

Modern Society Slow to Forgive Criminal

Can a criminal come back to society?
No. In all my experience I have never known a case of a thoroughly successful comeback, when a former criminal was allowed to take his place in society and be received into it. It is not so much the failure of Christianity as the fact that human nature and society have not reached the stage of enlightenment or willingness to accept the ex-criminal. Human nature, and society, constituted as they are, are such as to prevent an absolute comeback, and this is more in evidence because of the fact that the modern teachers of Christianity have failed in their mission of forgiveness, and also because it is invariably found that those who profess deep faith and a Christ-like spirit are the first to shun and scorn the really conscientious unfortunate, or innocent victims of circumstances, who are genuinely desirous of completely blotting out their hideous past by sincere service in the cause of humanity at large.
But everything is not lost. Many prison workers and deep students of criminology feel that a spirit of understanding will sooner or later overcome these obstacles in the way of the ex-criminal.—Theodore Dreiser in the Smoker's Companion.

Impaired Vision No Handicap to Genius

Strangely enough one of the world's great astronomers had such poor sight that he could not more than see the stars. He was John Kepler, a German, whose fame sprang from the discovery of these three astronomical laws:
That all the planets travel around the sun in elliptical orbits, with the sun at one of the foci.
That the radius sector joining each planet with the sun traverses equal areas of the plane of orbit in equal periods of time.
That the square of the time of revolution of each planet around the sun is proportional to the cube of the mean distance from that luminary.
To overcome the handicap of impaired vision, he obtained the services of Tycho Brahe, who was not a great reasoner, but an admirable observer. It was upon his perfect observations that Kepler, a master generalizer, reached his conclusions. His three laws are included in his book, "The New Astronomy," published in 1609 at Prague. He died 19 years later.—Kansas City Times.

Talleyrand and Burr

After James Buchanan gave up his post as minister to Russia in 1833 he made a brief sojourn at Paris before returning to America. In the French capital he was introduced to the famous Prince Talleyrand, then in his eighty-fourth year. The aged diplomat, after asking a number of questions about America, inquired particularly about the family of Alexander Hamilton. He told Buchanan that when he was French minister for foreign affairs Aaron Burr came to Paris and sent his card to him. He returned the card with a message that he had the portrait of Hamilton in his parlor. It will be recalled that when Talleyrand was an exile from France he came to America where he met Hamilton. At that time he came to the conclusion that Hamilton was the greatest of all the Americans he had the pleasure of meeting.

Courtship of Spiders

In the behaviors of courting spiders recognition and stimulation come into play in various degrees. The males, as in most animals great and small, despite Bernard Shaw, begin the cycle of events by an active search for the females. They recognize her finally by sight or smell or by a combination of these senses. The female recognizes them apparently by sight or by some tactile message, and when recognition has taken place, restrains her customary swift ferocity. According to the more recent authors, the antics and ornamentation are not an appeal to the esthetic sense of the females and do not, therefore, come into the theory of sexual selection.

First Electric Lights

Soon after the first electric light system was built in New York city in 1882, the idea of lighting by electricity became so popular that the shares of the Thomas A. Edison company, whose par value was \$100, were quoted at \$3,500. However, the new enterprise required a great deal of money. The cost of sinking cables underground along the streets was one of the heavy expenses. In those days many people insisted upon pole lines even though they did destroy the beauty of a street. Mr. Edison's pet remark to them was: "Why don't you lift water and gas pipes up on stilts too?"

Albino Types

An albino is defined as a person having a congenital deficiency of pigments of the skin, hair and eyes. Albinos occur among all races of men; in extreme cases they have skin of a milky color, extremely light hair and eyes with a deep red pupil and pink or blue iris. The lack of dark pigment in the eyes admits light in excessive amount, and through other parts beside the pupil, and their vision is consequently poor, especially in strong light. There might be an albino type in any kind of an animal.

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BERNARD LEECH Bernard Leech, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Leech, of South Fork, died at his home of a complication of ailments Thursday morning. He is survived by his parents, four brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted at 9 o'clock Saturday morning at St. James' Church, with burial in the church cemetery.



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In addition to her parents she is survived by these sisters: Esther, Catherine, Magdalene, Norene and Marjorie, all at home.
Funeral services were conducted at St. James' Catholic Church, South Fork at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, when a mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Father Howard. Interment was in the church cemetery.

SAFE TOURING STEAMERS SAILING GREAT LAKES

The tourists steamers sailing on the Great Lakes are roomy, safe and speedy. Steamers Eastern States and Western States now making three round trips a week between Detroit and Chicago by the way of Mackinac Island and St. Ignace are running on the fastest schedule ever maintained on the long run around the lower peninsula of Michigan over Lake Michigan, according to E. H. McCracken, G. P. A., Detroit & Cleveland Navigation company.
In spite of the high speed maintained the schedule is so arranged that the most picturesque sections of the route like the Straits of Mackinac

St. Clair river the St. Clair flats and the Detroit river are sailed through during the daylight hours. The round trip including a three hour stopover at Mackinac Island on both the up-bound and downbound runs requires four day to complete and is one of the most popular of the short lake tours. Passenger wishing to extend the voyage can proceed from Detroit across Lake Erie to Buffalo, which is an overnight run, with the privilege of stopping over at Niagara Falls as long as the tourist desires. Steamers Greater Detroit and Greater Buffalo on the Lake Erie run are the largest sidewheel vessels afloat on the inland waters of the world.

