

BANDS OF ASSASSINS HOLD POWERFUL SWAY

THE trial of a band of Camorristas at Viterbo, Italy, draws attention to the secret societies of Europe which have to their object murder or any form of violence and crime that will promote their views or fill the pockets of the scoundrels who belong to them.

The whole continent is honey-combed with such societies, who set all laws at defiance and are a constant terror to law abiding people. Morozoff, the man who died through being accidentally shot by a fellow criminal during the attempted burglary in Houndsditch, was known to the continental police as the desperate leader of a gang of hoodlums and thieves which he had got together, known as the "Zmova Robotnicza," the members of which devoted their energies to robberies with violence and attacks upon banks and mercantile houses.

its destination, a well known and "honorable" merchant, without a word. In another case the young son of a certain prince was kidnaped and a sum of 100,000 francs was demanded for his return. The prince immediately sent the money without breathing a syllable to a single soul about the incident, which only became known to the police some time later from a discovery of the letters of negotiation.

Rivals of the Mafia. Much more far-reaching and almost as terrible as the Camorra, an organized band of assassins who infest Turkey and stretch their fearful tentacles over almost the whole of the Levant. This society had its origin in the former kingdom of Naples, where it plundered and terrorized the country, practiced wholesale smuggling and undertook for a suitable reward to commit any crime from murder to arson.

Candidates for membership swore upon an iron crucifix a fearful oath of fidelity and secrecy and only after a long period of training and probation received the two knives of peculiar form by which the Camorristi recognized one another.

In Turkey, where the Camorra is particularly active at present, incendiarism is its chief occupation. It is said that three fires out of every four in Constantinople are the work of the Camorra, whose method is to remove all valuables from the chosen house or shop, saturate the walls and floors with petroleum and set fire to it. The agent who refuses to pay the insurance money is promptly assassinated.

Other Dreaded Societies. But the services of the Camorra are available to any who are willing to pay heavily enough for them, from a jealous wife who wishes to get rid of a fair rival to the tradesman who cannot collect his debts. If threats fail a stab in the dark invariably settles the business satisfactorily. Like the Mafia, the Camorra draws its members from all classes, from the workman to the man of rank and fashion, and any disloyalty means death to the recalcitrant member.

Among many other secret societies in Europe—the Carbonari in Italy; the Nihilists, in Russia—the Hetaira has had princes and even kings among its members. The Czar Alexander I. owed allegiance to the Hetaira, and Napoleon III. was throughout his reign submissive to the grand master of the Carbonari, whom he joined as a young man. The Grand Duke Nicholas Constantinovitch, who was exiled to Siberia for stealing his mother's jewels, was a member of the Nihilist society and had for a wife a Nihilist, daughter of the postmaster of Tashkend.

FORTY YEARS IN BED.

Self Chosen Fate of Man Prevented From Marrying Girl of His Choice.

Because Joseph Plummer of Milton, N. H., was prevented by his father from marrying the woman of his choice he has remained forty years in bed. He is now seventy-one years old. The woman he loved is dead, but the old man has not been told. In fact, he refused to speak of her from the very day when he said to his father, "Since you will not let me have her, I have no other ambition and may as well spend the rest of my life in bed." Joseph went to bed. Joseph did not get up. He continued in bed day after day, week after week, year after year, until the sensation of his course waned, and he became more or less of an institution in Milton.

His mother and his father have both died. Now his two brothers, both well along in years, keep the Plummer household, which is a prosperous one, and take care of Joseph. These two brothers, Ephraim and Samuel, are bachelors and cook all the meals. "When Joseph took his bed," says Ephraim Plummer, "father did not make any objections, but took his food to him and let him stay there. Father didn't approve of Joseph going with the girl because she was only sixteen years old, while Joseph was considerably older."

"Joseph felt that after seeing her he could never love any other girl. He was stubborn and used to having his own way. He did not like to be crossed. At first when he took to his bed none of us thought that he would stay there long."

"Now he is so weak from staying in bed so long that he has lost the use of his legs."

