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An Inherent Power.

Gov. Pattison refuses to order a commission to inquire into the sanity of Joseph Taylor, the prisoner in the Eastern penitentiary who killed one of the keepers. He says that he has no authority under the law to make such a commission, and that recourse must be had to the board of pardons for any action in the convict's behalf.

It is true that since the institution of the board of pardons a large share of the responsibility for the hanging of innocent people has been transferred from the governor's shoulders, and that official's conscience will let him, may permit him to pardon board to do his thinking for him in these matters, and be content to constitute himself to be the executioner of their decisions.

It is Governor Pattison says, that the pardon board should be considered by the pardon board. It has once already considered it; but there is nothing to bar a further consideration save its own will. If it chooses to let Miller hang, though his insanity is testified to on abundant and strong testimony, it may do so; but as it does not seem probable that the board would be so deliberately cruel, it will be well for Miller's counsel to make the application to it, which has been refused by the governor.

The members of the board may say that there must be some end to the issue, raised before them as to the pardon of convicts. And there is such an end whenever it is clear to them that a convict should or should not be pardoned. Until then there is no end. Their duty is to satisfy themselves, and their consciences hold them to it. If they can honestly say that they have thoroughly examined Joseph Taylor's case, and have determined and still determine upon a full show of the evidence, that he is sane, they need not hear further evidence; but in this event they will leave the people to wonder of what stuff they are made, that the doubts thrown over Miller's sanity by a multitude of witnesses have not penetrated their minds, and caused them to give him the benefit of that reasonable doubt which is preserved to him by the law.

HEROINE STATISTICS.

A RACY BIT OF BARBARK ON THE NOVELS OF THE DAY. The figures of the past year showing how Cupid figures in the history of human life—Fragility and Delicacy null in Very Marked Favor.

From the St. James Gazette. During the twelve months ending the 31st of March, 1885, the staircase has only six times concealed the secret passage for which it was one time so famous. With these exceptions the staircase has invariably been used for its proper purpose where it has been introduced at all—namely, for the introduction of the heroine to the hero.

When the real trial of speed comes, Gladstone always manages to get his nose under the wire first. For any one who reads the church advertisements in New York newspapers, the incongruousness of the present itself in glaring colors. The line of demarcation between theatres and churches in this respect is not so clearly defined as it might be.

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THE KING OF BEANS.

FRANK L. SCRIBNER, of Philadelphia, a graduate of Girard college, has been appointed assistant to the London exhibition in May to play Siamese on London upon Siamese musical instruments.

GENERAL SHERIDAN and his wife, who arrived at Los Angeles, Cal., on Sunday, were out driving on Monday, and their horses ran away. The carriage was upset and both were thrown out, but, although considerably shaken up, they were not seriously injured.

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