

NET TRAGIC DEATH AT HAIRDRESSER'S

Two Women Burned Fatally by Fluid Declared to Have Been Petrol

STILL ANOTHER LOSES AN ARM

Witnesses Before Coroner in London Tell of Seeing Human Torches of Flame Rush into the Street—Description of Terrible Scene.

London.—The coroner's inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of two women from terrible burns received in a hairdresser's shop in Great Windmill street, Piccadilly circus, has been held. Miss Hobkirk, a saleswoman, aged twenty-two, visited the shop to have a shampoo, and was attended by Mme. Leon Raffuer, the proprietor's wife, and her daughter, aged eighteen. Rectified spirit petrol, it has been stated previously, was used for the purpose of quick drying. An explosion occurred and the clothing of the three women became ignited. Terrified, they ran into the street, where the flames were put out by passersby, but then very serious injuries had been inflicted. Miss Hobkirk and Mile. Raffuer died in the hospital, and Mme. Raffuer, whose arm it has been found necessary to amputate, lies in a critical condition. It was explained that in 1897 a woman met her death under similar circumstances and afterward the London County Council successfully prosecuted a number of hairdressers in the West End for using petrol.

A graphic description of the scene following the explosion, was given by Joseph Spalding, a tailor's cutter, who was passing the hairdresser's shop. He heard an explosion and saw Mile. Raffuer coming from the front of the stairs in the passage. She was alight from her feet to her shoulders, and her hair was in flames. I passed my left hand over her head to extinguish the flames and my right hand down her back and pressed her gently toward the door, where I was told that she fell. I then rushed back and saw a pillar of fire at the back of the stairs; that was Miss Hobkirk. She was in a half-stooping attitude.

The Coroner:—"What was then burning?"—"She was burning to the top of her chest. As I went forward to her the blaze shot over her head to the height of two feet." An assistant of M. Raffuer's who gave evidence said an antiseptic was used for the shampoo of the women customers. The Coroner:—"Was petrol used?"—"I only know that what they used was called antiseptic. Mme. Raffuer used to give it to us in a little tin." "How was this used?"—"A towel was placed round the woman's shoulders, cotton was placed in the ears, the hair was allowed to fall down and a little of the liquid permitted to fall on the head. We then rubbed it into the hair and dried the hair with a towel." "How long does it take to dry the hair?"—"The hair dries in two seconds."

TOADFISH HARDEST TO UNHOOK.

Jersey Anglers Decide They'd Rather Catch Any Other Species.

Newark, N. J.—Anglers here have been discussing which is the hardest fish to unhook after it has been caught. No decision was reached until one of the oldest and most experienced fishermen expressed his views.

"It is the toadfish, or Staten Island woodcock," he said. "It has gums like gristle and nasty little teeth. Its jaws are as hard to open as a steel trap. Nor is that all. It is unnecessary for me to remind you who have caught the toadfish that it has sharp spines back of the gills. I'd rather catch anything than a toadfish. I wish I had a dollar for every fish hook I have cut off rather than try to force it out of them. If I had I could go out fishing in my own private yacht and with a uniformed crew."

\$10 FOR EACH NEW BABY.

Methodist Women Try to Get Job-Lot Price on Triplets, but Fail.

Pittsburg.—At the convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church it was discovered that the ladies of the organization have been assessing \$10 on each member for each baby that is born.

This fact came out when two Philadelphia ladies tried to get a job-lot price on triplets, but Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison, in charge of the children's work, refused to "give any rebate or any per cent. off for cash on either twins or triplets." The Philadelphia mothers paid their \$30, and a little proudly, too.

To Get Moving Pictures of Germs. Paris.—Jean Commandon announced before the Academy of Sciences the discovery of a new method of photographing bacilli by the combined use of an ultra-microscope and a cinematograph. The discovery is considered of first importance, opening a new field for the study of microbe action.

A BEE FARM ON CITY ROOF

Reading Man's Hives Yield a Large Amount of Honey to Their Owner.

