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HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

THE DEVIL, BY ALFRED J. BUCHER.

Men don't believe in a devil now as their fathers used to do; They've forced the door of the broadest creed to let his majesty through.

Who does the steps of the tolling saint, and dips the pit for his feet? Whose wares the taxes in the fields of time wherever God sows His wheat?

A LAWYER'S STORY, WHICH, BEING ALTOGETHER TRUE, IS MUCH STRANGER THAN FICTION COULD BE.

"I never would convict a man on circumstantial evidence if I were a juror—never! never!" The speaker was a distinguished criminal lawyer of nearly forty years' active practice and whose fame extended far beyond the limits of his own State.

As most of our party were lawyers the conversation naturally enough, drifted into a discussion of the dangers arising from convicting accused persons, whose own mouths were closed, upon purely circumstantial evidence, in the absence of any direct and positive proof of guilt, and cases after cases were cited, in which after conviction and execution, the entire innocence of the supposed culprits had been clearly demonstrated.

The first murder case I ever tried, and one of the most strange, and quite as remarkable as any case you have referred to where innocent men have been wrongfully convicted upon circumstantial evidence. It ought to have been reported as an example of the unreliability of the direct and positive testimony of eyewitnesses who tell what they believe to be the truth."

He then related the main points of what was certainly a most remarkable and dramatic trial and which constitutes a fair offset to some of the memorable cases to be found in every law book, and in the narrative portion of the case, with the exception that I have used fictitious names, for reasons which will readily be appreciated when it is known that most of the actors in the drama are still living.

One winter evening about eight o'clock, in the early days of the war, in the quiet little town of —, while patrolling the streets to pick up stragglers from the camp on the outskirts of the town, Corporal Julius Fry was shot and killed by one of three men of bad character, who were in company and upon terms of open enmity with the soldiers. The men were arrested, committed to prison, and brought to trial at the next term of the court.

Two of them were gamblers and desperadoes and supposed to have more than once had their hands stained with human blood. The third, whom I shall call Short, though bearing an unenviable reputation, was regarded as one unlikely to slay a fellow man except under compulsion of circumstances. On account of the character of the men and the trouble they had already brought upon quiet, law-abiding citizens the sentiment of the whole community was strongly against them.

In order to clearly understand the force of the testimony given upon the trial and the subsequent result it is important to bear in mind the physical peculiarities, dress and general appearance of each of the three prisoners. Short was a small man of more than five feet six inches in height, slender, weighing scarcely 130 pounds, with bright, fiery-red hair, side-whiskers, and, at the time of the murder, wore a white felt hat and an old light-blue army overcoat.

Ryan was fully six feet in height, of robust frame, with black hair and moustache, dressed in dark clothes and wore a black Derby hat. To be found in the earth, air to-day, for the world has vetted so. But who is mixing the fatal draught that pulses heart and brain, And loads the bier of each passing year with ten hundred thousand slain?

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From her testimony it appeared that a colored woman, with whom she had some dispute, had hit her on the head with a stone and ran, and the three prisoners, coming up at the moment, started with her up the street in pursuit of the fugitive. Although the night was dark there was snow on the ground, and a gas light near by gave sufficient light to recognize a person with case some feet away. After running about one hundred yards the prisoners came to the corner of an alley and stopped under the gas lamp, being challenged by the deceased, who was in uniform, in company with one of the squad. She swore that when the corporal called "halt" Short, whom she had known intimately for years, replied, "Go to —," and, while he had standing by her side, so that their elbows were touching, both being immediately under the gas-light, he pulled out a pistol, pointed it at the deceased, who was four or five feet from him, and fired and then ran down the alley the deceased pursued.

He detailed how he had fired the first shot from a small, single-barrel pistol in the air without any purpose except to give his challenge a scare, and then ran down the alley and upon being closely pursued by the deceased with sabre drawn and ready to strike, he was compelled to pull out a revolver and fire several shots towards his pursuer, who was rapidly gaining on him, to keep him back; and that when he had fired the first shot he stumbled over a large stone and fell on his knees, and at that moment the deceased struck him with the sabre, cutting him slightly in the cheek, and being thus pressed, he aimed and fired, but by several witnesses to dry his wet clothing. His manner, his bearing and his story itself convinced his hearers that he was telling the truth.

