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DARDENELLE'S NOT OPEN TO RUSSIA

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 2.—Russia dare not pass the Dardanelles with her warships. The Turkish government, yielding to the peremptory demands of other powers—particularly England—has resolved to forcibly prevent Russia's Black Sea fleet from passing through the straits have been strengthened and submarine mines, to be exploded from shore, have been laid.

The reason for Turkey's change of front concerning the Dardanelles matter is the prompt and decisive action of England. The sultan was notified that should the Russian fleet be permitted to pass through the straits a British fleet would immediately make a demonstration before the sultan's palace here. In addition to England's strong protest representations that could not be misunderstood, and which gave the sultan no alternative, were made by other powers against such a breach of Russia's treaty with England.

London, March 2.—Up to noon today no news concerning the siege and bombardment of Port Arthur has been received. A St. Petersburg dispatch says the claims of Japanese victories there were premature. It is said that low tide disclosed one of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers sunk in the outer harbor. But the absence of news from Port Arthur presages Russian defeat. It is now evident that the reported landing of Japanese troops near Vladivostok was either a ruse or merely the landing of a small force with arms to equip the Chinese brigades who are harassing the Russians. Russian spies in numbers have been caught in Japanese forts. One discovered on a transport at Nagasaki jumped overboard and was shot in the water.

Washington, March 2.—Information received here from Japanese sources is to the effect that the real Japanese attack on the Port Arthur peninsula, will not occur for about a fortnight.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—It is announced here that notwithstanding reports to the contrary the working of the Trans-Siberian railroad surpasses all expectations. The transport of troops is going on with the regularity of clockwork, 3,000 men each day, with baggage, going eastward. The Russian plan is said to be to remain on the defensive until an overwhelming superiority of forces insures the success of a final and complete offensive attack.

London, March 2.—The Japanese minister at Seoul has notified the Korean government that the construction of a railroad from Seoul to Wiju for military use will be commenced forthwith. Engineers and surveyors have already left Seoul. This means that the Japanese will make their fight along the line of this projected road which sweeps through the center of Korea north and south to the mouth of the Yalu. It runs through Ping-yang, where the first land clash between the two armies occurred, and not more than fifteen miles from the point, just outside Anju, where a Russian force of 40,000 is said to be massed ready for battle. There are 100,000 Japanese around Seoul, and these are being moved northward by forced marches. Across in Manchuria the Russians are taking every precaution against a Japanese advance from a new quarter.

London, March 2.—A dispatch from Nagasaki says that nearly one hundred wounded Japanese men-of-war men have been landed there on the hospital ship Kohomaru. Among the men are six engineers of the transports that were sunk by Russians. No number of dead in the Port Arthur engagement is given. The large number of wounded indicated that the Japanese losses heretofore denied were serious.

Paris, March 2.—Gabriel Hanotaux, former minister of foreign affairs, has started an agitation in favor of the intervention of the powers to stop the war between Russia and Japan. French official circles count much on the movement, as they think Russia would be perfectly willing to accept the good offices of all the powers, providing it was a combined effort, thus compelling Japan to do the same.

Low Rate Tickets. National Association of Retail Grocers of United States, San Francisco, Cal., May 3rd to 8th, 1904. General Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, Cal., commencing May 3rd, 1904. For the above occasions the Lackawanna Railroad authorizes the sale of round trip tickets to San Francisco and Los Angeles via all regular and direct routes at the low rate of \$66.25. Tickets will be sold April 22nd to 30th, with privilege of certain stop overs enroute, returning limit to be up to and including June 30th. For information in detail, passengers will inquire at local ticket offices.

Garrie Takes Up Vaudeville. Carrie Nation, who visited this city in November last, has retired from "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" to become a vaudeville headliner. She appears in a monologue in which she relates her career as a smasher of saloons, but they couldn't place her. She still carries her hatchet, which is her stock in trade, but purchasers are few and far between.