Reading, Pa.—Reading has a "bee farm," so situated that 90 per cent. of the people in that part of town even do not know of its presence. To the busy bees all roads seem to lead to this place, for they can fly 50 feet up in the air, and still be able to reach their home, without coming in contact with humanity. At the foot of Neversink mountain, in the northwestern section of the city, lives Julius Wagner. On the roof of his house are many bee hives. Under the window sills are a number of holes leading to a garret room, where there are many more hives and where millions of busy little workers come and go day by day, bringing each time a little honey from some clover field, some tree that is in bloom or from other sources, thus helping Julius Wagner to conduct the most successful and novel apiary in Berks county.

Mr. Wagner made his start in Reading in 1867 with one hive. To this he added hive after hive from year to year, until to-day he has nearly two score hives in the little garret room and on the roof and as many more out in the country on the premises of friends.

Mr. Wagner says the swarming of bees is unnecessary if the bee keeper properly cares for them. You must keep these busiest of little laborers supplied with lots of work. The moment they find they have nothing to do and their little homelike cells are filled with honey they get lazy and swarming will follow. If you remove their honey when the combs are just about filled they will immediately go to work and refill them and not think of swarming.

Mr. Wagner's little workers generally keep busy for about forty-one days, when their tiny wings get tired and they gradually die off.

Mr. Wagner, by careful breeding of the Italian bees, has been successful in acquiring perfect queens. He has had colonies that produced in one season as much as three hundred pounds of honey.

MODEL HUSBAND'S WIFE TELLS HIS PRIZE VIRTUES.

Chicago.—Samuel W. Van Nostran, who was adjudged the "model husband" at the second annual "Hubby Show" held at the home of Mrs. James Sidney McCullough, received from his wife credit for being the possessor of all the virtues necessary to make an ideal mate.

"Other than possessing the almost super-husband quality of being good natured before breakfast," said Mrs. Van Nostran, "my husband allows me to carry the family pocketbook and declares, just as if he meant it, that my cooking is so far above 'mother's' efforts in the culinary line that there could be no comparison. If that is not glory enough for one woman I would like to know what is."

The complete list of desirable qualities attributed to her husband by Mrs. Van Nostran are: Prompt at meals. Good entertainer. An adept with the chafing dish. Good judge of feminine beauty. Generous and kind-hearted. Enjoys home more than the club. Happiest when among friends.

Mr. Van Nostran, who also received the prize for his almost womanly ability to sew on a button, is thirty-five years old and has been married nine years.

WROTE HIS WILL ON WALL.

Brooklyn Man May Fall Heir to Georgia Hermit's Fortune.

Savannah, Ga.—Peter Leist, who claimed a dozen trades and professions, but who was a hermit, was found dead at his home near Savannah. He was seated in a chair apparently staring at the wall of his room, on which he had written his will, leaving his property, which is considerable, to his son, who is in school at Sharon, Ga., or in event of his death to Henry Dreyer of Brooklyn, N. Y. Two hungry bull dogs were guarding the dead man.

A year or more ago Leist's wife killed herself. He shortly afterward married again after an acquaintance of eight hours and was at the time of his death seeking a divorce. Since he separated from his second wife he became a hermit.

AERIAL SHAM FIGHT.

First in the World Held at Cologne, with Searchlights Flashing.

Berlin.—The military aerostats which while carrying on a series of manoeuvres at Cologne had an aerial sham fight at night, the first in the history of aviation.

The battle lasted for three hours. The machines circled above the famous Fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, which was illuminated with searchlights, making feigned attacks and then retreating to escape the fire of special anti-airship guns.

Nothing simulating explosives was dropped, but the Zeppelin airship threw out a message of greeting.

ARISTOCRATIC DWARFS.

They Hold Aloof From General Collocation of Middlets.

A lilliputian colony which has arrived in Paris comprises over one hundred and fifty men and women, none over twenty inches high. The novelty of the show will be that it is not a show of "freaks" in the ordinary sense. The dwarfs are not only perfectly well constituted men and women, but they are many of them "people in society," persons of culture and quality. "We are a trifle mixed, it is true," said the leading member of the lilliputian company, "and there is even one negro among us." But a number of the dwarfs are persons of good family and in good circumstances who have never consented to exhibit themselves before.

