

DEAD.

Oh God! how strange the rattling in the street... I watch a beetle crawling up the sheet...

For here I lie and neither move nor feel... And watch that Other pacing up and down...

And men are praising him for subtle skill... And women love him—God alone knows why...

Or should I lie with sinews fixed and shriek... As dead men shriek and make no sound?

—Richard Hovey.

WINSTERING UNTO HIM. By the Late Dr. T. J. Barnardo.

It was a murky evening at the close of September, and the outlook was drab and dreary.

I had been attending the board meeting of a society in which I was interested, and I was absorbed in thinking over some few points of the business transacted.

That curious chant with its quaint comment at length checked my protest. My thoughts were effectually broken into.

"Sold much to-day?" I inquired. He shook his head. "Six boxes ain't much—only 'ree 'pence for the lot."

"Where is she?" "Home." "Anybody else there?" "Slisy."

"Why don't you go home with your three 'pence?" "Tain't no use," said the boy. "Tain't no use going home with tinner nor a tanner, sir."

few minutes then brought us to the corner of a dingy, pestilential looking court, lined on each side by tumble down two story houses which looked as though they had been originally jerry built.

The room was literally devoid of furniture. There was no chair to sit down; no table to fill up the bare floor space.

But Billy was the bread winner! He it was who kept the wolf from the door. It was he who had boldly gone inside in the endeavor to supply mother, sister and himself with bread.

Why, I asked of the woman, did she not go to a hospital? The question was hardly asked when I felt rebuked. "What would become of the children?" said the poor woman.

Well, then, said I, "why not try to get the children into some home or refuge, while you are taken to the hospital and properly treated?"

"Yes, indeed, God has His own in every nook of the great city! Poor Mrs. Rider was a Christian woman, strong in prayer, and drawing in simple trust upon all the powers of the Omnipotent."

"Look here, sir, read that!" And under my very eyes she placed a short narrative of one of my own rescues, which had been reprinted in its columnar.

I thought for a few moments before I answered. At length I said slowly: "I did not tell you who I am; but now I must tell you."

It is impossible to describe the emotions of wonder and amazement which passed over that poor suffering mother's face!

As for me, I felt at once humbled, encouraged and thankful; humbled to think that in any hour of darkness and difficulty I had ever doubted that God heard and answered prayer.

There and then I entered fully into the mother's story, and made notes of the various names and addresses with which she supplied me.

Now, Billy, what shall I do to be like the nice gentleman? Shall I give you a shilling now, or shall I take you both into my home, and send your mother to the hospital?

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Pear-shaped balloons are the fashion in Belgium. The point is upward, the base of the balloon is spherical.

Professor T. D. A. Cockerell, of the University of Colorado, describes a well-preserved specimen of a wasp, belonging to the genus Paratiphia, found in the shale rocks of Miocene age at Florissant, Col., which exhibits a peculiar venation of the wing, exactly as it appears in the same genus to-day.

TO GIRLS WHO HAVE TO WORK

Many a girl is obliged by force of circumstances to make her own way in the world. When such is the case, she is indeed fortunate if she has been brought up to work and given the necessary training for her career in life.

Now, the first thing that any woman should do who is obliged to make her own way in the world is to carefully consider what talents she has, so that she may not take up work for which she has absolutely no natural taste and in which she can never be a success.

In an article of this sort it is impossible to particularize on exactly how one should go to work to make money, for circumstances alter cases so greatly, and the sort of thing that would be a success in one environment would fail in another.

A doctor's daughter might take up massage. There is always an opening for a skillful masseuse. It is not very expensive to take a three-months' course, and you may be a long time in working up a connection, but if you send your business cards to all the doctors of your acquaintance or, better still, interview them personally, modestly explaining your capabilities, they will probably be only too glad to recommend you to patients in need of your services.

I have said nothing about the professions of stenography, bookkeeping or trained nursing, in which many thousands of women are profitably employed, because these are professions that require from one to three or four years' training, and this article is intended especially for girls thrown suddenly on their own resources, who are not able to spend such a long time in preparation.

