

INHUMANITY OF THE LAW.

An Englishman Decried in Death by Harsh Legal Machinery.

I make no apology for giving prominence above events of so-called importance to a simple little story, which I have no doubt will arouse emotions in American hearts that it has failed to excite in this country.

Mr. Grainger had a large family and had been out of work for several months. Privation had undermined his health, and the household had become destitute. Then the law stepped in and summoned the unfortunate father before a magistrate for failing to send his children to school.

He pleaded that he was unable to clothe and feed them so that they could appear in public. The wise judge ordered the father to pay a fine of a few shillings. The unhappy man explained that he had not a penny. Outraged law committed him to the county jail for three days.

He was duly conveyed to prison at Durham, and when his term had expired was turned, penniless and infirm, into the bitter cold, driving storm. He tried to walk to his home, 14 miles away, managed to get half the distance and then crawled at night into an empty limekiln for shelter.

It there had been the slightest legal responsibility for his death on the part of any person or authority the jury would not have failed to express its condemnation, for English coroners' juries are always severe in dealing with any illegality.

The St. Louis Republic asks: "Is the homely little crooked letter 'J' really a mascot, or is it only a coincidence that it is to be found in the given or Christian names of so many millionaires?"

HOW WIRE IS MADE.

Its Manufacture a Very Interesting and Unique Mechanical Process.

The rod is received by the wire-drawer in the form of a coil, the rod being of varying section and the coil of a weight depending upon the purpose for which it is intended. One end of the rod is pointed and somewhat reduced by machinery. The coil is then given a bath in mild acid to remove all oxidation, afterward washed in limewater to give a drawing surface and is finally dried in a hot oven.

When we began to unpack that one, we concluded that it must contain our most fragile articles of vertu, for we first came across a layer of excelsior and soft paper a foot in thickness. Below this was another layer, equal in thickness, and when we had half unpacked the barrel and found nothing but excelsior and soft paper we knew not what to think.

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STORED AN EMPTY BARREL.

Nine Months In a Storage Warehouse and Three Cartons Filled on It.

"I got my furniture out of storage the other day," said a New Yorker, "and my wife and I thought we would unpack the china and bric-a-brac our father had bequeathed us."

"We were still more flabbergasted on finding no china on removing the packing. We of course concluded that our things had been stolen and reproached ourselves for our false economy in doing the original packing."

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THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.

Le Bon, the French Historian, Predicts an Oriental Asia.

The French historian Le Bon in a recent article predicts that Europe will become the seat for despotism and later for barbarism and incur the same fate as the Byzantine and the Persian empires.

According to Professor Le Bon's views, a general European war will be succeeded by terrible economic conditions. The orient is already commencing to be the producer for Europe in the position of the consumer, and Europe, in spite of its tariff protection, will find it impossible to check the flood.

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STOUT AND THIN PEOPLE.

Nature Regularly Fattens and Slims With an Iron Rule.

Fatness and slimness come by nature and are therefore often impossible of remedy, for it is of no use, and it is utterly futile, to fight against one's constitution. You can affect that constitution to a certain extent, but beyond that extent, which won't please either the too fat or the too thin folks, you can only do harm, defeat the very object you try for, and, worse than all, throw yourself into ill health.

So let us realize this big fact at once—that we have to face the question of our constitution first of all, and as sensible people to see and discover whether our fatness or our thinness is part and parcel of our natural build. Rest assured if we are fat by nature it is useless to attempt to diet or otherwise to reduce our bodies to slim proportions. Many a man and woman has paid the penalty of such rashness by inducing disease through their outrageous efforts to thwart nature.

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HER OTHER SIDE.

Extremely Radical Sentiments Charged to Betty Green.

She is a motherly soul, this Mrs. Betty Green. She has a good, kind heart, even if she is the richest woman in America.

She has a tendency to distrust people on first acquaintance, but when one gets to know her she is a chery creature, and her warm face brightens up her eyes glister, and she talks vivaciously. It stands to reason that if a man or woman comes of big bones, stoutly built stock, she may reasonably be expected to inherit the tendency to corpulence.

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THE CZAR'S GIFT.

A Pathetic Story of His Tender Regard For the Widows of the Empire.

A pathetic story comes from Russia about the last present received by the dowager empress from the late czar. Last summer the czar and empress visited a great ship in St. Petersburg in which they were to be seen by the banker was talking to the bachelor broker about his future state, so to speak.

Why don't you get married? he inquired. You've got money enough. I presume I have, but you know I take no stock in matrimony. Pshaw! That doesn't make any difference. I think it makes a great deal. Of course it doesn't, insisted the banker. Don't you very often make a mighty good thing by assuming the boots of a concern, you wouldn't take stock in under any circumstances?

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TELEGRAPHIC TYPewriter.

Novel Method of News Distribution Followed in Paris.

L'Agence Paris, the great distributor of news at Paris, has introduced recently a system of telegraphic typewriters which for rapid spreading of information must be a certain extent in vogue. The Parisian market is now what will be equipped with European machinery and facilitating its articles with the same facility as is now done in England.

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A NOTABLE KENTUCKIAN.

Extraordinary Obituary Tribute to the Late Alastair Martin of Lecky.

He died, at the home of his brother, near this place, on Jan. 16, Alastair Martin, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was born in Ohio. Came with his parents to Kentucky at an early age. He was well beloved by all who knew him. He was a model in the way of economy, industry and honesty. His voice will no more be heard by his many relatives whom he so much loved and so faithfully served during sickness. We will greatly miss him, but pray the Lord to reconcile us to this sad bereavement, knowing that our loss in his eternal gain. His funeral services were attended by the Rev. William Cook, and a sermon was preached from the book of God, after which a large concourse of people followed him to his last resting place until called forth on the resurrection morn. The following is a short sketch of his life:

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THE POOR PROVED.

A Novel Scheme to Provide Bread for the Poor Recently Successfully Tested in Flint, Mich.

A novel scheme to provide bread for the poor was recently successfully tested in Flint, Mich. There were 150 petitioners among the ladies of the city to see who could bake the best loaf, and contestant to make three loaves, the winner to receive a valuable prize and the bread to be given to the poorest of the mayor.

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