

LOCKED IN FOR YEARS.

Chained in a Dungeon Like a Dog.

An Insane Man Thrust Into a Filthy Room by His Own Brother and Chained to the Floor for Twenty-Seven Years—A Terrible Story of Suffering.

Special Correspondent Philadelphia Times.

READING, August 23.—One of the saddest sights ever witnessed in this section of the State was the taking of a man aged fifty-five, named Benjamin Sechler, to the County Almshouse yesterday. He was dressed in a simple petticoat, and from his right leg dangled a rusty chain. This man had been chained and confined in a log dungeon for twenty-seven years. The truthful story of this man's misfortunes far exceeds anything of the kind published in Eastern Pennsylvania for many years. A few days ago the directors of the poor of Berks county were informed of the fact that a man named Sechler, a lunatic, was confined by his brother in a filthy cabin, that the poor unfortunate was being brutally treated. Accordingly, Mr. John H. Bower, of the board of the directors, accompanied by James W. Sallade and John B. Knorr, of the almshouse, and David Heinely, justice of the peace of that section, proceeded to the upper end of Berks county, for the purpose of making a thorough investigation. They were directed to a wild and desolate region of sparsely settled country along the Blue Mountains, in Albany township. On the premises of Joseph Sechler, a brother of the lunatic, was found a small wooden building, very strongly built, of heavy logs. It contained but one room. A small door entrance to the dungeon was bolted on the outside by a heavy oak bar. The low roof was covered by thatch and brush. Under the den was a roughly-built fire-place, constructed of rocks. Here fire was occasionally kindled, so that the heat could ascend through the cracks of the floor, to give warmth to the imprisoned lunatic. This floor was made of rough oak slabs.

CHAINED IN HIS DUNGEON.

When the officials arrived they were met by Joseph Sechler, a brother of the lunatic. He pointed out the way to the dungeon, at the foot of the mountains. The man in the hut beat the timbers of the sides of his fearful abode with his hands when he heard the noise of the approaching footsteps. The clumsy, heavy oak door was unbarred, and the sight presented on the inside was fearful to behold. Crouched down on a bed of filth was an old man. His gray and shaggy beard extended to his thighs. His body was nude and brown with filth. His eyes glistened and his black teeth were firmly set. A heavy chain rattled on the filthy floor; one end of it was fastened to a staple in the middle of the floor and the other was bound to one of the legs of the nude maniac. He was violent. His long confinement had made him as vicious and as wily as a bull-dog. He was savage. The officials tried to coax him, but they might as well have endeavored to make peace with an angry hyena. The ferocious being shrieked out a series of oaths and unintelligible words and beat his prison house with his black and bony fists. It was a terrible moment. Quick as thought the poor lunatic was overpowered and ironed. The heavy chain had become so rusty that a blow from a heavy sledge was necessary to break it. The iron band about his ankle had to be filed off by the blacksmith of the almshouse when they arrived with the unfortunate lunatic at that institution. When the officials took the poor man out of his dungeon he looked about him as if he had suddenly been transformed into another world. For twenty-seven years the sun had not shone upon him. In all that time he had been neither washed, clothed nor shaved. His brother stated that he had always given him plenty of food. This was shoved into his cell like animals are fed. The officials say that the floor of the dungeon was covered in some places by excrement a foot in depth. The sides were black with filth and from the roof dangled cobwebs and the nests of bats. There was little or no ventilation and the stench was unbearable. The officers tried to get the poor man to tell his story, but his reason was gone. He was a mental wreck—more brute than human. Fifth had been so completely rubbed into his skin that the body was like that of the most filthy animal. He made violent efforts to free himself, but could not.

STORY OF HIS LIFE.

Thirty years ago he was a young man, strong and vigorous, with a clear mind. He worked on a farm that his father owned. On a very hot day, and when his system was in a high state of exertion and perspiration, he jumped in a mountain stream of cold water. After that bath his mind became affected. Finally he became deranged. His father died and left property to his two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Joseph says he did not desire to put Benjamin into an insane asylum, so he resolved to keep him until he died. He thought his death would take place before a great while. Instead of this the poor man lived on and on and finally he became so violent that the brother says he resolved to build the strong cabin and chain him. For twenty-seven years this horrible imprisonment continued. What suffering the poor man endured may be more easily imagined than described. His fingers, tipped with long black nails, looked like the claws of a wolf. His toes were matted together with filth, more resembling hoofs than feet. He slept on loose straw like a common animal. When he arrived at the poor house he was thoroughly washed. It will require weeks before he can be made thoroughly clean. His long beard was cut off, and it was some time before he could be induced to submit to being shaved. His hands and feet were first firmly bound. Then his hair was cut short and his scalp thoroughly cleaned. He was then dressed in a cool and comfortable suit. The best attention is being given to him, as it is believed his mind may possibly be restored. There is considerable money due him from his father's estate, which will enable the authorities to engage additional expert medical assistance.