The leading members of the company are two brothers—Count Primo Magri and Baron Magri—both Italians. Though both about a foot high, they are full of dignity and explain that they do not mix indiscriminately with the remainder of the colony, which includes persons of all sorts and conditions. "The manager merely chose the smallest people he could find, you see, in all sorts of classes all over Europe," they say; "and the company, therefore, is mixed. Besides aristocrats like ourselves, there are peasants and menials."—London Telegraph.

More Than She Could Bear.

Marion was a little American girl of six years. For three months her mother and aunt had dragged her through the museums and art galleries of Europe.

She was made to look at the slippers of Marie Antoinette, the prayer-book of Catherine de Medici, hats of Napoleon and endless numbers of uninteresting Madonnas. These, her mother told her constantly, she must remember, for when she grew up she would realize how famous they were. At last Marion rebelled. She refused to go to a world-famed museum. After much persuasion, she yielded upon one condition.

"I'll go any place you like," she said, "if you'll promise never again to make me look at anything famous."—Youth's Companion.

The Lively Cheeses.

Husseln Klazim Bey, the new Turkish ambassador, discussed cooking at a dinner in Washington.

"Your cooking is better than ours," he said. "Still, there are some things in it I decidedly dislike. I dislike, for instance, 'hung' game—game kept until it smells like cheese.

"And your cheese itself—I mean your more expensive cheese—the kind with mold in it—it isn't very—"

"Do you prefer with your apple pie Roquefort or Limburger?" said my host.

"Let them race across the table to me and I'll take the winner," said I.

Pure Iron at Last.

Chemically pure iron has never been obtained until very recently. It has been found almost impossible to remove the last traces of impurities, especially of sulphur. But a German chemist, Dr. H. Kreusler, has finally by a long series of ingenious processes, partly chemical and partly electrical, succeeded in isolating the pure metal, the properties of which he expects to differ greatly from those of the impure iron that we know. Iron prepared by Kreusler's process resembles platinum.—New York Herald.

Whale Fishing Dying Out.

The depression in the Dundee whale fishing is so acute that there is danger of the industry disappearing from the British Isles. The growing scarcity of whales in the arctic regions has made the industry very unremunerative, and shareholders have become so disheartened that a number of the vessels have been put up for sale. A serious side of the question is the probable fate of the Eskimos who depend upon the whalers for supplies of rifles and ammunition.

Natural History as She Is Spoken.

Doris lived in the city, and a summer visit to grandpa's farm revealed many wonders. After being treated to the farmer's luxury, cream, she was allowed to go to the barn to see the cows milked. She looked on with much interest for a while and then asked, "Grandpa, which is the little pocket she keeps the cream in?"

Too Many "Rights" for Criminals.

In the fight that never ends between the criminal and society more and more advantage is given to the former. He is handed tenderly. His rights are large, and they are respected even if honest men's rights suffer. Some of his privileges might be withdrawn with no loss to any one meriting much consideration.—London Times.

Way to Keep Man's Heart.

A titled English woman who has published a cookbook lays down therein the dictum that, while a man's heart may be won in a number of ways, there is only one certain way of keeping it, namely, a succession of good dinners.

Observed the Properties.

One evening when Helen came to the end of her prayer she stammered, evidently forgetting how to close. After a moment her face cleared and she said, "Oh, yes—very respectfully yours, Helen!"—The Delineator.

Different Results.

The man who learns to say no generally succeeds in this world, while the woman is likely to find herself an old maid.—Puck.

NEW INDUSTRY IN THE WEST.

Wyoming to Have First Asbestos Mills West of the Alleghanies.

Casper, Wyo., is in the midst of an asbestos boom. Accustomed for years to the sheep and wool industry, upon which the chief wealth of the community has rested, the town is now enthusiastically concerning itself with a different kind of wool—that peculiar sort of mineral fiber which nature has deposited at rare intervals in the seams of rocks called serpentine. Some of the wealthiest citizens of the town have caught on to the enthusiasm and are putting their money into the development of a resource which, in the mineral world, most nearly resembles the product of the sheep clip. What the wool of the sheep does for the human body, the wool of the serpentine rocks does for the steam pipe and the heat conduit of furnaces—it keeps the calorific escaping. Asbestos, as its Greek name indicates, is indestructible except at very high heat, such as is never reached outside of a laboratory. The market for asbestos is said to be limitless—at least, far beyond the limits of the present supply.