TAG BABIES "NO ME BESE."

Campaign Inaugurated Against Promiscuous Kissing of Children.

The latest fad in the nursery is to equip children with printed labels bearing the words, "No Me Besse" ("Do Not Kiss Me").

The tags are the result of a European campaign against the promiscuous kissing of children. The wording is in Spanish because the idea is said to have originated with Queen Victoria of Spain.

On hygienic grounds the queen directed that her three children should not be kissed by the sundry court attendants who desired merely to show their loyalty.

New York's Marriages.

New York's marriages decreased 3,598 in the year following the financial flurry of 1907. Since then they have gained steadily, recovering the loss and bringing the figures higher than those of any year before 1907.

GREAT FLIGHT PLANNED.

French Aviator to Attempt Trip From France to Algiers.

The revival of interest in aviation in France continues to be marked. Brague, who recently made a notable flight from Nice to a little island between Corsica and the Italian coast, says it was purely experimental and that he intends eventually to fly from France to Algiers, making Ajaccio his midway station.

He declares that to succeed in this voyage an aviator must possess three essential things—a good motor, an absolutely accurate compass and exact meteorological information. He considers that the superior speed of aeroplanes makes the escort of fast war vessels wholly useless unless they be scattered at regular intervals along the greater part of the route.

The value of the aeroplane, says Brague, has now been demonstrated to be greater over sea than over terra firma. Many experts in France believe the development of aviation depends chiefly upon the problem of dimensions, and there is a growing opinion that a machine so vast that air currents will have only a minimum effect upon it may make navigation of the atmospheric space relatively as safe as that of the ocean in ships of the type of the Mauretania.

Meanwhile a leading French military organ announces with great confidence that an infallible method of making aeroplanes self balancing has been invented.

MORE PEANUTS IMPORTED.

Uncle Sam Increases His Liking For Goobers.

It may have been due to the increase in the number of peanut eating fans at the baseball games or it may have been because of the more extensive demands of the confectioner, but the fact is the imports of peanuts to the United States for the year 1910 assumed unprecedented proportions.

Consul General Gaulin at Marseilles, France, where great quantities of peanuts are raised, reports to the department of commerce and labor that peanut exports to the United States for the year 1910 rose in value from the comparatively insignificant total of \$8,772 in 1909 to \$371,568. Large purchases of peanut oil by Americans also were recorded, and the trade was the briskest in years.

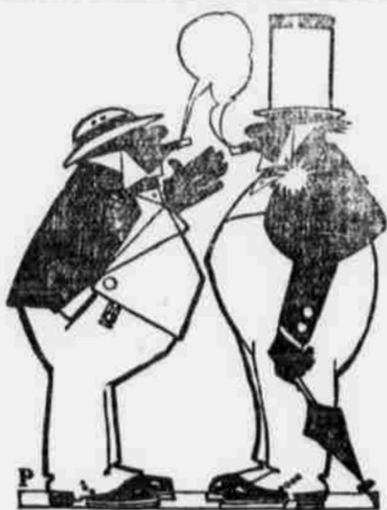
Giant Melons.

Giant watermelons and muskmelons grow in Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey. Some of them are as large as a flour barrel. They are raised in the beds of rivers which are almost dry in summer. Their meat is coarse and not nearly as sweet as that of smaller varieties grown elsewhere.



WILFRED T. GRENFELL, ICEBERG MISSIONARY.

WITH the distinction of being the only man in the world for whom an association has been formed to aid him in his charitable work the photograph of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell is presented. Because King George has made him a companion of St. Michael and St. George Dr. Grenfell could write C. M. G. after his M. D. if he wasn't too modest. For nineteen years he has devoted his life to aiding the 300,000 neglected, half starved, illiterate, helpless inhabitants of the iceberg coasts of Labrador, Greenland and Newfoundland.



KICK THE EDITOR!!!

Have you a kick coming? Is there anything that displeases you? Are you unhappy and need cheering up? Has any little thing gone wrong? Tell us your troubles. Let us help you?