As the wind blew spasmodically during the early hours of Tuesday morning, it is likely proper to state that March came in like a lion. It is to be hoped that it will go out like a lamb. The people hereabouts are of one opinion in the belief that they have had all the winter they desire.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH, March 2.—The most disastrous fire that has visited Plymouth in years broke out this morning at 11 o'clock on Galord Ave., entailing a loss of \$10,750. The People's Theatre, the double house of F. B. Walton, the barn of Daniel Frantz and the lunch house of J. E. W. Jones were totally consumed. The alarm was sent in from box 33 at 11:00 o'clock. The three teams of the Plymouth fire department were at the time engaged in filling in the mine cave on Walnut street and as a consequence the fire had gained considerable headway before the department reached the scene of the conflagration. The firemen were confronted with the most adverse difficulties and with the water was turned on the streams lacking a Superintendent Davenport of the Water Company sent word to the Woodward and other mines in the vicinity to shut off their pumps and other means were taken to increase the force of water in the mains.

The situation looked serious for a time and it seemed that a portion of the town would be wiped out. Word was sent to Wilkesbarre for assistance and it was but a short time when No. 1 Engine and Hose wagon responded, but were unable to assist owing to the different size of the water plugs. The Wilkesbarre firemen backed their engine to Brow's Creek, but despite their efforts the apparatus failed to work successfully.

The fire started in the lunch house of J. E. W. Jones, and was caused by the overturning of a gas stove in the front room of the building. The flames quickly communicated to the People's Theatre (skating rink), which is an ancient wooden structure and burned like tinder. A shifting of the wind caused the flames to envelop the double dwelling of F. D. Walton located on the left side of the building where the fire started and despite the gallant efforts of the firemen, the building and its contents were doomed to destruction.

The lively stable of A. E. Williams adjoining the People's Theatre was the next building that caught. The firemen with outside assistance saved the horses and carriages in the building. Two streams were turned on the stable and as the other buildings were doomed to destruction the efforts of the firemen were turned to saving the lively building. After a hard fight the flames that communicated to the lively stable were under control.

A barn owned by Daniel Frantz in the rear of the People's Theatre ignited and was soon a roaring mass of flames. The attention of the firemen was then turned in saving the surrounding buildings, the streams of water being used to confine the flames to the burning building. After two hours of efficient work on the part of the fire ladders the seething flames were under control.

The buildings consumed are: People's Theatre, valued at \$2,500, owned by Joseph Schwartz, \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Schwartz just last week reduced the insurance on the building \$500.

A. E. Williams, lively stable, partially destroyed, \$300. F. B. Walton, double dwelling, \$5,000, partially insured.

J. E. W. Jones, loss \$450, insurance \$250. Barn of Daniel Frantz, loss \$100.

F. B. Walton, who occupied the double dwelling lost nearly all of his household effects, including a number of valuable papers, estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$1,000, thereby making his loss \$6,000. He was by far the heaviest loser. The building which he owned was new, being recently erected. It was fitted with all the modern improvement of a dwelling house.

The firemen hampered as they were with a poor water supply, accomplished good work by getting the fire under control in so short a time.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. C. Cheney & Co., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. The offer of one hundred dollars for any case that fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Pennsylvania commission to the St. Louis Exposition wisely decided last week to make the Liberty Bell a feature of the great fair. Governor Pennypacker opposed the proposition. "The old bell is too sacred a relic," he declared. "It to be carted around like a circus show." Nevertheless, the motion prevailed by a vote of 13 to 6, and thousands of people will get an opportunity to see that sacred trophy and measure the lessons of liberty it proclaimed.

STORY OF CAL-CURA.

Dr. David Kennedy was born in New York City, but at an early age his family moved to Roxbury, N. Y. He was graduated in 1860 from the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was a member of the Examining Board and Consulting Surgeon. After the war, Dr. Kennedy settled in Rondout, City of Kingston, N. Y., where for a number of years he enjoyed a large practice as an operative surgeon. He was one of the Presidential Electors of New York State, Mayor of Kingston for four years, and held many other professional, business and political offices. The latest achievement of his life was the discovery of Cal-cura Solvent, a positive cure for all diseases of the kidneys and bladder. In speaking of this remarkable remedy, he said: "Cal-cura Solvent is the crowning achievement of my life. It will not disappoint. Your druggist will return your money if Cal-cura fails to cure, and The Cal-cura Company, of Rondout, N. Y., will pay the druggist. Cal-cura Solvent cures 98% of all cases of KIDNEY, BLADDER and URETERAL DISORDERS. \$1.00 a bottle. Only one size.