But, so that nothing might be wanting if any doubt remained in the minds of the Judge or jury, witnesses by several witnesses were called to corroborate him "to the condition of his clothing and the cut on his cheek within fifteen minutes after the occurrence. Besides it was shown that, although the man who had fired had waded the stream, Short's clothing was perfectly dry."

It is unnecessary to say that Short was promptly acquitted and warmly congratulated on one of the narrow escapes ever made by any man in a court room. Nothing could have saved him had the Court refused to direct the acquittal of Ryan and allow him to testify as he did. The deceased corporal, the soldier and Mary Bowen were mistaken. That was all there was about it.

So much for the occasional unreliability of the direct testimony of honest eye-witnesses. And so much, also, for giving the accused a fair trial, and for the witness-stand, the denial of which by the law is one of the relics of barbarism which still disgrace its administration in some states at this late day.

There are times in every one's life when energy fails and a miserable feeling comes over them, often mistaken for laziness. Danger lurks in these symptoms, as they arise from impure blood, or diseased organs. Medical advice is expensive and often unsatisfactory. Parker's Ginger Tonic will renew your lease of health and comfort because it restores perfect activity to the Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, and purifies the blood, as many old women restored to robust health testify in almost every neighborhood. See adv.—Advocate.

CLOSING, May 21.—There was a riot to-day at a sale of tenements' interests in twenty-one farms. Most of the farms were knocked down to the Emergency Committee. The mob stoned the police and the soldiers. The police charged once and the Hussars three times, using the flats of their sabres. One soldier, one policeman and some civilians were injured.

Cetywayo in Captivity.

"De oude Molen," or the old mill which is at present the prison of the ex-King of the Zulus, is a two-story farmhouse, some four miles from Cape Town. The mill has disappeared, but the house is in good repair, well built and with large airy rooms. It would be hard to find a finer view. In the matter of scenery and accommodation the captive has little to complain of. Visitors to Cetywayo must be furnished with an order from the office secretary for Natal Affairs—a precaution very necessary to prevent annoyance to the ex-King, who is regarded by the crowd of passengers calling at Cape Town as a kind of zoological specimen. Among the names inscribed on the visitor's book those of Edward and George (Wales) written in boyish hands. The drawing room is cheery in aspect and scrupulously clean, but coldly furnished with half a dozen American kitchen chairs, on one of which sits Cetywayo in a blue-velvet suit, with a gorgeous smoking cap on his head. No description would perhaps, hit him off as Falstaff's ideal portrait of himself: A goodly port of cheerfulness, a pleasant eye, and a most noble carriage. It is Cetywayo to whom we are introduced.

Conversation is carried on through the medium of an interpreter. Cetywayo remarks that he is too old to learn English; but adds, "My son shall do so." He looks the young prince much; "They were fine boys, and he could see that they were from the blood of the prince." "De oude Molen"; but what was the good of liking anything, he liked now. "I and Langabale," remarks his erewhile Majesty, "are like old prawns (bustards) down here"—meaning birds who have no home—but a bad paraphrase of David's "partridge on the mountains." He followed every step of our conflict with the Boers through the newspapers which the interpreters read out to him daily; and on learning the death of General Colley, dictated entirely from his own idea a letter of condolence to the Governor of the colony. Before leaving "De oude Molen" the visitor will be introduced to the wifes, four in number, great strapping women in excellent condition, and about as contented with their lot as the stabled ox, whom in intellectual development they defy to resemble. Court fees, though becoming enough, but scanty, and suits their fine brass figures well—just a peasant's plaid of the ninety-first tartan as a sort of shawl, which seems to be regarded as an encumbrance. They are merry, light hearted creatures, who play the game carefully enough in a golden world of idleness and Katharine.

The ex-King, too, is fond of his joke, and the house sometimes rings with his laughter at some good-natured chaff. Can you use a know-kerry? I inquire of the young visitor, tall, full of some six feet three. "Well, say Cetywayo, 'I can't do that I can do nothing; and picking up a stick, in a few rapid passes he disarmed his enquiring friend; then with a hearty grasp of the hand, burst into a shout of laughter."

Literature the great consolation of more civilized captives, is literally a sealed book to Cetywayo. He cannot compose philosophic reflection, like the illustrious prisoner of Ham; nor write his memoirs and recollections, like his greater uncle; nor can he even, like his own bitterest opponent, cross some scraps of literature, writing justifying articles for "The Nineteenth Century." There is no resource beyond a dismal brooding over his own misfortunes and the vain hope of a possible restoration.—London World.

