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FEMALE CONVICTS.

HUSBANDS ARE GIVEN THEM FROM AMONG NEW CALEDONIA CONVICTS.

Boston Courier.

French female prisoners and convicts are treated with more kindness on the whole than persons of their class in England. Their matrons and wardresses are Augustine nuns, whose rule, though firm, is gentler, more merciful and more steadfastly equitable than that of laywomen could be. The female convicts are allowed the same privilege as the men in the matter of earning money and buying things at the canteen; those of them who are young also enjoy a privilege not granted to female convicts in other countries—that of having husbands provided for them by the State—only these husbands must be convicts.

Every six months a notice is circulated in the female penitentiaries calling upon all women who feel minded to go out to New Caledonia and be married to make an application to that effect through the Governor. Elderly women are always very prompt in making such applications, but they are not entertained. The matrimonial candidates must be young and exempt from physical infirmities. Girls under long sentences readily catch at this method of escaping from the intolerable tedium of prison life, and the pretty ones are certain to be put on the Governor's list, no matter how frightful may be the crime for which they have been sentenced.

The only moral qualification requisite is to have passed at least two years in the penitentiary. The selected candidates have to sign engagements promising to marry convicts and to settle in New Caledonia for the remainder of their lives. On these conditions the Government transports them, gives them a decent outfit and a ticket of leave when they land at Noumes. Their marriages are arranged for them by the Governor of the colony, who has a selection of well-behaved convicts for them to choose from; and each girl may consult her own fancy within certain limits, for the proportion of marriageable men to women is about three to one.

Of course, if the girl positively declares that none of the aspirant bridegrooms submitted to her inspection has met with her approval, the Governor can only shrug his shoulders in the usual French way. It has happened more than once that pretty girls have been wooed by warders, free settlers or time expired soldiers, instead of by convicts. In such cases the Governor can assent to a marriage only on condition that the female convict's free lover shall place himself in the position of a ticket of leave man and undertake never to leave the colony. Love works wonders, and there is no instance on record of a man having refused to comply with these conditions when once he had fallen in love.

A MOTHER AT 70 YEARS.

Morganton Herald.

D. E. S. Warlick reports a case of child birth in the South Mountain section of this county, which is the most remarkable on record, if we except the scriptural story of Sarah. Mrs. Wm E. Smith, of Upper Fork township, on Thursday, February 25th, gave birth to a child, a circumstance which would have created very little comment in the South Mountains had it not been that the day on which the child was born happened to be Mrs. Smith's seventieth birthday. The child was alive and well formed, and the physicians all say this beats the record. Dr. Warlick will get up all the facts connected with the remarkable case and will furnish them to the Medical Journal. The statement made by Dr. Warlick is authentic.

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QUITMAN.

HOW QUITMAN GOT ITS NAME—A SUNDAY SCHOOL BOY TOLD THE STORY.

Savannah News.

Several commercial tourists and other guests were seated on the wide, canny southern verandah of the Leon Hotel yesterday. They were smoking and spinning yarns, as is usual in such gatherings. A broad-shouldered, white-haired gentleman, with a jolly face, bit off the end of a fresh cigar, and tipped back in his chair.

"Boys," he said, "I can tell you a little story, and it is a true one. Several years ago, in a sparsely-settled portion of the great State of Georgia, there was a little settlement of thrifty farmers. One bright spring afternoon, near the edge of the primeval forest hard by, upon an immense pine log, was seated a buxom country lassie, with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes. She was busily engaged arranging a bouquet of wild flowers.

"Now, it so happened that a young artist from Boston was down in the neck of the woods making sketches. When he saw the pretty country maiden seated upon the log he felt that if he could get that picture upon canvas his name as an artist would become famous. A twig snapped beneath his foot. She turned, saw him, and sprang to her feet as if to run. He advanced rapidly towards her, hat in hand, and introduced himself. They sat down together side by side on the log. Soon his arm stole around her waist. 'Quit, man!' she said; but, as she did not draw away, he pressed her closer to his manly bosom, and began showering kisses upon her ruby lips, she meanwhile repeating the cry, 'Quit, man!' between the smacks. One of the boys from the settlement journeyed that way on his return from hunting, and saw and heard. He quietly retired. That was on Saturday. Next day at Sunday school the boy told the story. From that day every one spoke of the settlement as 'Quitman' settlement, and to-day it is a thriving town, still bearing the name of Quitman. You can find it on any of the maps of Georgia."

SALT FOR SORE THROAT.

TESTIMONY OF ONE WHO HAS TRIED IT.