GIVES GOVERNOR A POINTER

A Freedman, whose name is not given, but about whose identity there will be much speculation after the people of that town hear what he has to say, is among the many who have given Governor S. W. Pennypacker some free advice as to how the great ice gorge in the Susquehanna river may be broken. The Freedman man writes as follows: "Your Honor: You have the power to prevent any damage. How? With 100 picked men and all the old cast iron pipes about six feet long, three to six inches wide, plenty of dynamite and about six cannon that can be charged with scrap iron. "Where is the money coming from to do this? "Simply from the people you benefit. Why should not the railroad companies, bridge companies and others who are in danger give their little mite? "How are these things to be worked? "Well, we will start at the lower end, where the river is open, shoot into the ice with cannons, which will be on flat cars, and work that way until you come to where the river is blocked. Then start with your cast iron pipes; charge them with dynamite, put them under the ice, attach your batteries to the wires and shoot. The cast iron pipes will burst into fragments, which will scatter through the ice and break it to atoms. "P. S.—Don't be afraid of the fish warden. He won't arrest you for killing the fish."

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Why the Penalty is so Heavy. The reason that the State law attaches so severe a penalty to the theft of waste from journal boxes is not because of the intrinsic value of the material, but because its removal may result in very serious wrecks to trains. When the waste is taken away there is nothing left to hold the lubricating oil upon the axle, and consequently nothing to prevent friction.

The brass bearings in the journal boxes are thus quite frequently melted when the cars are in motion. The heat of the molten metal tempers the iron axles, and frequently causes them to snap. The results quite frequently have been very serious wrecks. Axles have been known to snap in this way after a car had traveled as short a distance as five miles after the waste was removed from the boxes.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home. In the period of the War of the Rebellion a new field has been found by Stanislaus Stange and Julian Edwards for comic opera endeavor. That it is a productive field to the manager and a fascinating one to the public is proved by the unequivocal success that the new comic opera, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" has achieved.

The story, costumes, rustic and scenic environment are all strongly suggestive of the military life of 1861 and '65. The humor of the story finds expression in ludicrous situations and witty dialogue without once descending to horse play, while the composer has deftly interwoven strains of the war songs and negro melodies popular at that time in his score, so that the military and patriotic atmosphere is preserved to a remarkable extent. "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" will be presented by the Whitney Opera Company at the Opera House on Monday evening, March 14th.

Tonight's Program. Following is the program for the musical and literary entertainment to be given this evening in St. Paul's M. E. church by the Young Ladies' Bible Class: Piano Trio. Misses Books, Moyer, Cousart. Vocal Solo. Miss Jameson. Recitation. Mr. Rogers. Mandolin Solo. Miss Kimmer. Vocal Solo. Mr. Lyon. Recitation. Louise Reynolds. Violin Solo. Miss Saunders. Vocal Solo. Mrs. Allen. Recitation. Miss Russell. Vocal Solo. Miss Ammerman. Recitation. Mr. Rogers. Vocal Solo. Mr. Russel. Selection. Boys' Quartette.

An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. Proceeds to be applied to the Missionary offering of the Sunday School.

Democratic State Convention. The Democratic State Convention will be held in Harrisburg on April 19th for the nomination of candidates for Presidential electors and a Justice of the Supreme Court and the election of delegates to the national convention. A majority of the members of the committee have designated the time and place indicated in their replies to the letters sent out last week by Secretary Meek and it is expected this will be fixed by the committee at today's meeting in Harrisburg.

The Cameron Colliery Fire. The fire at the Cameron colliery at Shamokin, operated by the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company, which broke out last Saturday, is still raging so fiercely and the heat is so intense that no one can approach it. It is thought, however, that the fire is being slowly smothered, and that it will eventually go out without doing much more damage. The mine officials yesterday ordered the men to cease digging the channel from Shamokin creek to the fan house, by means of which the mines were to have been flooded. Even though the fire is extinguished within a short time, the colliery will not work for probably a month or so. Fifteen hundred men and boys are idle.