A patent has recently been issued to a Washington chemist for extracting alcohol from natural gas, and it is announced in the consular reports that a plant for demonstrating the commercial value of the invention is soon to be erected at Bradford, Pennsylvania.

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I consulted a celebrated lady artist, who was also a friend of mine. She offered to let her sit as a "study of a head" to a class of lady pupils. The pay was fairly good and the work light (four hours a day), and she was not obliged to keep her head in one stiff position.

Now, that is the sort of spirit which is the keynote of failure. Girls must remember that there are both kind and unkind people in the world. They may meet the former; they are certain to come across the latter. If women wish to enter into competition with men as bread-winners, they must be ready to take the bitter with the sweet, and remember that, although the bitter often comes first, with time and steady perseverance the sweet will always follow, and that success in any profession is not gained without hard work.—McCall's Magazine.

POPULAR SCIENCE

It is said that the method of producing anaesthesia by means of electricity, discovered by Professor Le Due, of Nantes, France, is applicable to the painless execution of criminals.

The aluminium books for the blind now being printed in Edinburgh are of thin sheets embossed in the usual way. They are easier to read than paper books, do not soil and are practically indestructible.

Radium acts upon the chemical constituents of glass, porcelain and paper, imparting to them a violet tinge; changes white phosphorus to yellow, oxygen to ozone, affects photograph plates and produces many other curious chemical changes.

Professor Roy, the French Esperantist, is urging the establishment of an independent Esperanto State in Europe. The site he has selected for his experiment is on a neutral strip of territory which lies on the frontier between Germany, Belgium and Holland, some five miles from Aix-la-Chapelle.

To demonstrate his faith in the practicability of electricity for all domestic purposes, an official of an Illinois electric company has recently built a house at Carrollton, Ill., without a chimney or any other means of making use of fire.

The Evergreen in Winter—Tropical Plants in the Dry Season. "What we call evergreens," says a gentleman formerly connected with the Park Department of St. Louis, "are not really green during the winter, nor are they really alive, but are dormant."

"Every plant must have its period of rest at some time in the year, and in our northern latitudes the winter is, of course, the most appropriate season. The evergreens generally retain the greater part of their foliage during the winter, but a close examination shows that it dries to such an extent as to be really dead, and a large part of it falls off when the plants begin their spring growth.

New England Breakfast Food. There is a village in New England which clings fondly to the customs of the past and has small regard for innovations. Not long ago an old resident died. The lawyer who went up to settle the family affairs stayed over night at the little inn.

A gentleman, whose name is withheld by request and who conducted a large bakery until he lost all he had on the stock market, is quoted as authority for the assertion that "this casting bread upon the water don't always work out just as some folks claim it does."—Toledo Blade.

NEWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

BULLDOG AIDS SUICIDE. Harrisburg (Special).—After making two attempts to commit suicide, when a vicious bulldog used its best endeavors to prevent the rescuers from pulling the man, weary of life, from the water, Henry P. Turpin, aged about 32 years, managed to drown himself in the old Pennsylvania canal at Steelton, near here.

Before he arrived, however, Turpin, with the assistance of his faithful dog, got away from his rescuers and made a third and successful attempt to drown. He ran to the canal, yelling "good-by" and jumped in. Once more the men followed, but the dog, more vicious than ever, chased one after the other from the edge of the canal.

Reduced Land Values. Harrisburg (Special).—President Judge Kunkel has rendered a decision in the matter of the appeal of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company from the valuation of property in Rush Township, this county, in which he reduces the assessment by \$100,000.

Tree's Resting Time. The Evergreen in Winter—Tropical Plants in the Dry Season. "What we call evergreens," says a gentleman formerly connected with the Park Department of St. Louis, "are not really green during the winter, nor are they really alive, but are dormant."

Enjoins Union Miners. Butler (Special).—On the application by attorneys representing the Independent Coal Mine Operators in the Butler-Mercer field, Judge J. M. Galbreath, in the county court, issued a preliminary injunction against President Francis Feehan, fourteen organizers and all members of the United Mine Workers of America in the field.

