

POOR BRAINS.

BRAINS OF CRIMINALS AND OF THE IDIOTIC AND IMBECILE.

Some Analogies Observed Which Are Startling and Significant—The Incurable and Morally Insane—The "Jukes," of New York.

Luceinda B. Chandler in The Current. It is not, perhaps, as universally understood that poor brains burd in society with imbecility and idiocy not only, but with criminality as well.

To further establish a doubt as to our present interpretation of the nature and origin of crime, he considers the researches of a pathologist, Morez Benedikt, "significant."

Hardly an idiotic brain has been examined," says Dr. Kerlin, "in the training school," which does not show this departure from what is regarded as the normal type.

Are the relation of poor brains to these dangers, and the humane and effective management of criminals, not problems on which the most vital issues hinge?

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In Scotland a movement has been inaugurated toward life confinement of the incorrigible, morally insane, and imbecile classes.

What can more surely accomplish the protection of society than to prevent the raising of criminals?

Those versed in the occult lore of the soothsayer and the reader of portents should be able to discover some strange meaning in a comal incident at the Rawlin-Pinde durlar.

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FUNERALS IN RUSSIA.

Respect for the Funeral Procession.—The Corps at Church—Lamentations. Black coffins are seldom used in Russia; coffins are generally brown, but children have pink, grown-up unmarried girls sky-blue, while older females are indulged with a violet color.

All those who meet the funeral procession take off their hats, and offer up a prayer to heaven for the dead and so earnest their devotions that they do not replace their hats until the cavalcade has disappeared from sight.

Even a plate of food is placed near the coffin. This funeral dish is termed kul'a, and generally consists of rice cooked with honey, formed into a kind of pudding.

After this a mass, in Russian or ecclesiastical language, is chanted by the priests. During this the relations take the last farewell of the departed, all kiss his hand, and amongst the lower orders the most doleful and eloquent addresses succeed.

Amidst this lamentation without end the lid of the coffin is closed, and the procession moves on to the burial-ground.

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An Austin negro, familiarly known as "Habbit Hash," has returned to Austin after an absence of several years.

Law, no. I libbed right among 'em, foah yeah, and when I left 'em dey didn't understand me a bit more den when I fust com dar.

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Milly Loves Company.

An incident at the new opera house the other day exhibited to good advantage a phase of human nature. A loiterer stood gazing in at the open door of the rear of the stage.

The next corner was a fat, flashily dressed sporting man, who wears good clothes and is very proud of them.

There didn't anybody tell me," replied No. 3, continuing his laughter.

Dear heart! my words are faint and few; There was a stately child we knew, Whose hopeless love, of him bereft, Led-rained now the year around.

A Watch with One Wheel. A curiosity in the way of watches was shown by E. Sordet, director of the Watchmakers' school at Geneva.

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