Fortune's Favor Sufficient. "What do we want with gold and precious stones?" said the proud young mother, gazing fondly upon the baby. "This is fortune enough for us." "Heh!" grinned the father, who had been gazing for the day nearly all night. "I'm glad for me didn't look twice at our door."—The Philadelphia Ledger.

English Street Names. The English towns have more distinctive and interesting names for their streets than American towns. In most of them many streets are simply unnumbered. London's Cheapside and Aldwych are more than matched by oddities any times stranger. Boatman is a street in York and Bocherpate in Cardiff. Norwich is assertive in its street names in its street names. Walk and Shrewsbury may stand at the head of a list of peculiarities with its street labeled Dogpole, which may or may not be related to Newcastle's Dogpole Street; but, then, Newcastle has Pudding Lane, and what may that signify?

The First Glass Cups. The first glass cups were made at Alexandria. Some were colored like Bohemian glass and decorated with glass pendants, including precious stones and emeralds. Some were enriched with their clear or opal and still others formed of opaque layers welded together like the famous Portland vase. In which the white upper layer had been cut away like that of a cameo, leaving a fine ground around the figure.

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OLD FASHIONED SPRING HOUSE

St. Louis.—A spring of living water, gushing clear and cold from the hillside at the northeast corner of the Palace of Agriculture at the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis is one of the features provided by nature that will delight thousands of weary and thirsty visitors during the exposition. This beautiful spring began sending forth its refreshing stream before the Louisiana Purchase was made a hundred years ago and no matter how dry the summer there has never been any diminution of its flow.

When the landscape architect with big steam shovels, steam scrapers, with armies of men and hundreds of mules at his command began altering that part of the earth's surface enclosed in the Exposition grounds, cutting down a hill here, filling in a valley there, Mr. Frederick W. Taylor, Chief of the Department of Agriculture, gave strict orders that the spring be not molested.

A weeping willow tree that must have been growing for more than fifty years spreads out its green branches over the spring and creates a delightful shade. The water as it bubbles from the ground flows down a steep hillside through a miniature ravine in which dainty ferns and pretty mosses luxuriate.

Chief Taylor has authorized the building of a quaint old fashioned spring house over it. An old-fashioned well-sweep will lift the water in a moss-covered, iron bound wooden bucket. The walls of the structure will be covered with bark of forest trees and the roof will be thatched. Rustic seats will be placed conveniently in the spring house and in available spots down the ravine. Cans will be provided and the visitor who at some time or another has seen just a sight, will recall pleasant memories as he passes in his self imposed task of seeing the World's Fair wonders.

The water is as clear as crystal. It is just the right temperature—not so cold as iced water and much colder than the water that flows through the city mains. It is a mineral water, but has no odor and no repellent taste. Its flow is sufficient to provide cold and refreshing and healthful drink for thousands and the old-fashioned spring house is sure to become a popular resort in Agriculture Hill where so many other beauty spots have been created.

For School Library. The pupils of Center school, Rush township, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the school library fund on Friday, February 26th. The entertainment was given under the direction of the school teacher, Miss Phoebe B. Wolfe and a most pleasing program consisting of songs, recitations, etc., was rendered. The school room was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the entertainment proved a success in every detail.

Another man who thinks that this nation is not big enough to face its responsibilities comes to the front with a magazine article about what would happen if the South American republics were to unite against us. The same old thing would happen that has happened right along ever since the Great Armada. There are such things as fighting peoples in the world and the South Americans are not under that head.

To Fight Boy Miner Law. Cambria county miners have decided to make a test case on a recent act of the legislature prohibiting the employment of boys under 16 years of age in the mines. Evan Davis, a mine foreman at Bens Creek, has been prosecuted for violating the law in order to bring the matter before the county courts. The losing side will appeal to the State Supreme Court.

