is made of tissue paper, and the girls will all have been saving their rose petals for weeks for this occasion.—Chicago Times-Herald.

### Lady Wilson, War Correspondent.

Lady Sarah Wilson is said to be the first woman war correspondent on record. Known merely as lady Wilson, the significance and importance of her parentage are lost to us. Wilson is a good name, but it suggests nothing beyond Wilson.

Lady Sarah is the sister of the late Duke of Marlborough and of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, and therefore an aunt of Mr. Winston Churchill, who was last reported as having escaped from Pretoria. A few weeks ago Lady Wilson was taken prisoner, but shortly afterward exchanged for a Boer woman at Mafeking.

This Englishwoman's remarkable bravery in taking the ride from Mafeking 200 miles across the veldt, her untiring efforts not only in giving the "Daily Mail" of London some of the best reports from the Transvaal, but in her capacity as a Red Cross nurse, make her an admirable and interesting figure in the campaign.

Lady Wilson seems to have inherited the silent characteristics of the great Marlborough and his wife. The warlike spirit of the one, and the forceful personality of the other, which have woven themselves through succeeding generations of Marlboroughs, appear in the character of Lady Sarah Wilson as the pattern thread. In the several capacities of nurse, fighter and writer, she has done boldly and successfully that which were she not a noble woman, and a Marlborough at that, would probably be censured and possibly forbidden.—Harper's Bazar.

### Consoling Facts for Spinsters.

Some one has proposed a husband's union for the protection of husbands; just what they are to be protected from is not yet stated. Possibly the union is to be founded on the same lines as the School for Wives, established in England.

Still better are the marriage schools which are being developed in Germany on very practical lines. They are for girls and women only, and the value of such a training cannot be overestimated. Girls leave the marriage school competent to undertake the management of a house—and of a husband. The girls who have been graduated from these schools have been extra lucky in getting married, so it is said.

Another society which has been organized in Denmark is the Celibacy Insurance Society. Its object is to provide for those women who either cannot or will not provide themselves with husbands. The premiums begin at the age of 13 and end at 40, an age at which it is supposed most of the members will have abandoned all thought of marriage. Such being the case, the woman receives an annuity for life. If she marries at any time she forfeits all her rights.

Old maids in the United States are outnumbered by the bachelors, although it is popularly supposed that the contrary is the case. To come to exact figures, there are 7,427,767 bachelors and 3,224,494 spinsters. This is upon the authority of a Government report. Even in Massachusetts, where it was thought that old maids constituted a large proportion of the population they could each find a husband, and then not exhaust the stock of single men; for there are 226,085 men and only 219,255 women who have not yet entered the bonds of matrimony.

New York State has 120,000 more bachelors than spinsters. Only one state in the Union has more female celibates than male and that is California, in which there are 59,456 of the former and 22,829 of the latter. The State of Washington has perhaps the largest excess of forlorn single men—80,537 all told, the unmarried women numbering only 9,181.

Out of an equal number of bachelors and widowers between 25 and 30 years of age, thirty widowers remarry for every thirteen bachelors who enter the bonds of hymen for the first time. For every spinster married between 30 and 65, two widows are remarried. Both facts are eloquent in favor of the comparative advantages of matrimony.

### Frills of Fashion.

Hair ornaments and pins are now shown in jet.

Hand satchels and pocketbooks of cowhide have made their appearance.

Dressing sacks in kimona pattern are made in solid tints bordered with a gay colored band of silk in Persian design.

Black is extremely stylish this season and nothing is so elegant as black panne, or black cloth with applique figures of silk or velvet.

The very latest freak of fashion is to tuck the new and exquisite panne velvet, the greatest beauty of which is its unbroken satin sheen.

The newest material for pocketbooks, card cases and chainette bags is the thickly woven, gold-threaded, Oriental goods in dull shades and quaint designs.

Many of the solid color gowns are trimmed with white applique work, and shirt waists are seen with yoke, cuffs and plait down the front, covered with the same white decoration.

The rough diagonal and chevrons for serviceable tailor-gowns look heavy, but they are woven so delicately and made of such fine pure wool as to weigh but little more than a firm drap d'ete.

Pastel tints in blue, pink, yellow and opaline are carried out in the new India silks for spring and summer wear. In this soft fabric the delicacy and harmony of these colors are especially effective, the sheen of the silk adding luster to the tints.