For each of the three best kicks each week, The Citizen will give a brand new crisp one dollar bill. Don't kick too long. 39 words to a kick. No limit, however, to the number of your kicks. You don't have to be a subscriber to be a kicker.

Open to everyone alike, men, women and children, subscribers and non-subscribers. Old and young, rich and poor. Remember two cents a word for the three best kicks.

There must be something you don't like. Kick about it. What good is an editor anyway except to fix up the kicks of his readers?

Relieve your mind and get a prize! KICK! KICK! KICK!

A few suggested subjects at which to kick! The weather, of course. Tight fitting shoes. The high cost of living. The hobble skirt and the Harem trousers. High hats on week days. Suffragism, etc., etc., etc. The funnier the better.

Several people have asked us if the fifty-word letters containing kicks have to be signed. How else will we know to whom to award the prizes? Whether in the event of the letter winning a prize and being published, the name of the kicker would appear is another question. Undoubtedly the writer's wishes would be followed on that score. Our idea of the "Kick Contest" includes everything except direct and offensive personalities. Sit right down now and dash off fifty words about anything you don't like and want to register a kick against. It won't take you five minutes and you may win a prize. The more original the subject the better chance for a prize. One dollar for less than five minutes work is pretty good pay. Of course you can make your kick as short as you wish. A clever fifteen-word kick may win a prize over a full-length fifty-word one. The shorter the better.

For the best kick of ten words or less The Citizen will pay an additional prize of one dollar. Now then, lace up your shoes and let drive!

THE NEXT MOVE.

An Evening With the Family That Had the Mania.

"Twere well, Howard Hammersley," said the beautiful young woman, "that you make good use of what remains of this evening, for this is the last time you will ever enter this house, at least while I am one of its occupants."

Strange words were these to be spoken by a newly engaged girl to her lover. There was a catch in her voice, and her eyes burned with deep emotion, or was it his imagination? Her beautiful figure was clothed in richest silk, and jewels sparkled at her throat. But this merely served to bring out in more startling contrast the barrenness of the room. The floor was carpeted, the walls were destitute of pictures, the only article of furniture was an old fashioned davenport, upon which she half reclined among soft pillows. A meager setting this for so rare a gem. She wore the appearance of one used to more luxurious surroundings.

The young man seemed taken aback by her words. He toyed with his watch chain and nervously fingered and turned the one ring he wore. Silently the moments glided by, but no clock was there to mark their flight. Suddenly from the next room came a muffled sound, followed by a blood-curdling oath. The young man started violently, and the girl half rose, but, restraining herself, sank back to her former position. She seemed waiting for him to break the silence.

At last he rose from the packing case upon which he sat and swiftly crossed the room to a place on the davenport by her side. His arms opened to receive her and, without resistance, she sank into them.

"Ah, yes, Adelaide," he murmured in a deep voice. "You are right I should make good use of my time. Well do I know that tomorrow you move to a different part of the town. But I shall be at the new place tomorrow evening at half after 8."

"Yes, yes," she answered. "Do so. But now, if you'll excuse me a moment, I'll see what's wrong with father. He must have hurt his hand pulling tacks."—Walter G. Doty in Puck.

Unconventionalities.

"Great Caesar! Is that you, Glubbins? I haven't thought of you for seventeen years!"

"Some day, Mrs. Peters, I'll return your call. I want to see what kind of furniture you have."

"A front view picture of you, Miss Miriam, looks much better than a profile. It doesn't show the shape of your nose."

"Rivers, you ought to take a vacation; you're doing some awfully punk work on the paper these days."

"Must you go, Mr. Lingerlong? It's only 10 o'clock. I thought it was 12!"

"There's one good thing about your dinners, Mrs. Jipes—the table is always neatly set."

"I was telling Mr. Smidgin the other day, Mrs. Bumbley, that you'd want to borrow this book the first time you called."

"So glad to have met you, Mrs. Batterson—or is your name Bonser?"

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