As the scenic production carried by the Whitney Opera Company on tour this season is the original production of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" that was used during the New York and Chicago engagements, two sixty-foot baggage cars are required for the transportation of the scenery and many electrical effects which are in evidence at every performance.

In seven months the Reading Company added over four million dollars to its surplus, an amount nearly 3% millions greater than the surplus of the corresponding seven months of the previous year. This gain causes visions of dividends upon all of its various stocks. The encouraging feature of the statement made public is that the Coal & Iron Company earned one million of the surplus.

The open door. "I don't know you exactly how it happened," Reggie was telling his best friend over a game of billiards. "I never meant to propose, you know—that is, not just yet. I wanted to knock about a little more. But after we got home I thought I'd better follow the plan you discussed the plot of the play I ventured out on this ice and broke through before I knew where I was. It came as a dence of a shock, just as I should imagine breaking through real ice would be."

"But Jessie was all ready for me. She was expecting it. First thing I knew she had me by the collar and landed me on safe ground again—but I was engaged. No doubt about that. Anyhow, I am glad I've got her. Might have lost her through some slip if I'd waited. But I don't want to remind you of the fact that I followed your plan, but he will not touch the touch—Brooklyn Eagle.

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ANCIENT FISH CURES

MEDICINAL VIRTUES THAT USED TO DECK THE FINNY TRIBE.

Perch was valued in Germany for its medicinal virtues. The fish was held in high esteem in Old England.—The Physician of Fishes. Fishing literature prior to the days and writings of Isaac Walton opens up points of interest which are unique. Not the least interesting are the constant references of the early writers to the medicinal virtues of fish. Of course many of the salt and fresh water fishes mentioned by the old writers are not recognized in the waters of today, but the fresh water perch, carp, tench and eel are yet recognized, and it is in connection with these fish that some of the quaintest ideas as to their medicinal virtues have prevailed.

The Germans have a comparative proverb which says, "More wholesome than a perch of the Rhine," and it is certain that in the earliest times this familiar fish has been esteemed as one of the best gastronomic productions of fresh water. It has also been ascribed medicinal virtues. Gesner says that physicians value the perch so much that they recommend it to feebly eaten by weakly men, when suffering from those suffering from dangerous fevers. Adonovius praises it and mentions that the two otoliths ("round bones") found in the head of the perch are marvellously good for stone in the bladder.

"That the perch was esteemed in olden times in England is certain. Dr. Daines Barneis, writing in his quaint "Draught of Eysythling With an Angle," published in 1596, says, "The carp be a deytous fish, but there ben few in England." Being "deytous"—i. e., "dainty"—it must have been a good fish at that time. It has certainly lost its character since then.

In the art of healing the carp plays a respectable part. One old writer speaks of the fat of the carp as being of marvellous power for the alleviation of "hot rheumatism." The manner of its application was by frequent rubbing of the affected part, and the effect was said to be eminently mollifying and salutary. The triangular bones in the throat of the carp on being ground to powder and applied to a wound or bleeding nose were said to act as a styptic. The gall was also used to have been used for sore eyes, and "above the eyes," says an old "Apothecary," "two little bones exist, semicircular in shape, which are diligently preserved by noble females against the lumatic disease."

In the "Haven of Health" carp is mentioned in the ten verses of fische which are reckoned as principal in the preservation of health, and adds the quaint old writer, "this fish is of great wholesome and great value, and its tongue is very pleasant to carrying ladies."

A kind of first cousin of the carp is that is known as the barbel. Such ancient as Linnæus, Albertus and others of that ilk evidence that it was known and esteemed by the Roman gourmet. Plutarch mentions a curious fact in its natural history. Dr. Baddini in his "Piscis" identifies the barbel as the fish which was used in the preservation of health, and adds the quaint old writer, "this fish is of great wholesome and great value, and its tongue is very pleasant to carrying ladies."

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What strategic endeavors consummated in the investment of this town or that, or the transferring of a naval or land base from one point to another, did Japan or Russia make last Friday, the Tuesday before that, or during the preceding week?