The newest buttons are much less

jeweled than formally, and taken up medium ones are far more in demand than the larger variety. Enameled color tones are given to button surfaces with some delicate design thereon.

Toques with sable crowns and brims of mirror velvet, trimmed with muslin flowers, are a feature of millinery. Roses are the special kind and the smaller sizes are much used, a wreath of white roses being the only trimming on a sable hat.

The old-fashioned box plaits are to be seen as the trimming of undershirts. A box-plaited ruffle is four or five inches wide. There are one or two-inch wide plaits separated by an equal space, and the plaiting is stitched on an inch or so below the upper edge and the top of each plait is caught down.

### ANECDOTES OF GENERAL LAWTON.

#### A New Version of the Charge by El Caney Was Captured.

Some National Guard officers who served in the Spanish-American War were discussing General Lawton's death and his service in Cuba. One of them told the following stories concerning his conduct at El Caney where he wore the white helmet which was the cause of his death:

"On the morning of July 1 General Lawton was sent with a force of about 5,000 men to take El Caney, while the balance of the troops were to be engaged at San Juan. As dusk fell after the first day's fighting we viewed with alarm the thin blue line which surrounded San Juan. Many of us, tired out with the long hot day's work, having broken camp that morning at 3 o'clock, fell asleep on the damp hillside of San Juan trying to gain a few moments' rest before the struggle which we knew was inevitable the next day. Grave doubts were expressed if we could hold our position against the Spaniards, and it will be remembered there was a consultation of officers at which it was suggested that our troops be withdrawn, a plan which was violently opposed by General Wheeler and others. About midnight we were awakened with the pleasing intelligence that General Lawton had captured El Caney with a very small loss, I think five, and that he was rapidly moving to join our right, which would be done by daybreak. This he accomplished, and it is doubtful if save for this if our troops could have held their position. Our joy was somewhat tempered by the fact that General Lawton's loss at El Caney was much heavier than at first reported.

"I have seen some mention since the death of General Lawton of the order sent to him by General Shafter to withdraw his troops from El Caney, a proceeding which would have been disastrous to our forces, but I have never seen the statement given to me by the same staff officer. He told me that as General Lawton stood directing the troops an aide from the staff of General Shafter rode up and said: 'General Lawton, General Shafter directs you to withdraw your troops.'

"At first General Lawton was non-plussed; then turning to the aide he said: 'This is too serious an order to be received verbally and I shall require it in writing from General Shafter.' He well knew that General Shafter was eight miles in the rear and that a written order from him could not be received before the charge was ordered. This much is a matter of history, but I do not believe that the whole story has been told.

"General Lawton knowing that the aide would soon reduce the order to writing at once sent orders to his officers to charge. The aide returned in about twenty minutes with the written order, having only retired a short distance to write and he delivered it to General Lawton just as the whole American force stormed across the field in that last desperate, successful attempt to take El Caney. When he handed the written order to the General, Lawton pointed to the charging troops and said: 'As you see, the troops have already commenced to charge. Tell General Shafter that nothing could stop them now.'

"Thus the capture of El Caney was due to General Lawton's perseverance under difficulties."

#### A Matter of Temperature.

The little one's mother had said, "Now doctor, if there is any rise of temperature"—she was great on temperature, by the way—"I will send for you at once. As you know, I have a clinical thermometer, and can take the temperature myself without troubling you to come in for the purpose." Just as I was going to bed I was startled by a violent ring at the bell, and hastening to the door, saw a terrified domestic, who gasped, "Oh, Sir, please, Sir, do come round at once! Miss Marjory is worse. Missus said I was to tell you her temperature is 108, and is risin' fast."

Scarcely waiting to put on my hat, I rushed round to the house of my little patient, and discovered the whole family assembled in the sick room awaiting the end of poor little Marjory, the mother wringing her hands in agony and crying dreadfully. "What's the temperature now?" I almost shouted in my agitation. "Oh!" sobbed the mother, "I haven't dared to look since. My poor darling! It was 108, and they say that 105 is always fatal," and she broke down completely. Without wasting any more time, I turned down the blanket, and—found that the thermometer had been thrust between the child's side and arm, and the bulb embedded in a freshly applied hot poultice!—Chamber's Journal.

### Household Hints.

If there is one thing on which the housewife prides herself, it is that of having her laundering done nicely, so that the wearing apparel may be the admiration of all. The washing is a small matter, anyone almost can do that, but to have the linens present that flexible and glossy appearance after being ironed requires a fine quality of starch.

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