A Mistake. Don't try to give a large party if you have a small house. Such attempts are a special nuisance, a failure, and "a mistake." Why should we be driven out upon the staircase when we are at home; and neither our wife, sons, or even daughters (who are apt to be free with patriotics), but who ought to do so. Why are we to be condemned to play whist for five hours, because our hostess does not know what else to set us down to? But our girls seem to enjoy it. Neither Flora, nor Bessie, nor Emily, appear to mind dancing, although their faces are more than pink. There is scarcely breathing room—and so we put up with it for their sakes; and when our wife thanks our hostess upon parting, and says what a delightful evening we have had, we try to believe so; but, next day, when a lady friend drops in to gossip about the party, we find our feminines were not as pleased as they appeared. There was no room to dance; only half the people could get seats at supper; and what stuff those charades were! Don't every body know that a gentleman with a companion on his head, the lid in one hand, and a poker in the other, means "knights"; and that his holding up a copy of "Don Quixote" means "of the useful conversation?" Did Miss Jones (how much longer will she be Miss?—ask the girls) think it very clever to bother everybody with a story of the kind, which has human nature done to be amused? A crowd is not amusing themselves in, or rather, if you ask more people than your room will hold, they will tire themselves out, and set your party down as a failure. Don't attempt more than you can pleasantly perform.

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Little Rock, Ark., May 20.—Two young men named Trent and Strickland quarreled yesterday over some trivial matter and the result was a fight with knives. Both were terribly cut and will die. The flesh on Strickland's arm was cut into fine shreds and large pieces were cut from his legs and other portions of his body.

He Was From Deadwood. A Chicago boy, who had spent some six months in the Black Hills, struck home last week and sauntered up Clark street. He was dressed in an antelope-skin shirt, a pair of black-tailed deer-skin pantaloons, moccasins, and he had tucked up with a trim like a tragon wheel. He wandered into a saloon, thumped his fist on the counter, and howled for tan juice with a glittering pair of eyes. "Will ye jine me strangers?" he said to three or four gentlemen, who were sitting at a table, adding as they hesitated, "I reckon ye'd better. With me an invite means liquor or blood. Ye'd better come up."

They approached the bar and all took beer except one, who took whisky. "How are things in the hills now? Is business depressed or are things flourishing?" "Well, I'll be dogged," roared the skin-decked traveler. "Ef yer was with me whar I hang out, yer'd be inter a hole, 'cause thar's whar yer got to drink whether yer drink or not." "Black!" he roared in the position. "Where are you from, if I might ask?" "From? right from the gulch. The clean up put me a few thousand ahead, and I am wanderin to see the sights. You bet."

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Newspapers and Public Education.

The following are the concluding paragraphs of a thoughtful address on "The American Newspaper and American Education," read at the last session of the Social Science Association, by Prof. J. M. Gregory, of Chicago: The American press does not and will not misrepresent the American people. With the miserable exception of some bitter malcontent here and there the writers of the press have given hearty and intelligent support to our institutions of learning, high and low. The papers have also freely published educational news and essays, but they can do more. They ought to do more. They occupy a vantage ground from which they can lend to the American school system a force which these systems can never hope to attain without such aid. In an important degree the newspapers of America hold its school interests in their hands. Let them treat public education as they do every other great public enterprise and concernment. Every great public interest has its representative in the corps of editors of our great metropolitan papers. They have their political editor, their commercial editor, their literary editor, their agricultural editor, their law reporter, and so on through every line of public movement. Let them add now a competent educational editor or reporter, one whose thorough and practical knowledge of his field shall enable him to gather and sift educational news, to explain and criticize educational facts and theories, to answer wisely educational questions in common and public speech, the educational feeling and thought of his age. Such a writer will call forth other writers and observers. The small papers will follow the lead of the great metropolitan sheets, and there will be poured into the schools of the country the same spirit of energy and of improvement which the press has awakened in other public interests. Let the sharp but intelligent criticisms of these educational editors be exerted upon our schools, and we shall no longer need or fear the occasional assaults which have of late half alarmed and half amused us by their half truths and half falsehoods. With such aid from the American newspapers, the American schools could be made to render double returns for the immense outlays of time, money and talent expended upon them.