The broad decks of the lake cruisers are turned into playgrounds for the tourists and there are facilities for all sorts of games in which young and old may participate even to a putting green for the golf enthusiast. Scattered about the main deck are little tables where bridge fans may indulge in their favorite diversion, and in the ballroom dancing in the afternoon and evening help to keep everybody in good humor. The hostess, whose duty it is to see that everybody has a good time, arranges entertainments in the ballroom in the evening and the program generally is made up of community singing with orchestra accompaniment, soloists and monologists. A surprising amount of talent is found among the passengers and these impromptu entertainments are generally one of the most pleasing features of the voyage.

Grasshoppers.
A species of grasshopper known to be capable of flying great distances is at times found far from land. The bureau of entomology recently received one of these insects which had been captured at sea, 12,000 miles from the African coast. The specimen was caught on the deck of a Norwegian vessel, and was one of a great swarm of the insects encountered in that region.
To Put in Her Coffee.
A physician in a Southern state received the following note: "My wife has lost her recompense for me. She are giving her distributions to another man. I want you to send me something to put in her coffee and make her malignify herself to me again, if you please." This is a clear case of putting up a hard job to the doctor.—New Orleans States.

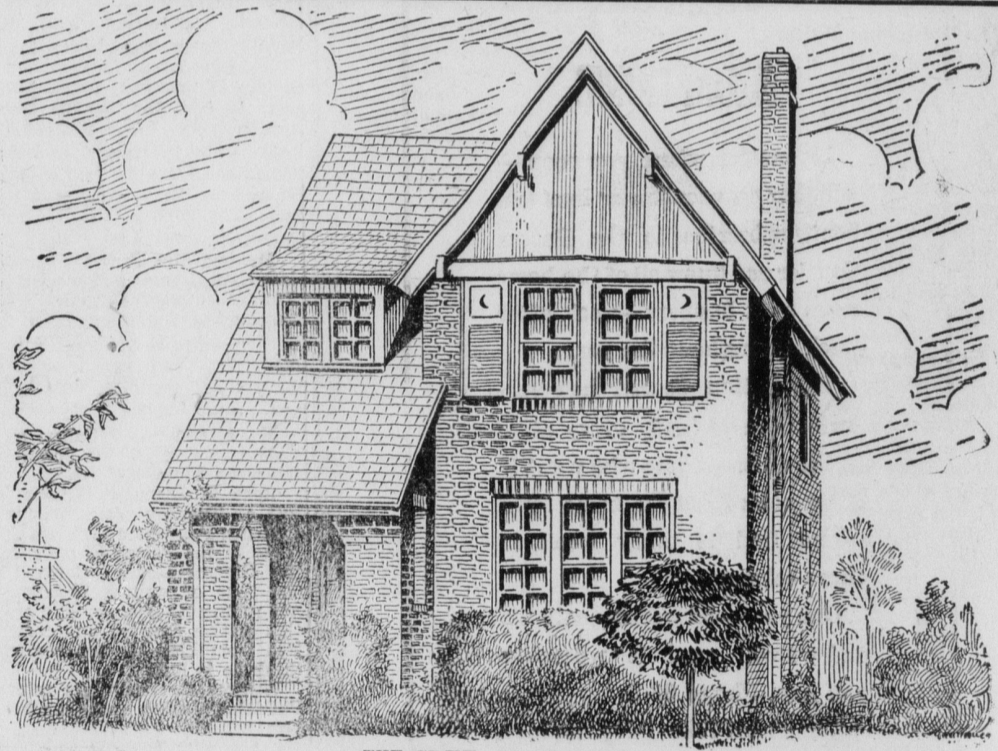
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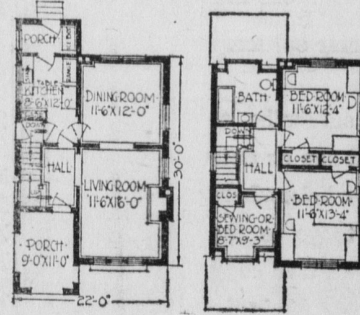
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ADAPTED from the English type of cottage this charming little home is especially suited to a narrow lot and is designed only for a small family. It is one of those rare exceptions in the very small class, a home that has distinct attractiveness, good architecture, and excellent interior arrangement, yet may be built at moderate cost. The walls are of common brick laid in running bond with a flush cut mortar joint, and the window sills of brick on edge. The roof is slate. Durability is coupled with fire safety, and its up-keep cost will always be low.

This cottage will fit especially well into a wooded surroundings, but that this is not at all essential to its attractiveness is shown by this illustration. Shrubbery is necessary, however, properly to dress it and show it at its best. In its interior arrangement it departs from the ordinary with very pleasing effect. From the snug living porch entrance is into a hall from which the stairs lead to the upper floor and entrance may be had directly into the kitchen. Living and dining room are made virtually one by the wide doorway connecting them. Both are exceptionally well lighted. The enclosed service porch off the kitchen is another convenience that will always be appreciated.

On the upper floor are two sleeping rooms of good size, both supplied with ample closets and lighted by windows on two sides. The bath is at the top of the stairway and at the other end of the hall is a small room which may either be used as a sewing room, a bed room or for a children's play room. For such a small home it is very complete and will be equally satisfying.

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