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Another Instance of Meanness.

For some time past the Cross Creek Coal Company has missed no opportunity to let its employees feel its power, and many of the orders and edicts issued by this corporation recently should make those who profit by them feel ashamed of wealth gotten by such ignominious means. The acts of petty meanness which are visited upon the unfortunate who by force of circumstances must work for this firm are in many instances ridiculous exhibitions of tyranny, because they serve no good purpose, are often of a financial or other benefit to the company and simply salt the sores which the lash has previously made.

One of the latest of those mandates from the headquarters in Drifton was delivered verbally to numerous residents of Eckley last week, when notice was served upon several householders that hereafter they shall neither harbor nor board any able-bodied man who is not employed by the Cross Creek Coal Company.

At first thought it might be suspected that this order was issued to clear the village of idlers and non-workers. But this is not its object. In Eckley there are several young men who live with their parents and a number of foreigners who board with fellow-countrymen. They have obtained employment at collieries other than those operated by the Cox Company, the majority working at No. 5 Jeddoo, but for reasons which concern no one but themselves they prefer to remain residents of Eckley. It is the people who board these men who have notified.

From pure cussedness and to have revenge upon them because they dared to better themselves (we judge so inasmuch as no other motive can be imagined), the Cross Creek Coal Company's agents will drive these thirty or forty men out of the homes they occupy. The houses they live in are rented by people who work for the company, but the privilege of the renters to take in as guests or boarders whom they will disregard by the powers that rule at Drifton. Young men who were born in the town and have lived all their lives with their parents must now leave their homes and seek shelter elsewhere.

There can be no gain whatever to the corporation in carrying out this order. The rooms and beds occupied by the greater number of those affected will naturally remain vacant, for they who board them will not give the places of their sons to strangers whom the company may employ.

The order is a piece of petty spite work, too small and too mean to be fathered by a firm composed of such persons as are generally understood to compose the Cross Creek Coal Company, and, in justice to the reputation of the firm, it and other similar decrees lately originated and enforced by the small fry in charge of the Cox interests should be promptly repudiated by those who possess that power.

Why Did Graham Withdraw?

Two years ago, in August, 1896, the Tribune called attention to the remarkable absence of every newspaper published in Philadelphia on the disappearance and unknown whereabouts of District Attorney George S. Graham. His flight, or visit for the benefit of his health as he termed it upon his return, was surrounded with sensational street rumors of embezzlement of funds entrusted to his care as receiver of the Order of the Iron Hall. The Tribune was the first paper to make known the cause of his disappearance and the article was copied from one end of the state to the other, except in Philadelphia. Notwithstanding that no denial was ever made, many friends of the Tribune feared we had wrongly accused the papers and the official, but recent developments indirectly vindicate our statements of two years ago.

The district attorney early last week announced himself as a candidate for renomination. The announcement created a storm of indignation in Philadelphia such as has never before been equalled in politics. The bar, the judiciary, and the entire business community denounced his candidacy. Graham has powerful influence in Philadelphia, he is the favorite of every political ruler in the city and is backed by the corrupt machine which controls every public department, yet, with this unparalleled support behind him, he on Friday last withdrew his candidacy.

As before, not a newspaper in the city stated why the people rose en masse in indignation at his announcement, nor why he feared to test the voters' sense of honor at the polls.

THE CONVICT'S STORY.

Strange Connection of a White Cat With a Burglar's Life.

"It's no secret that I've been in the penitentiary," said the old man. "It was a white cat that took me there, and a white cat that saved me and made me a better man."

"One winter, a good many years ago, I was in Houston, sick and dead broke. An old pal of mine meeting me on the street took pity on me and soon helped me out of my troubles. But not for nothing. As soon as I recovered he wanted me to join him in some burglaries that he had planned. At first I refused indignantly, for I had some rough notions of honesty; but a little talking—he was a fine talker—and a few drinks did the work and I agreed to go in with him.

"Conscience makes cowards of us all, and I guess that was why Ed trembled like a leaf when he saw a white cat flash past us as we stood shivering in the garden of a house on Harris street that night. It was an easy matter to break in, and we soon had all there was worth taking. In a little room at the end of the hall a child was sleeping. The dim light of a lamp showed the pretty cot, the fair flushed face of a little girl, her golden hair streaming over the snowy pillow, and crouching by her side a white cat, whose pink eyes glittered like stars. We had to pass through this room, and I could not for the life of me help bending down and touching that beautiful hair with my lips—it looked so like the hair of my darling who died only the year before. It was her death that drove me to drink and trouble," and the old man wiped away a tear.