Hurt on "Penny" Limited. Pittsburg (Special).—Three passengers on the Pennsylvania Limited, due in Pittsburg at 9:45 o'clock P. M., were injured when the combined Pullman and observation car just became detached just outside Union Station. The train was bound from New York to Chicago.

Wants Lancaster Tobacco. Lancaster (Special).—That the fame of Lancaster County's tobacco as become widespread was evidenced by the receipt of an order for seed from Prince Hajoji Rad III, Gaekevar of Barada, India, by John S. Weaver, of Kinzer.

Bank Cashier Dies Suddenly. Milton (Special).—Major John M. Caldwell, cashier of the First National Bank, a Civil War veteran, and one of Milton's most prominent citizens, died suddenly of a bowel malady.

Home Mission Workers Meet. Chester (Special).—The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference held their quarterly meeting in the Madison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. C. W. Bickley presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Carrie N. Wilson and Miss Anna McNeill.

STATE TO APPEAL. Harrisburg (Special).—An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court from the decision of Judge Wannor, of York County, in the case of the commissioners of York County against H. M. Schmauck, which involves the payment of personal property tax to the State and under which the Commonwealth would lose many thousands of dollars.

Slayer May Be Insane. Wilkes-Barre (Special).—Because Frank Boner, who is charged with felonious wounding is insane, and John Boner, his son, who is charged with murder, is believed to be, the cases against them were postponed by the Court and a commission in lunacy was appointed to examine John Boner.

Health Officers at Work. Reading (Special).—A corps of field officers from the State Department of Health arrived here and started work on the water shed of the Maiden Creek supply to see if the pollutions which were discovered along the stream some time ago have been abated.

Parents Forgot Child. Shamokin (Special).—William Rothermel and wife, of Kingertown, awoke early and found the bed they occupied being licked by flames. The house was on fire in many places. Fleeing for their lives they forgot Nellie, an infant child. As the roof fell in the child crawled down the burning stairway to the street. The house burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$2,000.

Train Robbers on "Penny." Pittsburg (Special).—Two men sequestered on the New York-St. Louis express on the Pennsylvania, which left this city at 9:55 P. M., entered the express car at Walkers' Mills, ten miles west of this city, on the Pan Handle Division, overcame the press messenger and escaped with four sealed bags containing currency.

Candle Starts Blaze at Funeral. Chester (Special).—During the funeral services over the remains of Mary, the 14-year-old daughter of Saverio Carliello, one of the lighted candles ignited a lace curtain. The room quickly filled with smoke, but the blaze was extinguished by any serious damage resulted. The body was about to be removed from the house when the fire broke out. The fire companies responded, but did not go into service.

Accused of Attempt to Steal Patent. Reading (Special).—Charged with being implicated in an attempt to secure from the Steel plant of the American Iron & Steel Company a secret process for the manufacture of a screw spike, which is a new thing used in railroad construction, W. P. Kelly, a stranger in the city, was arrested and committed to jail in default of \$1,000 bail. Several employees of the plant may be arrested as accomplices.

Chester Fire Victim Dies. Chester (Special).—Charles Pullen, one of the colored workmen burned at the explosion and fire at the American Drywood Extract Company's plant, died in the Chester Hospital. The other twelve men in the hospital became very restless when they saw Pullen's dead body removed from the ward. Several of the men are in a critical condition.

Motormen Badly Beaten. Chester (Special).—Two motormen were assaulted at Twelfth Street and Edgmont Avenue by strike sympathizers and badly beaten. They were rescued by Lieutenant Voorhees, of Troop A, State Constabulary, who arrested one of the men suspected of being in the attacking party.

State Items. The Schuylkill County Commissioners, despite the depressing financial times, have decided to redeem \$50,000 of bonds, \$20,000 more than they had agreed upon for this year. This will leave but \$250,000 of county indebtedness.