The press has awakened and the school system thus newly inspired will, mutually react. The papers will, as they ought, find their way into the schoolrooms. The scholars will be taught their uses, and will furnish them more interested and intelligent readers. In this manner the problem of the adequate education of our citizenship—a problem growing daily more important to the public—no new force seems nearer or fuller of promise than this. Let this gigantic army of the newspapers of America be set fully upon this course of popular education. Let our schools in turn introduce the newspaper among their text books; let the children of the nation be taught to read these papers intelligently, thoughtfully and critically, and we have at work in the press of this country an agency never surpassed for the education of an enlightened free people.

When lately returning from Bombay to Indore, Maharajah Holkar fell in with a saintly old gentleman named Jaswant Rao, of whose miraculous powers strange tales were told. One day the wife of a wealthy native merchant dropped her nose-ring while the act of presenting a lady to the holy man. Let him be politely request the lady to pick up her jewel; she vowed that she could not be guilty of such profanity after it had fallen of its own accord at his feet. So Jaswant Rao appeared to her, and she was told. The valley of the Jordan would act as an enormous hot house for the new colony. Here might be cultivated palms, rice, cotton, indigo, sugar, sorgum, besides bananas, pineapples, yams, sweet potatoes, and other field and garden produce. Rising a little higher, the country is adapted to tobacco, maize, fax, castor oil millet, sesamum, melons, grapes, curries, snice, coriander, oclra, brinjals, pomegranates, oranges, figs—and so up to the plains, where wheat, barley, beans, and lentils of various sorts, with olives and vines, would form the staple products. Good especially is essentially a country of wine and oil; it is also admirably adapted to silk-culture; while among its forests, carob or locust bean, pistachio, jujube, almond, balsam, kuli, and other profitable trees grow wild in great profusion. All the fruits of Southern Europe, such as apricots, peaches, and plums, here grow to perfection; apples, pears, and quinces thrive well on the more extreme elevation, upon which the fruits and vegetables of England might easily be cultivated, while the quick-growing eucalyptus could be planted with advantage on the fertile but treeless plains. Not only does the extraordinary variety of soil and climate thus compressed into a small area offer exceptional advantages, from an agricultural point of view, but the inclusion of the Dead Sea within its limits would furnish a vast source of wealth, by the exploration of its chemical and mineral deposits. The supply of chlorate of potassium, two hundred thousand tons of which are annually consumed in England, is practically inexhaustible; while petroleum, bitumen, and other lignites can be produced in great quantities upon its shores. There can be little doubt, in fact, that the Dead Sea is a mine of unexplored wealth, which only needs the application of capital and enterprise to make it a most lucrative property.

No Hope. CINCINNATI, May 31.—A Springfield, Ill., special says all hopes for the recovery of Mrs. Lincoln, widow of Abraham Lincoln, are abandoned. She daily grows weaker and her attending physicians say that she cannot survive many days longer.

Struck. EAST BRADY, June 1.—During the storm here last evening two tanks, of 25,000 barrels capacity, belonging to the United Pipe Manufacturing Co., struck by lightning and one of them, containing 10,000 barrels of crude oil, was fired.

"I'm pretty well set up," remarked the tyro when he was full.

It is noticeable that thin women always talk the fastest. A double chin cannot be worn with celebrity, even by a woman.

Had an almost invisible skin-disease, itching and troublesome. Perma-dure it. H. Ambil, Pittsburgh!

Don't trouble yourself about the details of your business. Leave small things to small minds. You were born at the top, and of course a way will be provided for getting you there.

If you could make your mark in the world never learn to write. Do you wish to be men? Learn to chew, smoke and drink. It will be hard to distinguish you from the rest article.

It is well for you to know that the girls are all dying for you. You cannot give any in life or business. It is not your fault! This should teach you resignation.

Strive to get all the leisure time you can. It will make older and busier person every year. Speak your mind freely. If you cannot do that, you possess such an article. Characterize as nonsense everything that you can't understand. You will find a great deal of nonsense in the world.

When you have anything to do, don't hurry about doing it. Take your time, as you have it. It is not agreeable to be overshadowed by anybody. Besides, who wants to be in school all his life? Show to us who are able to teach you anything in life or business. It is not agreeable to be overshadowed by anybody. Besides, who wants to be in school all his life? Show to us who are able to teach you anything in life or business. It is not agreeable to be overshadowed by anybody. Besides, who wants to be in school all his life? Show to us who are able to teach you anything in life or business.

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