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INGENUITY OF CRIMINALS.

A Detective Cites Some Instances of Boldness and Cunning.

Whipped for "Shaking the Doll" - How London Babies Are Trained in Crime - Mystery of a Diamond Necklace - A Mid-Day Burglary.

It is not a good idea to shake the doll, as the London babies are trained in crime.

The mystery of a diamond necklace is solved by a mid-day burglary.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Albany, Feb. 11.—Gov. Morton has signed his intention of signing this week the bill for the preservation of the Palisades.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Perry Allen of this city, the private secretary of Justice Harlan, has been appointed assistant secretary to the Venezuelan commission.

New York, Feb. 10.—The official directory of the Catholic church in the United States which has just been issued, places the number of Catholics in the United States at 9,410,796.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The postoffice department has denied the privileges of the mails to C. O. Tice & Co., of St. Louis, Mo., and Washington, D. C., for violating the postal laws and regulations.

New York, Feb. 11.—W. H. Crain, representative in congress from the eleventh district of Texas, who died in Washington yesterday, graduated from St. Francis Xavier's college in this city in 1861.

London, Feb. 7.—The report that Great Britain had recognized the sovereignty of Brazil in the island of Trinidad, which the former recently occupied for a cable station, is semi-officially denied.

New York, Feb. 6.—Charles M. Sprague has been appointed receiver of the Reemier Manufacturing company on the application of Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer and E. J. Sprague. It was stated that the company is insolvent.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 10.—The jail officials of this town are positive that they have, as a member of the chain gang, the eccentric healer, Francis Schlatter. The mysterious prisoner was arrested at Red Lands Friday as a vagrant.

Newburyport, Mass., Feb. 10.—The British schooner Alliansa, of this port, for St. John, N. B., went ashore on Plum Island about 7 o'clock last night and is a total wreck. Three of the crew, including the captain, were drowned.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—Alfred E. Bull, captain of the University of Pennsylvania 'varsity eight, has resigned from the crew because the "Woodruff" stroke will be abandoned and a stroke taught by Coacher Ward substituted for it.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The secretary of the interior has decided upon May 1 next as the date of the opening for settlement of the agricultural lands of the Red Lake Indians in Minnesota, which embrace about 800,000 acres and will be sold at \$1.25 per acre.

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Peter Atkins, a blacksmith of this city, and a companion named Maud Kelly, were drowned in the Wallkill river, at Hopkins Bridge, four miles from this place, Saturday night, while attempting to ford the stream in a wagon. Both bodies were recovered.

New York, Feb. 10.—Joseph E. McMahon, the state democracy candidate for assemblyman in the Seventeenth district, has declared his intention if elected to turn over \$1,500, the amount of his salary, to the widow of the late assemblyman Patrick J. Kerrigan.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11.—Examination of oyster beds in this vicinity is being made to ascertain the extent of the damage caused by the storm of last week. An expert says that he does not believe the deep sea beds were much injured, but that great damage had been done to the shallow water beds.

Pretoria, Transvaal, Feb. 11.—President Kruger has informed Sir Hercules Robinson that he is willing to go to England in response to the invitation extended him by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain on condition that the subjects to be discussed by himself and Mr. Chamberlain shall be specified beforehand.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 10.—The management of the Bigelow company of Fair Haven is considering whether, on the ground of economy, it would not be advisable for that concern to move its big boiler and engineering works from this city to Bridgeport. These works employ over 200 hands.

Norwich, Conn., Feb. 10.—A telegram received here yesterday announced the death at the hotel Hamilton, Washington, D. C., of the Hon. Jeremiah Halsey, one of the most noted lawyers of the state. He was 74 years old. Mr. Halsey was a member of the general assembly from this town in 1853-55-59-60, city attorney for thirteen years and a trustee of the Norwich free academy, an L. L. D., of Trinity college, etc.

Glasgow, Feb. 6.—A speech was made here by Lord Dunraven last evening in which his lordship dealt wholly with political subjects, making not the slightest reference to the findings of the New York Yacht club committee in regard to his charges against the Defender or to the course which he intended to pursue in relation thereto. The rumor that Dunraven intends to make a further statement in support of his charges of fraud in the late international yacht races and then resign from membership in the New York Yacht club, thus ignoring the almost unanimous voice of the British press to apologize for his hasty conduct, cannot be traced to any authentic source.

Washington, Feb. 7.—When Dr. Talmage came to Washington as co-pastor of the First Presbyterian church it was with the understanding that he was to preach only Sunday evenings. The morning service was to be conducted by Rev. Dr. Sunderland and the Rev. Mr. Allen, the other pastors of the church. Mr. Allen has resigned his pastorate, and at the urgent request of Dr. Sunderland and the trustees of the church it is now announced that Dr. Talmage has reconsidered his determination, and in future will preach Sunday mornings and evenings. Dr. Sunderland is advanced in years and finds the burden of conducting the morning service too heavy for him.

A Difference. A man who does not grow old as fast as some of his friends is at a certain disadvantage in their presence. It is related of Emile Augier, a French author whose statue was recently dedicated in Paris, that on a public occasion an old, bent, broken man seized his hand and exclaimed: "Why, how are you, old fellow?" Augier, who showed very little of the effects of advancing years, seemed somewhat taken aback.

"Why, don't you know me, old boy? We were classmates!" Augier greeted him affectionately and then went on, remarking to other friends who were present: "Well, I knew that man was just my age, but I didn't dream I was his!"—Youth's Companion.

An Important Point. Mrs. Bifkins (reading)—The points of fire seal for are, first, the texture—Mr. Bifkins—Humph! Seems to me the first point is the price.—N. Y. Weekly.