Autos for the Very Young.

"It seems to me," said the man who likes automobiles, to a New York Sun reporter, "that the next generation ought to be automobile mad. The toys that children have all are such as would accustom them right from the start to machines. Every one knows the miniature automobiles that children have, which run with treadles they kick with their feet, but the other day I saw one that goes even further back toward babyhood.

"I saw a child being wheeled about in a sort of go-cart baby carriage, a child that couldn't have been over 3 years old. Extending back from the front of the carriage was a sort of steering post with a wheel attached, to which the child—it was a girl, too—clung in the most natural way.

"The wheel had nothing to do with the management of the carriage. It seems to me that getting children used to the automobile habit so early ought to develop car fiends later on."

Throwing the Stones.

Many unthinking chatterers have always said that Dr. Samuel Johnson's life meant everything that is meant by gross, almost swinish, laziness and unkemptness. This same crowd has always thoughtlessly cackled about Poe's drinking and shiftless habits, calling him a "never-do-well." Indeed, these chatterers have said pretty much the same things about and have had a like scornfulness for other great men. And had they been as well as malicious, they had said that old man Darwin was a sit-around like an old sick rooster. But, as a matter of fact, this is all merely a higher variation of the ordinary country crossroads soapbox gossip.

Woman's Care of Genius.

Darwin had to be kept pretty much wrapped up in cotton all his life, like a precious cracked vase, to save him from breaking to pieces, and had not his tender wife nursed and coddled him, even as an infant, he would probably have died in early middle life of chronic seasickness, for he never entirely recovered from the years spent on the Beagle. And this is a fine illustration of what a true woman really is, for nature has so made her that she does not do such work as Darwin's, but Darwin could never have lived and done his work without the woman, so one is just as important as the other.

Why People Live Long.

Dr. von Linheim, a German scientist, who has been making a study of longevity, publishes the results of his observations on a series of 700 persons of both sexes, who had reached the age of 80 years and upward. His observations lead to the conclusion that instances of longevity are most often met with among persons whose parents and grandparents have been healthy, and especially if they have been long-lived; who have studied regularly, punctuality and temperance all through life; and who have postponed their retirement from active occupation as long as possible.

A Widow's Discovery.

The Look on the Bright Side Society got down its ledger this afternoon and enrolled among the members the name of a newly made widow. "I missed John so much when I sat down to meals," she said, "that I began eating off the pantry shelf, and find in this way I do not have to clean my dining room more than once a week, and it makes my work so much lighter."

Analysis of Reason.

Reason is always a kind of brute force; those who appeal to the head rather than the heart, however polite and polite, are necessarily men of violence. We speak of "touching" a man's heart, but we can do nothing to his head but hit it.—G. K. Chesterton.

A Modern Exotic.

"You speak of two kinds of newspapers." "Yes; there's the old reliable newspaper that prints the current news; and there's the new-fangled newspaper that makes its own news."—Kansas City Journal.

Think It Over.

Any man can be thankful for what he gets, but few of us consider that we ought to be thankful for what we don't get.

West Area for Trees. England has 17,000,000 acres of land available for reforestation.

—The New Electric Road. If the proposed electric road from Hawley to Honesdale was completed, how convenient it would be for the many people who would like to get some of those fine 24 for 25 cent photographs at Brown's Studio, over Leine's drug store.

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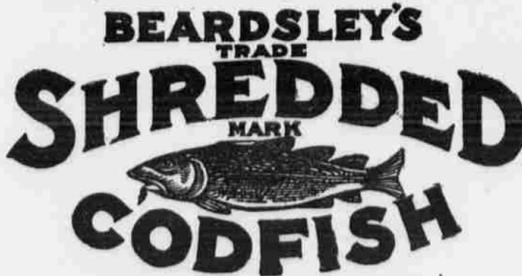
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