The Household.

In these days when diseases of the throat are so universal prevalent, and in so many cases fatal, we feel it our duty to say a word in behalf of a most effectual, if not positive cure for sore throat. For many years past, indeed we may say for the whole of a life or more than forty years, we have been subject to a dry, hacking cough, which is not only distressing to ourselves but to our friends and those with whom we are brought into business contact. Last fall we were induced to try what virtue there was in common salt. We commenced using it three times a day, morning, noon and night.

We dissolved a large tablespoonful of pure table salt in half a small tumblerful of water. With this we gargled the throat most thoroughly just before meal time. The result has been that during the entire winter we were not only free from coughs and colds, but the dry, hacking cough, had entirely disappeared. We attribute these satisfactory results solely to the use of salt gargle, and most cordially recommend a trial of it to those who are subject to diseases of the throat. Many persons who have never tried the salt gargle have the impression that it is unpleasant, but after a few days' use no one who loves a nice, clean mouth and first rate sharpener of the appetite will abandon it.

Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint.

Is it not worth the small price of 75c. to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints, if you think so call at our store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer, every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use according and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing. Sold by W. M. Cohen.

FOR MEDICAL EXPERTS.

A CHILD BORN WITH A NATURAL HEAD BUT A BODY HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF A DOG.

Durham Sun.

A child was born in Durham this morning the mother being a colored woman, and it is exciting the curiosity of some of our physicians.

A Sun reporter saw it this morning and it beats anything in the way of a freak of nature he ever beheld. The head was a perfect formation of a human being, with the exception that it had rudimentary ears, no chin from the mouth and the jaws extending backward as in the formation of a dog. It was pronounced to be eight months old and was born dead. There was a thick head of long black hair extending down the neck to the body.

Under the microscope the body showed that it was covered with a hairy fuzz and at the end spinal column there was a well defined tail one fourth of an inch long. The body was peculiarly shaped, not exactly resembling a human being. There were no arms, but something in the shape of hands or paws, growing from the skin, with no bones. The body, adjoining the legs, was very peculiarly shaped. There were no ankles. The feet projected from the knee joint.

The formation and appearance of the body was a very peculiar one and the physicians who saw it expressed various opinions, yet all agreed they never saw anything like it before. The body was photographed and then placed in alcohol for preservation.

GHOST OR CRANK?

HOW HE MANAGED TO GET A DRINK WHEN THIRSTY.

The following amusing incident came under my notice while staying in a neighboring county, says a writer in the Irish Times. A thirsty youth, whose name I will not disclose, took advantage of the following expedient to obtain the means of procuring liquor when all other means had failed. He became possessed of some luminous paint, with which he covered over his face and hands, and sallied forth in the dead of the night to the house of a neighbor, whose son (also a thirsty youth) had died recently.

Arrived at the house, he placed his face and hands close to the window, and, speaking in sepulchral tones, soon woke the inmates of the house, who, on looking towards the window, became terror stricken at the sight of such an unearthly apparition. The supposed ghost, assuming the voice of the deceased boy, exclaimed:

"I am the ghost of your dead son and can never enter the kingdom of heaven without obtaining \$10, which I owed to a person before my death. My ghost shall haunt and disturb you for fifty years from this night if such amount is not placed at midnight on to-morrow night under the stone you will see in the tort back of this house."

Needless to say the required sum was soon forthcoming and as speedily disappeared. It enabled the tricky ghost to continue his debauchery for a further period, while his foolish neighbor was very thankful at having so easily got rid of such an unwelcome visitor.

COULDN'T BE KEPT OUT.

Shortly after Gen. Jackson's death a traveler on horseback passed the Hermitage, and seeing an old negro, one of Gen. Jackson's slaves, at work there, remarked:

"Well, uncle, the old General has left us."

"Yes, boss, he done gone," was the reply.

"Do you think he has gone to heaven, uncle?" asked the traveler.

"Dun no 'bout dat, boss," was the reply; "but ef he say he gwine dar all bell can't keep him out."

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THE MAN WHO LAUGHS.

HE SCATTERS SUNSHINE EVERYWHERE AND MAKES MEN BETTER.

St. Louis Republican.

The man whose hal hal reaches from one side of the street to the other may be the fellow who scolded his wife and spanked the baby before he got breakfast, but his laughter is only the crackle of thorns under the pot. The man who spreads his laughter through his life—before a late breakfast, when he misses the train, when his wife goes visiting and he has to eat a cold supper; the man who can laugh when he finds a button off his shirt, when the furnace fire goes out in the night and both of the twins come down with the measles at the same time—he is the fellow that's needed. He never tells his neighbor to have faith. Somehow he puts faith into him.

