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ARMS OF CRIMINALS SHORT.

French Investigator Finds Just the Contrary of Popular Belief.

A French scientist, Dr. Perrier, has been investigating the question whether criminals have longer arms than the more law-abiding members of the general population. He has found, to his surprise, that the opposite is the case. In length of arm the negro and anthropoid ape types. The results obtained are interesting, because they indicate that the opposite to what might have been expected. Dr. Perrier premises that in Europe a normally proportioned man can stretch with arms extended about two and one-half inches more than his height.

Out of 255 prisoners at the Mines Prison who were examined, he found 11 per cent. could not stretch their arms beyond their height. In other words, their arms were also slightly shorter than the normal. Distinguishing next between the different classes of criminals, the results are noted. For instance, vagrants who were put to the test were found to have very short arms. Murderers had arms of slightly short or normal length. Those convicted of theft and "moral" crimes approached more nearly to the normal standard, while robbers, on the contrary, were mostly remarkable for very short arms.

Other results obtained are equally entertaining, especially the fact which the learned investigator has discovered, that married criminals have more normal proportions than the single rogues. It suggests possibly that the single man is a born criminal, while the married man has been forced into crime through circumstances, of which his marriage may be one.—London Globe.

To Make a Sleeping Bag.

Take a 7 foot square of light canvas, a 6 foot 6 inches square of heavy mackinaw, and turn in edge of canvas all around about an inch and fasten it with waterproof cement. About a foot from the edges, sides and bottom, fasten some large buttons opposite each other on both sides of canvas, sewing them on with same thread; this to prevent their tearing out. Arrange them about 4 inches apart. Next arrange a series of buttonholes to come opposite the buttons, and at about 2 inches from edge of opposite side of canvas. Make the mackinaw the same way but without the over-lap, and the buttons and holes can be spaced further apart. If desired the top can be arranged the same way as the sides and bottom. Place these one inside the other and your sleeping bag is complete, is better and costs far less than those usually sold, and has the advantage of being easily opened up for ventilation. The reason for overlapping is to exclude draughts, rain or snow.—F. E. Richmond.

350 Years of Labor.

A shingle firm of cutlery manufacturers at Sheffield, England, has in its employ six workmen who have been with the firm continuously for a total of 350 years. This means an average of almost sixty years of continuous work for each employe.

Two of these men are 76, two are 75, one is 74 and one 73. A picture of the group published in the Iron Age shows a sturdy looking set of men. That they must be, as they are still at work. Three of them are cutlers and three grinders.

The same firm has people of three generations at the bench in its employ—from grandfathers to their grandchildren. These workers began as children, according to custom, and have been continuously with the house ever since as piece workers.

Fool's Gold.

Pyrite, or sulphide of iron, occurs quite freely in the iron measures and granite gash veins in upper Michigan. It has a brassy color and is known as "fool's gold" by reason of its similarity to the yellow metal in the opinion of the inexperienced. The miners call it "mimic" and a few people appreciate the great value of this mineral. Its principal use is in making sulphuric acid, and in that form it is consumed in very large quantities, much of it entering into the refining of kerosene oil as well as being used extensively in the manufacture of artificial fertilizers.—Mining World.

Bird Songs.

Bird-song is discussed by Dr. B. Hoffmann in a new work with the formidable German title of "Kunst und Vogelgesang in ihren wechselseitigen Beziehungen von naturwissenschaftlich-musikalischem Standpunkte beleuchtet." While the author shows that the great majority of singing birds do not use the intervals of our musical scale, he claims that a few occasionally do so. Dr. Hoffmann finds rhythm in the song of the quail, great tit, wood-pigeon and song-thrush.

Many Women Are Illiterate.

There are said to be between 70 and 80 per cent. of illiterate women in the provinces in Italy south of Rome. Above this line many intelligent women are engaged in professional work and are highly educated. The feminist movement in Italy is going very slowly owing to this fact, but a royal commission has recently been engaged in studying it, and there is hope for the future in the minds of those interested.

In Chicago, of Course.

A mother hid her \$1,500 worth of jewels in her little daughter's slipper, forgot all about it and the next day threw the slipper into the garbage can. Of course, it happened in Chicago, says the New York Herald. Where else would a child's slipper hold all those gems?

Peter Thom's Thistle.

Peter Thom of Harro has a Scotch thistle in his garden which has reached over eight feet in height. The seed from which the thistle was grown was obtained from thistles growing on the valley of Robert Burns.—Deerfield Valley Times.

Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

FADS OF LONDON.

Women Who Smoke the Vile Weed. Dainty woman must have her fads in smoking as in all other things, for many women in these modern times smoke.

In London, perhaps more than elsewhere, may be seen evidences of the habit. So strong is the liking for the weed among the gentler sex that English jewelers and tobacconists employ great ingenuity in the



matter of getting up odd conceits in smoking paraphernalia.

Nor are our own shops behind the times. In the larger American cities madame or miss will find that she may make her selection of cigarette cases and holders from a large and artistic assortment.

Naturally, women run to the fastidious in smoking articles as well as others. Most of the objects displayed for her choice are of gold with rich designs working upon them, and a great number are set with beautiful and costly stones. Some of them cost a pretty round sum. But then, "hubbly" pays the bill; so why bother about that?

Woman is very particular in the choice of her cigarette case. Of course, it must be small in size and so made as to conceal its real purpose. For must she not carry it round with her in public, and would it not be perfectly shocking for every one to know her as a victim of the habit?

A very novel and dainty case measures about 2 1/2 inches, and is made in the chateaufort style, with a chain and finger ring attachment. It is not a half inch thick. It really consists of two cases, one inside of the other.

When the fair smoker feels the need of quieting her nerves, she pulls the inner case out and displays ten dainty little cigarettes held in place by a spring.