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This will consist of a full-page map in colors of the territory embraced within the area involved or likely to be involved in the war. With the map will be provided fac similes of all the Russian and the Japanese battleships, each correctly named, together with groups of Russian and Japanese soldiery.

By pasting the battleships and the groups on bits of pasteboard and providing every one with a pin, they are ready for service at once. Red is the distinguishing color of the Japanese troops and ships and blue that of the Russian forces and vessels. The map should be mounted on a flat surface, preferably after having been fastened to heavy cotton cloth. The use of the cloth will prevent the paper upon which the map is printed from being easily torn or mutilated.

There is no possible action on either side that the cable will report that cannot instantly be duplicated upon The North American's war chart. Used in conjunction with the war maps given away last Sunday, the war chart will provide an infallible index to all that goes on in the Far East.

The War chart will be placed on the first page of the magazine edition of The North American on Sunday, March 6. The edition is limited, and your order should be filed with your newspaper without delay. This war chart can be obtained with no other newspaper.

SAFER ANYWAY. Ukerdek—Nothing is better in a time of danger than a presence of mind. "Getting-Oh, think it over. What's the matter with absence of body?"

PROPOSALS. COMMISSION FOR THE SELECTION OF A SITE AND THE ERECTION OF A STATE INSTITUTION FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED AND EPILEPTIC IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Commission for the selection of a site and the erection of a State Institution for the Treatment of the Feeble Minded and Epileptic will receive proposals for a site for said institution until noon, Friday, April 15, 1904. Said site, under act of Assembly approved May 15, 1903, must be located in Eastern Pennsylvania, and must meet all the requirements of said act. Proposals should be accompanied by a general topographical and descriptive plan of the property; its size, railroad facilities, water supply, drainage and altitude. The Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals; also reserves the right to accept or reject any part or parts of any proposals. Proposals should be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, 625 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., and marked "Proposals for a Site for a State Institution for the Care and Treatment of Epileptics and Feeble Minded Persons in Eastern Pennsylvania."

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Delirium Tremens Patients Often See Snakes in Their Rooms.

The generally accepted belief that when a man is suffering from delirium tremens he sees snakes in his boots was dispelled by a hospital superintendent, who says he has observed thousands of cases. He declares that he has observed one patient who imagined that he saw serpents, but that, on the contrary, the hallucinations of some of them are very happy. He said that it was customary in the local hospitals treating such cases to keep the men fresh from prolonged sleep in a general room, where they are allowed to play cards or other games and engage in conversation with one another. For misery likes company. He relates as an illustration of the freaks of men so deranged the case of a bartender who was happily playing cards in this general room, seemingly at ease with the world and with the average person perfectly free from liquor. The man suddenly began to tell a story, laughing heartily as he did so. He said that he had just served two gentlemen with drinks of whisky and that when he turned to restore the bottle to the shelves, the contents disappeared through a magic. He had turned but an instant, but the empty glasses were all that was left to indicate that any one had been there. The bartender said that he leaned over the bar to see if the men had hidden there to avoid payment and that he could not see them, but that to satisfy himself he had stepped around the bar to the front.

"Do you know," said he, relating the story, "that those fellows had shrunk to little bits of fellows not more than six inches tall, and they were engaged in a spirited game of cards. They should pay? As I walked up to them one of those little fellows leaped into my right pocket and the other jumped into my left trousers pocket, and, do you believe it, I try as much as I would I could not dislodge them."

As the old delirium of the tremens department of the hospital listened to this story, relates the superintendent, they looked knowingly at one another and quietly walked to a drainpipe passing through the room and vigorously rapped on it. It was a signal for the attendant on duty to come in with handkerchiefs and removed the story telling bartender to the "booby hatch" below, a name they have given to the padded cell in which recalcitrant men crazed from liquor are thrust for their own protection and for that of all concerned. The hospital superintendent told me that he was never again like a mad bull within half an hour and that for three days they despaired of his life. He said that in their ravine condition the victims believed that some one was pursuing them and that to all intents and purposes they were for centuries, the only cure which was sleep, induced by more liquor. He said, however, that the preliminary signs of approaching madness were always some queer speech, such as that of the bartender—Pittsburgh Post.

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