

A Sensation at Sunbury.

Considerable excitement prevailed at Sunbury a few days ago in consequence of the discovery that a prisoner named Peter McGuire had escaped from his cell and Rufus Dawess, another prisoner, had made an attempt to escape. The men stripped themselves naked and soaped their bodies well, and then one forced himself through the narrow iron spaces used to admit the light into their apartment. The attempt was made between 11 o'clock on Wednesday night and 1 o'clock on Thursday morning. McGuire, being the larger man, soaped his body thoroughly and made the attempt first, as they supposed that if the larger man could get through, the other, as a matter of course, would have no difficulty in following him. Pushing his body through the aperture, which is about four inches in width and about eighteen inches in length, same as the iron casings of the skylights in the cells of the Dauphin county prison, he made the effort and got through, letting himself down a distance of twelve feet into the jail yard by means of a blanket. Dawess made the attempt, but proving to have larger hips did not get more than half through before he was completely jammed in, and could neither get backward nor forward. McGuire took the end of the blanket and gave two or three strong pulls, but this course appears to have made the matter only worse, wedging Dawess still firmer between the unyielding surface of the iron casing. In this terrible predicament Dawess remained for several hours until another prisoner heard his groans and acquainted Mr. Peeler, the turnkey, of the fact. The latter immediately procured assistance, and after using plenty of soap, attempted to remove the unfortunate prisoner, first by filing off some of the surface of the flange or outer edge, but making no progress and fearing the man would die if not speedily relieved, he sent for a blacksmith. Dawess was released after having been in the window 7 hours, and his body was much swollen.—Dawess, after having been properly attended to, revived sufficiently to tell the following story:

McGuire waited outside the cell in the prison yard for two hours; tugged at the blanket hard several times, but finding it only tortured his comrade he desisted. He went into the engine house in quest of tools, thinking he could enlarge the aperture and release his companion, but failed to find anything to work with; that he hesitated about going over the jail wall and leaving his friend behind him in such a miserable plight; but finally with the aid of a washline and a hook got on the top of the wall. From this point he gained the outside of the wall, by means of the same rope and hook and made his escape before being discovered. He was captured shortly afterwards in an adjoining county.

Whipping the Wrong Boy.

While whipping a boy at school, the master found him laughing heartily, and the harder he whipped the louder the boy laughed. Stopping, he angrily asked, "What are you laughing at?" "Sir," said the youth, who could hardly suppress his laughter, "you are whipping the wrong boy." So physicians, when depending upon a limited experience in determining the nature of some delicate affection, often treat the wrong disease. Many times women call upon their family physicians, one with dyspepsia, another with palpitation another with trouble of the breast, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present alike to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent doctor, separate and distinct diseases, for which he prescribes his pills and potions, assuming them to be such, when, in reality, they are symptoms caused by some uterine disorder. While the physician is ignorant of the cause of suffering, he encourages his practice until large bills are made, when the suffering patient is no better, but probably worse for the delay, treatment, and various complications made. A proper medicine directed to the cause would perhaps have entirely removed the disease, thereby instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery.

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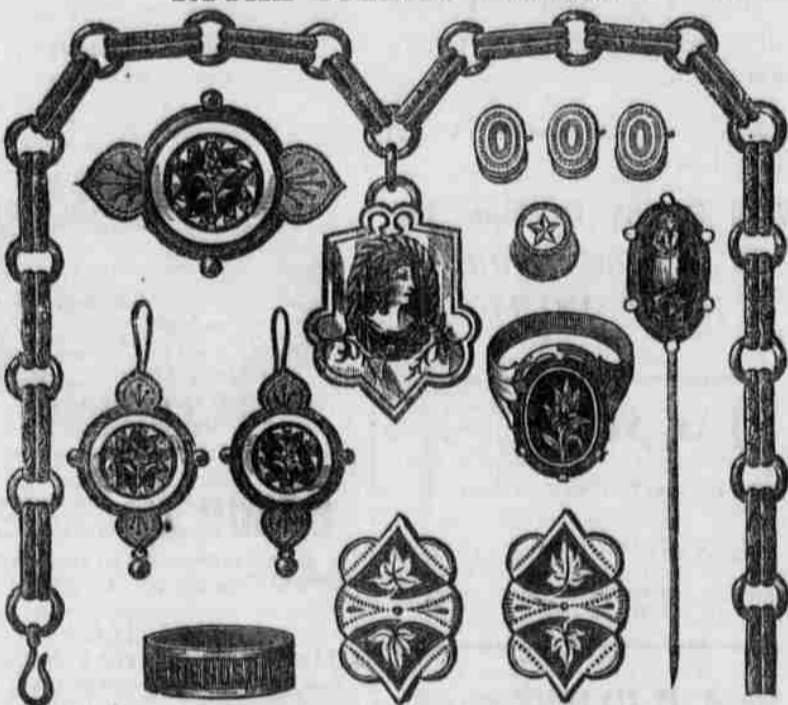
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