He delivers no homilies; the sight of his beaming face, the sound of his happy voice, and the sight of blessed daily life carry convictions that words have no power to give. The blues flee before him as the fog before the west wind; he comes into his own home like a flood of sunshine over a meadow of blooming buttercups, and his wife and children blossom in his presence like June roses. His home is redolent with sympathy and love. The neighborhood is better for his life and somebody will learn of him that laughter is better than tears. The world needs this man. Why are there so few of them? Can he be created? Can he be evolved? Why is he not in every house, turning rain into shine and winter into summer all round the year until life is a perpetual season of joy.

A SHIP WITH FINS.

AN ARRANGEMENT TO PREVENT THE ROLLING AND PITCHING OF VESSELS.

A novel method of overcoming the rolling and pitchings of ocean steamships is described in a recent issue of the Scientific American. From a cross section of a vessel there are provided fins projected on each side both forward and aft, in a horizontal direction below the water level. The fins are governed by steam motor, which has connected with it an equilibrium valve so that as the vessel moves through the water the fins are automatically feathered, the blades of those on the descending side of the ship pointing in a slanting direction upward, while those on the ascending side point downward. The effect of the blades on the water, is, it is said, to overcome a larger part of the rolling and pitching of the vessel.

WHY BILL NYE DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING REGULARLY.

From Bill Nye's Last Letter.

Farmers' Alliances are not always successful in subverting established political methods, because it is difficult for us to meet often enough to discuss and consider questions of moment to us. I am a member of the Ashfield (Mass) Farmers' Club. So is Mr. Curtis. And yet I have not been able to attend for over a year. My farm is situated in Buncombe county, N. C. It is an oblique farm, with a feeder on the lower edge to keep the potatoes from falling into George Vanderbilt's farm, which is below mine on the French Broad river. After a hard day's work on this upright farm I am too worn out to attend a meeting of the Alliance or even of our own club.

Oh, What a Cough.

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c. to run the risk and do not nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves cough and whooping cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by W. M. Cohen, Druggist.

A NEW KIND OF LEATHER.

IT WILL BE SOMETHING LIKE TANNED TRIPE.

James W. Deekert, a Newarker, has discovered a new kind of fancy leather. It is obtained by tanning the stomachs of animals, the same material from which tripe is prepared. Tripe is not tripe until it is prepared for food. What it should be called when considered as material for leather is still an open question. It makes handsome leather for pocketbooks, bags and fancy articles, and can be dyed in any color. Only the inner membrane is used. The heavy integument is split off, leaving a moderately thin and coarse-fibered leather as soft as chamois.

There is a great variety of grain and pattern in the same piece of the leather, and much of it too plain to admit of using it in large articles with the best effect but excellent results can be obtained by matching opposite spots of the skin, if skin it can be called. The part known as the "honey-comb" makes a particularly rich appearance when dyed and polished. It is much more effective than alligator or lizard skin, and much softer and more easily worked into irregular forms. Another part has the appearance of being covered with jet beads when dyed black and polished.

Any part of the material will keep people guessing what it is made from, and that is a part of the pleasure of owning any novelty. The inventor or discoverer of this new leather says that he can get from twelve to fifteen feet from an animal.

TREATING ERYSIPELAS.

A GERMAN DOCTOR CURES IT WITH SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

N. Y. Herald.

In the opinion of Mr. Winkler, of Bremen, the best means of treating erysipelas is to paint the skin with spirits of turpentine. He has been convinced by the twenty-two cases in which he has used it that this treatment gives immediate relief and rapid recovery.

The diseased surface must be rubbed with a brush or a lump of cotton soaked in rectified spirits of turpentine. This process should be repeated four or five times a day, and the rubbing should always be made in the same direction, that is to say, from the healthy to the diseased surface to avoid spreading the contagious germs.

The first few applications produce an itching and burning sensation, which gradually diminishes, and in a short time the patients cease to feel the disagreeable tension that is so characteristic of erysipelas.

VIRTUE IN SKIMMED MILK.

Louis Herbert, of Camden, N. J., has lived for upward of four years on a diet of skimmed milk only. Five years ago he was taken with a disease of the kidneys, and the doctors gave him but a week to live, but as a last resort recommended skimmed milk. He at once abjured all other meat and drink. He began to amend immediately and soon grew strong and stout. He died recently, but not from his old complaint.

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An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, enclosing this paper—W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. apr 30 1y.

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