

THE WINDOW OF THE SOUL

And the eyes I see there, brown or blue... I have the soul which meets mine through the pane.

THE TRIPLE CALL DOWN

There were four of them, no great good natured, ever soled retainers of old wives' tales as well together in the smoking compartment of a sleeping car.

The original four turned toward him with a look of expectant triumph, ready to yell at the first sign of conviction.

"Beached them," went on the Irishman, "and they all ran up a tree. 'Come down,' said the farmer, but they wouldn't."

"Will ye come down for once?" asked the farmer. "We will not," answered the boys.

"Will ye come down for twice?" "We will not." "Will ye come down for three times?" "So they all came down."

And with that the big Irishman winked at the only other man in the compartment who was not of the story telling crowd.

Devils and leeches are among the dangers to which vessels are constantly exposed, the latter being perhaps the most formidable of the two, because these are more of them at certain seasons, and there is no telling when one of these monsters may leave in sight.

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TRAINED CATS

The Paris Showman in England Has Taught Them to Do. A showman in England, Clarky by name, has succeeded in training a large number of cats to perform remarkable tricks.

Mr. Clarky reports what is well known—that the cat is the most difficult of animals to train, to the performance of tricks. He has trained bears, lions, leopards, tigers and other wild animals and finds them teachable and submissive when compared with cats.

He calls the cat a "hopeless bundle of sensibilities." Strike her once, though only by accident, and she will never perform again. Kindness is not only polite, but absolutely necessary.

The difficulty in the cat's training does not lie in the animal's intelligence, but in her disposition. She is as clever in her tricks as she likes to do them, as a dog, but she does not wish to subordinate her will to that of any living creature.

The animals that walk over the chains of rats, mice and canaries without touching them are only six in number. Any of the others would help themselves to those appetizing creatures without compunctions.

The French officer sent the hair to a friend in Paris, telling him the circumstances and urging that, as the Prussians had defeated the French in the late war, they should not be permitted to defeat them in the claim to artistic supremacy.

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LOSS OF IDENTITY.

PEOPLE WHO MYSTERICIOUSLY DISAPPEAR OR LOSE THEMSELVES. Some of Them Walk Out of Home Circles and Are Never Heard of Again—Strange Cases of Mind One of the Causes—Strangeness of This Character.

In a community of 2,000,000 souls a man must be great indeed to command general notice. The young man who comes from the country, leaving behind him a happy, fire-side filled with loved ones and bringing with him only his fond mother's Bible and a few necessities, to try his luck in the city, comes unheralded, to be quickly swallowed up in a whirlpool of uninterested, selfish humanity.

There are thousands of dark corners in a great city, and in one of these may be found dead, with marks of violence upon him. The coroner's jury may find a verdict of "killed by some person unknown," and, unidentified, the poor boy finds final rest in the paper.

The scenes in the thoroughfares are kaleidoscopic, with instant changes. The stories of the disappearance and wanderings of the people are sometimes sad, but are frequently amusing.

Only yesterday I heard of a man who came from the city a year ago and found himself in Providence, so dazed that he lost his identity, and under the first name that came to his mind started a business which he continued with success there for six years.

At the end of that time, he went to Pawtucket on business and again lost his identity. Again he started a new business and made a success of it for three years.

At the end of that time she went out alone for a walk. She walked several miles up town, as nearly as she afterward remembered, and then turned to go home. But everything seemed strange to her and she could not decide what direction to take.

In this dilemma, as she afterward told me, she wanted to talk to somebody, just to hear her own voice, and she stopped the first policeman who came in view.

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OFFICIAL WHIPPING.

How Boy Convicts Are Punished by Whipping in England. Boys who are found guilty of minor offenses in England are sentenced by the judge to a month's imprisonment at the House of Correction.

The whipping is a very different instrument of torture from the cat. The former is made up of a number of long, thin, pointed strips of leather, which are twisted together to form a whip.

Some prisoners dread the duty of flogging, and after the first two strokes get sharp order to "hit the boy and not play with him."

Various modes of administering the punishment obtain in different parts of the country. In some places boys are placed face downward on a form. One constable holds his arms and head firm, while another does him the same service with his legs, and the third administers the punishment.

In other prisons the culprit is placed on a constable's back, and as he sits there with his arms around the officer's neck, awaiting "the event," his attitude strikes a spectator more as one of affection than of contempt.

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THINNING FRUIT.

How to Make a More Profitable Crop and Harvest the Fruit. The most essential thing after you have got your fruit started, says Mr. J. H. H., the Connecticut fruit grower, is a judicious thinning of it.

The thinning of apples should begin when they first begin to bear. A well thinned and well fed tree will begin to bear early. Only let it bear a little. Allow some of the strength to go into the development of the fruit buds for next year.

It is used growing that exhausts the vitality. There are no more seeds in a large fruit than in a small one, and a large one doesn't take any more vitality out of a tree.

Thin by hand. Put stepladders under the trees and put boys on them whose bump of destructiveness is large, and tell them to go ahead. We begin when the peaches are three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and take everything that is curiously strong and diseased.

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

How Recent and Rapid Developments Have Changed the Face of the Industry. Before a recent issue of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers Mr. R. Ward Leonard delivered an interesting address upon electrical engineering developments in Europe and America.

Mr. Leonard's address is placed before the fact, for in a number of the old world countries that considered from an engineering standpoint Mr. Leonard thinks the United States is losing the lead in this respect.

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