"Well, I don't know exactly how it happened, but the cat gave a terrific squall, and I had only just time to seize it and stuff it in my bag when a bullet came whistling by my head. I got out of the house somehow, still carrying my bag of plunder, and ran down the road, out of town, finally taking refuge in an old barn. I was badly wounded, and, to make a long story short, they arrested me and took me to jail. My partner was dead.

"They told me afterwards that in my delirium I cried continually for the white cat, and when they brought the animal into my cell—for they found it unhurt in my bag—I nursed it and was quiet. It was a strange fancy of a sick man, but it led me back to health. The story was told at the house which we had robbed, and the little girl and her father came to see me. He was a good man, and she was an angel—God bless her for her innocent prattle and sweet eyes of pity.

"The penitentiary was a rough place in those days, and I believe I would have died in a few months if the child had not sent me a tiny white kitten, which I was allowed to keep, and it saved me from despair and death. Every time I looked at it I thought of the little angel that gave it, and of that other little angel—my dead child—and made a new resolve to be a better man.

An Unfortunate Linguist.

John was an ambitious Chinaman. He had made money in Chinatown, San Francisco, but had devoted himself to business so thoroughly that he remained totally ignorant of English.

He came to New York determined to avoid his fellow-Chinamen, so that he might learn to speak English during his six months' stay in the metropolis. He took a room in an East Side house, paid promptly, made himself agreeable to his landlord, who allowed him to wait on customers in his little grocery store, and he never went near Pell or Mott street. After several months' residence in New York and many hours of study, the Chinaman ventured forth among his people, where he proceeded to give an exhibition of his proficiency in the English language. What he said sounded strange to the other Chinamen, and the ambitious one nearly swooned when he discovered that he had learned German by mistake.

His New York home was in the German part of the city where English is an unknown tongue, and the poor fellow had to begin his linguistic work over again.

Paper Floors in Germany.
Paper floors are enjoying a steadily increasing popularity in Germany, which is readily explained by the many advantages they possess over wooden flooring. An important advantage consists in the absence of joints, whereby accumulations of dust, vermin, and fungi, dangerous to health, are done away with. The new paper floors are bad conductors of heat and sound, and in spite of their hardness have a linoleum-like, soft feel to the foot. The costs are considerably lower than those of floors made of hard wood. The paper mass receives a small addition of cement as binder, and is shipped in bags, in powder form. The mass is stirred into a stiff paste, spread out on the floor, pressed down by means of rollers, and painted with oakwood, nutwood, or mahogany color, after drying.

Notable Centennials of the Year.
The following centennial celebrations will be held this year: The 400th anniversary of Vasco da Gama's discovery of the way to India by way of the Cape of Good Hope, at Lisbon, in May; the burning of Savonarola, at Florence, in May; the birth of Holbein, at Basle, in June; Montpelier will celebrate the 100th birthday of Auguste Comte; Ancona that of Leopoldi, and Paris that of Michelet, the historian.

DISPLAY OF FLOWERS.

BEST RECEPTACLES FOR MOST EFFORTIVE ARRANGEMENT.

Choice of Vases as Regards Shape and Color of First Importance—Slender Flowers Require High Receptacles and Short Stems Low Vases.

The choice of vases, as regards both shape and color, is of the first importance. Tall, slender flowers, such as daffodils and narcissi, should have holders, if possible, half as high again as their own length. Tulips and other flowers of the same type, on the contrary, require to rise from a low, broad base. It is a great assistance in arranging flowers which it is desired should stand upright by themselves like the last mentioned, to fill the receptacle loosely with wet moss, into which they may be stuck as seems requisite to the artist, besides which the flowers go twice as far if assisted in this way.

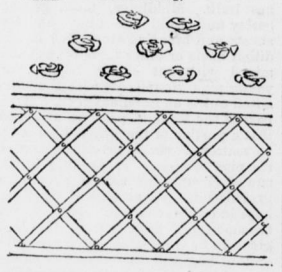
A branch of pink almond blossom blackthorn or wild cherry, allowed to stick carelessly, or apparently carelessly, in all its lovely natural spikiness out of a big, fat, blue pot, will at once bring a bit of living spring into the room, but the same flowers, when broken up into uninteresting small sticks and placed in slender receptacles, at once lose all character and become unimportant and meaningless.

In the case of violets and snowdrops and such other frail beauties a low bowl, not more than three inches in height, is the most satisfactory arrangement. Here, again, the use of moss is invaluable. There are at present on the market some inexpensive, modern, shallow Delft bowls, which seem made for the accommodation of violets, hyacinths and other wofully short-stemmed blossoms.

Roses must be treated according to their variety. Some spirited, stiff-necked kinds consent to lend themselves to lofty designs, while tea roses and others of a more yielding, drooping disposition yearn for bowls and the support of one another's company, and even so it is necessary to place a wire support in the bowl to keep them from slipping. Can anything be lovelier than old-fashioned silver bowls filled with mixed roses?