Gold-tipped cigarettes seem to be the most popular. Particular women have them made by special order, with their monogram or coat-of-arms stamped in gold. One woman orders about 2,000 every month or so, to be consumed when her friends drop in to tea of an afternoon.

A few women are satisfied with nothing but a real man's smoke, which, of course, must be carried in the bulky man's case. This, however, may easily be concealed in the hand-bag.

IF YOU WOULD ACQUIRE POISE.

Keep your hands away from the head and face.
Do not slip your rings up and down.
Do not pick up articles over the room and put them down again as you talk.

If you carry a fan do not open and shut it at all times or tap your face or the furniture with it.

Learn to drop the hands in the lap, on the arms of the chair, or at your side, and do not move them unless it is necessary.

Constant gesturing is foolish. Don't think it is expressive to talk with the hands unless you thoroughly understand the art. A few gestures gracefully and timely made are eloquent. Fidgeting with the hands is stupid.

Provide for Rail Expansion.

In every mile of railway there is seven feet four inches not covered by the rails—the space left for expansion.

He who hunts for flowers will find sowers, and he who loves weeds may find weeds.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Uncultivated Land in Japan.

Three-fourths of the area of Japan is mountainous, and less than sixteen per cent. is under cultivation.

To Clean Furnitures.

Take tepid water and castile soap, wash furniture and rinse well; then rub a piece of old silk and rub until shining. You can make it look like new.

Everybody Wants to Get Away.

The one desire of the entire population of the colony of St. Vincent is to get away from their island home as quickly as possible. Men and women make the question of emigration a hobby, and who can blame them? What future have they in St. Vincent?—Kingston (St. Vincent) Times.

Modus Vivendi.

The term Modus Vivendi is a mutual arrangement whereby persons act at the time being on friendly terms and be induced to live together in harmony. The term may be applied to individuals, to societies or to peoples. It signifies literally a manner of living.

Two Bachelor Girls

They were great friends, and each had vowed solemnly to the other that they would never surrender their liberty to a man. "We will live together in a nice little suite of rooms," they said. "Why should we need a man to make our lives complete?" "Shall you be called 'old Maids'?" a friend asked them. They indignantly replied: "Why, no, we will be bachelorette girls."

So they both entered college with the intention of teaching school some day. They never tired of their favorite subject of conversation, and many were the plans and projects they discussed. In imagination the four dainty rooms they were to occupy together in the future were furnished over and over again, and their spare moments were spent in working on sofa cushions and other pretty trifles dear to a woman's heart.

The summer came and the girls were to part for three months, and with their arms about each other they rejoiced that in one short year they would be free to begin a life together. "Now don't you go and get engaged," said Isabelle as they bade each other good-by, and she both laughed and as if it were a huge joke.

Isabelle went to Bar Harbor with her mother, and Catherine spent her vacation in a little village in Vermont. For awhile the girls wrote frequently and fully to each other, but soon Catherine noticed her friend's letters were short and unsatisfactory. "I suppose Isabelle is in the whirl of society. As she doesn't write to me about how the sport her time I shall not tell her of anything that I am doing," sighed Catherine, as though to excuse herself for her hastily written notes.

The summer wore itself away and autumn came, and the girls returned to college and greeted each other warmly but with constraint. "Why Catherine, how well you look! Do you have a good time?" inquired Isabelle. "I enjoyed myself very much, was the answer, in rather a weak voice. "And you, dear?" Isabelle with a rosy face and downcast eye assured her friend that her summer had been a very pleasant one.

No further allusion to the past or to the life of the future was made either, and they soon settled down into the monotonous round of school duties. Although roommates, and if they avoided each other to such a degree that it was remarked by the other students, and many were the lectures put forth on the subject.

"She knows it! Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" thought Catherine. "She ignores me more and more each day." "I will have to tell her," sighed Isabelle. "What will she think of me?"

One evening in October the two girls, separated by the entire length of the room, were preparing their lessons for the following day. Catherine would steal a furtive glance from her book to Isabelle's face only to find Isabelle gazing fixedly at her. They would both glance quickly down with heightened color and rapid beating hearts.

The little Dresden clock on the mantel chimed the half-hour after 1 and Isabelle closed the book she has been holding upside down and with firm resolve to do or die, flung herself on the couch and buried her pretty head in the dainty cushions. Catherine, hurriedly thrusting a much worn letter into her pocket, earnestly besought the weeping girl to tell her the cause of this sudden outburst.

Thus urged, Isabelle began in pleading tones: "Can you ever forgive me? I have broken my vow to you—all those lovely things we made—oh, dear; you needn't blush to pillow. I wish I had stayed at home but then I wouldn't have—"

"Tell me all about it, dear," Catherine begged, as she softly patted Isabelle's hand.

"Well, while at the shore this summer I met a young man—a lawyer—he is just lovely, so—I liked him very much. At first, Cathy, I only considered him as a brother, I recall did, and I have broken my vow to you. Oh, dear! He is so kind a good that I don't believe you could have helped liking him if you knew him as well as I do. "Thyrs" and a saying she hid her face in the cushions again, not seeing Catherine's joyful countenance.

"Look up, Isabelle! Don't cry. I have a confession to make also. I met a college professor last July whom I thought I regarded only as a friend but when he told me how much he loved me I had to confess that I returned his affections."

Isabelle had been listening with an expression of amazement, and now she threw her arms impetuously around Catherine's neck, exclaiming: "It is simply charming! How happy I am! I wish you could see Dick. He is just lovely, and—"

"Not any nicer than Lawrence," said Catherine, with a little show of spirit, and then they embraced each other again in true school girl fashion, and will leave their respective lovers and discussing the disposal of the many pretty articles they had made for the adornment of their suits.—LOUISE HAWKINS.

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