Bashful Young Pastor (ponderously)—You know, man proposes; but—Miss Thirtysmith (eagerly)—This is so—so sudden!—but, yes, dear!—Puck.

GRAVEL CURED

(Philadelphia, Penn., Item.) A healthier, heartier, happier man than John J. Neill, of 2437 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, could not be found in a day's search. The fact that he is still alive is a constant wonder to his friends.

In the fall of 1889 he began to suffer indescribable misery from stone in the bladder. Consulting an eminent physician in Philadelphia, he was told that a surgical operation was necessary. So much did he dread the result, for if unsuccessful it meant death, that he put off the evil day as long as possible. While in this frame of mind, he heard of

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY

Although disheartened, on July 1, 1893, he bought a bottle of it, and within a month had experienced beneficial results, and before he had finished the third bottle, the gravel was completely dissolved and his sufferings at an end.

Mr. Neill feels that he owes a lasting debt of gratitude to Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and for disorders of the bladder and urinary organs, says "it will effect a cure if one be possible."

A favorite cure is prescribed with unflinching success for rheumatism, dyspepsia and nerve troubles in which it has cured many that were considered beyond the aid of medicine. All druggists, \$1.

LIVE QUESTIONS! "Proportional Representation" by William Dudley Foulke, of Richmond, Indiana.

Monday Next, - February 17.

To SIP a cup of coffee enriched by SEELEY'S KAFFEE will bother you. It's so good you'll drink it.

A SAVAGE AND MAGIC PICTURES.

Robert Louis Stevenson Tells of the Mystification of One of His Retainers. "But I have told you a great deal of much about poor Arick's savage nature, and now I must tell you of a great amusement he had the other day. There came an English ship-of-war into the harbor, and the officers good-naturedly gave an entertainment of songs and dances and a magic lantern, to which Arick and Austin were allowed to go. At the door of the hall there were crowds of black boys waiting and trying to peep in, as children at home lie about and peep under the tent of a circus; and you may be sure Arick was a very proud person when he passed them all by, and entered the hall with his ticket.

"I wish I knew what he thought of the whole performance; but a friend of the lean man, who sat just in front of Arick, tells me what seemed to startle him most. The first thing that went to the officers came out with blackened faces, like minstrels, and began to dance. Arick was sure that they were really black and his own people, and he was wonderfully surprised to see them dance in this new European style.

"But the great affair was the magic lantern. The hall was made quite dark, which was very little to Arick's taste. He sat there behind my eyes, nothing to be seen of him but eyes and teeth, and his heart was beating finely in his little scarred breast. And presently there came out on the white sheet that great bright eye of light that I am sure all of you children must have often seen. It was quite new to Arick; he had no idea what would happen next and in his fear and excitement he laid hold with his little slim fingers like a bird's claw on the neck of the friend in front of him. All through the rest of the show, as one picture followed another on the white sheet, he sat there grasping and clutching, and goodness knows whether he were more pleased or frightened.

"Doubtless it was a very fine thing to see all those bright pictures coming out and dying away again, one after another; but doubtless it was rather alarming also, for how was it done? At last, when there appeared upon the screen the head of a black woman (as it might be his own mother or sister), and this black woman of a sudden began to roll her eyes, the fear or the excitement, whichever it was, wrung out of him a loud, shuddering sob. I think we all ought to admire his courage when, after an evening spent in looking at such wonderful miracles, he and Austin set out alone through the forest to the lean man's house. It was late at night and pitch dark when some of the party overtook the little white boy and the big black boy, marching among the trees with their lantern. I have told you this wood has an ill name, and all the people of the island believe it to be full of evil spirits; it is a pretty dreadful place to walk in by the moving light of a lantern, with nothing about you but a curious whirl of shadows, and the black night above and beyond. But Arick kept his courage up, and I dare say, Austin's, too, with a perpetual chatter, so that the people coming after heard his voice long before they saw the shining of the lantern."—Robert Louis Stevenson, in St. Nicholas.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Middle Coal Field Pool District, for year ending December 31, 1895.

RECEIPTS FOR 1895. To bal from previous report \$1963 50

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DISBURSEMENTS. Auditing expenses 20 00 Conveying paupers 573 98 Conveying insane 206 50 Conveying prisoners 372 65 Dry goods and notions 315 91 Election expense 328 40 Farm 24 50 Implements 104 67 Freight and express 62 02 Fuel and light 114 15 Groceries and provisions 4535 96 House fixtures 82 60 House expenses 179 47 Children's Aid Society 259 12 Hospital expense 199 91 Interest on account 332 50 Total of steward's salary from 1894 461 30 To maintenance of new hospital 69 22 Interest and discount 500 00 Total purchase of new hospital 9610 32 Legal fees and expenses 201 06 Hospital expense 443 02 Maintenance of insane, Danville 4534 06 Maintenance of insane, Wernersville 687 64 Carbon tax commissions 3 45 Buckley almshouse 730 00 Office expense 9 90 Auditing and all burials 18405 80 Printing 535 95 Expn to building 827 17 Salaries and expenses 1449 40 Outdoor medical attendance 784 72 Fuel and light 250 00 Groceries and provisions 312 25 Expense to convention 115 10 Amount paid to Geo. T. Wells, steward 3775 00 53845 83

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GEORGE T. WELLS, Steward, Dr. To cash received from directors 5775 00 To potatoes sold 79 80 To coal sold 282 00 To merchandise sold 11 65 To fuel and light 250 00 To antiomatic board 12 00 To teaming 2 00 To David Wells 40 00 To coal sold 4 00 To bal of salary due him from directors 630 67 4654 17

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