Useful Love Letters.
There is a very amiable lady who uses her love letters to score off her husband when opportunity occurs. It is her custom when her husband says anything disparaging to her to fetch out one of these relics of courtship days and reel off the glowing tribute to her virtues which is therein contained. These letters originally numbered somewhere about 200, but owing to sundry successful raids which the poor persecuted husband has made upon them, the number has been considerably reduced. When he penned the tender missives little did he imagine what instruments of torture they would in later years become.

Wainscoting.



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To Manicure the Nails.

To manicure the nails thoroughly hold the tips of the fingers in a bowl of hot soap suds for a few minutes. Then, with an orange stick (never a steel instrument), push back the cuticle, which must not under any circumstances be cut. Trim and file the nails to shape them, and the shape must be a delicate oval, not a point. If a high polish is desired, put the pink salve on first, then powder and polish; add more salve and powder, polish again and wash the hands. After they are dry rub the nails with a polisher that has not been in powder, and, as Byron says, they will look like "the petals of a pink rose."

How to Remove Freckles.

Very delicate skin freckles easily. A few of these "kisses of the sun god" are supposed to accentuate the whiteness of a pretty complexion, but too many are most harassing to the soul of woman. If a mask of thin muslin, dipped in buttermilk frequently, is worn for a day immediately after the freckles make their appearance, all trace of them will vanish. Holes for the mouth and eyes must be cut in the mask. A wet day might be chosen for the cure, during which the fair patient would undergo the fashionable rest cure, "a day in bed."

For That Tired Feeling.

Ardent lady cyclists may be pleased to know that when they return stiff and tired from a long country ride they will derive great benefit and relief from taking a warm bath into which has been poured a good teacupful of white vinegar. Ammonia used liberally in the same way also has excellent results.

To Make the Skin Dry.

For an oily skin, a most unattractive possession in woman, put a little borax in the water and use at night a mixture of rose water and simple tincture of benzoin. The face may be washed in warm water.

TROUBLESOME AGUINALDO.

Hong Kong Correspondents Think It Was Unwise to Take Him Back to Cavite.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—The reports of Manila correspondents sent to the Hong Kong papers, which arrived to-day by the steamer from China, show that the attitude of Aguinaldo has created great uneasiness on the part of American and English observers. The correspondent of the Hong Kong China Mail, after speaking of the great skill shown by Aguinaldo in avoiding friction with Gen. Anderson, says:

"There can be only one construction placed on the latest developments of the navy policy. Aguinaldo and his supporters evidently imagine that the United States will withdraw her troops as soon as Spain is conquered, leaving the revolutionary troops in possession. Yet all observers admit that there can be no dual control. As time goes on it becomes more clearly evident that the United States officials who were responsible for taking the insurgent leaders to Cavite may have made a grievous mistake.

\$5,500 for His Injuries.
New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 15.—Justice Van Syckel, of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, decided yesterday that James Corkery, for many years superintendent of schools at South Amboy, is entitled to \$5,500 for injuries received while attempting to board a train of the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Toms River on December 18. He contended that he stepped on the train while it was standing still and that it started before he could get up the steps. The railroad company declared that he tried to board the train while it was moving. His injuries have unfitted him for teaching.

Russian Prize of Our Navy.

Washington, Sept. 15.—In an official report presented to his government on the operations of American fleets during the war, Prince Lieven, a captain in the Russian Navy, writes most enthusiastically of the conduct of both officers and men and of the marvelous discipline that was enforced, which enabled the ships to be so magnificently fought when the opportunity arose for a clash with those of Spain. The prince early in the war applied for permission to accompany the fleet under Admiral Sampson, and was present with it throughout the greater part of the war.

Body of Burgogne Victim Found.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The State Department has received a letter from Consul-General Osborn, at London, reporting that he has been informed by the Receiver of Wrecks that the body of Alfred R. Jacob, an American citizen, one of the victims of the wreck of La Bourgogne, was picked up by the British steamer Londonian. The receiver said he held certain property found on the body and desired an inquiry to be made to ascertain if there are any legal heirs of Mr. Jacob living in the United States.

Letter's Father Has Paid All.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Joseph Leiter has cleared up his famous wheat deal. Every creditor has been paid, obligations to banks whose assistance was enlisted have been cancelled, and 14,000,000 bushels of wheat have been liquidated since the announcement of the voluntary assignment, nearly three months ago.

This Has Been Done Only by Great Sacrifice.

Including the giving of mortgages on property belonging to the Leiter estate aggregating nearly \$5,500,000 in value.

Fine Season for Hops in Washington.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—The hop picking season in the Puyallup and Yakima valleys is on, and pickers are gathering from all portions of the State and British Columbia. The crop being in the past six years is also the sides being the largest raised in Washington, and very superior. The yield is from 15,000 to 2,000 pounds per acre, and dealers are generally engaging the crop for 10 cents. It will require 4,000 pickers for a month to gather the crop.

The Nicaragua Canal.

City of Mexico, Sept. 15.—The Mexican Government has been officially notified that the Diet of the Greater Republic of Central America has asked the Government of Nicaragua for all the documents in the archives relating to the construction of an interoceanic canal across Nicaragua "for the purpose of investigating the reasons why the United States of North America appear to be decided to construct the canal."

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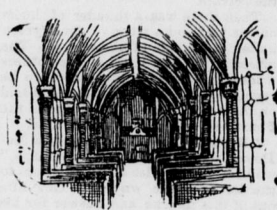
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AN ELECTRIC CHAPEL.

A VILLAGE CHAPEL LIGHTED WHOLLY BY VACUUM TUBES.

It Was the Star Exhibit at the Recent Electrical Exposition in New York City—The Beauty and Purity of the Light and Perfect Lighting System.

One of the most attractive exhibits at the recent New York electrical exhibition was a chapel lighted entirely by the vacuum tube invented by D. McFarlan Moore. The visitor was introduced into a passageway leading to the chapel, along which Mr. Moore sought to give the pilgrim a five-minute practical course in the applications of electricity. Emerging from a bend in the passage the front of the chapel suddenly loomed up a perfect reproduction of a stone village church, steeply clock and all. Within was seen the vaulted roof ribbed with veritable arches of light consisting of long curved tubes of glass about two inches in diameter and glowing their entire length with a pure white light. The harmony of the surroundings was everywhere observed. The car was



THE LIGHTED CHAPEL.

gratified with melodious strains from a magnificent pipe organ, which filled the far end of the chapel behind the altar fully equipped, even to the lectern. The tube arches sprang from pilasters, each capped with a highly polished, specially designed brass fixture. They took the form of a crown, while at the apex of the chapel ceiling, where the tube arches met, they were joined by a highly decorated brass cylinder bent at its center. These were the first vacuum tube lighting fixtures ever designed, and are a striking example of the manner in which Mr. Moore has worked out the thousand and one details of his lighting system. In this connection it should be mentioned that the chapel was wired completely with iron armored conduits. Over the rear door in colored vacuum tubes was the inscription: "Let There Be Light." The photograph which served as the original for the accompanying illustration was taken entirely by the light from the vacuum tubes.

The Very Oddest Hobby.

Probably the strangest hobby in the world is that of Henry Woolridge of Mayfield, Ky., who devotes all his money and time to developing his plot in the local cemetery in a way which is as grotesque as it is, happily, original. His first modest and laudable effort was to erect a plain monument to mark the family resting place. Not satisfied with this, however, he added to it a white marble shaft bearing on its face a relief presentation of himself on horseback.

Having thus struck the personal note, "Uncle Henry," as he is familiarly called, had a life-sized statue of himself erected at a cost of \$1,000. He then introduced statues of his mother and eldest brother, to be followed shortly by similar statues in Indiana limestone of a favorite niece and of a young girl who had brought him flowers during an illness.

His next ambition was to see himself on horseback, and the family gathering was augmented by a life-sized statue of "Uncle Henry" on his favorite horse. Then followed prearrangements in stone of his favorite deerhound, "Tow Head," chasing a deer; another of a fox pursued by his foxhound, "Bob," and a marble sarcophagus with a carved representation of his favorite gun.

The latest additions have been statues of three of his brothers in the stiffest poses and the most prosaic of dress. As "Uncle Henry," although 75 years old, is still hale and more enthusiastic than ever, it is certain that this strange mania will receive many more additions before he sleeps in the oddest environment, with which eccentricity ever surrounded a dead man.

Where Wives Are in Demand.

Wives are wanted in Rhodesia. The British South Africa Company is anxious for active colonization. For many years the Chartered Company has discouraged marriage among the mounted police, civil servants and other employes, a measure for which Cecil Rhodes, whose misogynist views are well known, has been held responsible. But this policy has been entirely reversed, and an edict has gone forth among the Chartered Company's officials promising that preference in promotion will be given to married men, and advising all who can do so to enter forthwith into the bonds of matrimony.

Wonder of a Volcanic Isle.

One of the greatest wonders of Java "the fire island," a large lake of boiling mud, is situated almost in the plains of Groboga, some distance to the northeast of Solo. It is nearly two miles in circumference, and in the center immense columns of soft, hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling, like great black timbers thrust forth and then suddenly withdrawn by a giant's hand. Besides the phenomena of the columns, there are two gigantic bubbles near the western edge which fill up like huge balloons and explode on an average three times per minute.

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