Proverbs, New and Old.

Never sacrifice safety to large expected returns. Never make a lone on importunity. Never lend a borrowing friend more than you are willing to lose if he can't pay. Never speculate deeper than you are able to lose, if you lose at all. Never borrow money to speculate with. Owe no man anything. Be satisfied with a moderate rent to a good tenant. Keep well insured, and watch your policy. Never consult a man on business who does not manage well his own. Avoid a second mortgage for a fresh loan. He that maketh haste to be rich is not wise. Poverty is no bar to marriage if both parties will work and save. The gods help those who help themselves—men and women. God promises nothing to idleness. A man must ask his wife if he may be rich. Little coins, like little drops of water will fill a bucket. As we sow in temporal affairs we shall reap. Short settlements make long friendships. Fortunes are made by earning and saving. Money easily gotten is soon spent. Money earned is money valued. It is easier to loosen up good property than to re-establish it. In discussing business disagreements keep cool. Less wisdom is required to make money than to keep it securely when made.

THE CENTENNIAL—IMPRESSIONS IN RELATION THERETO.—The idea seems to have gotten abroad especially at the North, that the King's Mountain centennial celebration is to come off at Charlotte, which the newspaper geographers imagine is within a stone's throw of the battle ground. However, the celebration is attracting a good deal of attention. The New York Sun of Monday says: "An interesting centennial celebration near at hand is that held at Charlotte, in North Carolina, from October 4th to October 9th. On the first day comes a re-union of States; on the second an illustration of the plan of the battle, under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston; on the third, the dedication of a monument, with an ode by Paul H. Hayne and an oration by Major Daniel; on the fourth, a competitive militia prize drill. The battle of King's Mountain was one of importance, and well deserves this commemoration."—Char. Obs.

Old Timber.

Probably the oldest timber in the world which has been subjected to the use of man is that found in the ancient temples of Egypt in connection with the stonework which is known to be at least four thousand years old. This, the only wood used in the temple, is in the form of ties, holding the end of one stone to another at its proper surface. When two blocks were laid in place, an excavation about an inch deep was made in each block, into which the tie shaped like an hour-glass was driven. It is therefore very difficult to force any stone from its position. The ties appear to have been of the tamarisk or shittim wood, of which the ark was constructed, a sacred tree in ancient Egypt and now very rarely found in the valley of the Nile. The dove-tailed ties are just as sound now as on the day of their insertion. Although fuel is extremely scarce in the country, these bits of wood are not large enough to make it an object with the Arabs to leave off layer after layer to obtain them. Had they been of bronze, half the old temples would have been destroyed years ago, so precious would they have been for various purposes.

Items of Interest.

Weigh and measure all purchases when they are brought home. Raisins should not be bought in large quantities, as they are injured by time. A Few drops of ammonia in water will thoroughly cleanse the dirtiest brush or comb. Candles improve by being kept three or four months, and are better, therefore, if bought by the box. To test nutmegs prick them with a pin; if they are good, the oil will at once spread round the puncture. Roaches are fond of flour paste, and if ten cents' worth of phosphorus is stirred into it with a stick, they will die while eating it. Molasses should be kept in a cellar. Never keep pickles in glazed ware, as the vinegar forms a poisonous compound with the glazing. Cheese soft between the fingers is richest and best, and should be kept in a box in a cool dry place. Wipe off the mould with a dry cloth. Common house flies may be destroyed by feeding them with ground black pepper and sugar, as much as will lie on a dime, moistened with two teaspoonfuls of cream or rich milk. They eat it, seek the air, and die out of doors.

The Best Board Fence.

The best board fence that has ever been made here is called the "panel fence." It has been in use for a dozen years, and now very little board fencing of any other kind is made. The boards are usually twelve feet long, four inches wide, and of beech, maple or other hard wood. Four boards are nailed together with battens one in the middle and one about one foot from each end, spreading the boards far enough apart to make the height of the fence. Four inch square posts are driven about eleven feet apart and these panels hung on to the posts upon hooks of half inch iron driven into the posts. This fence can now be made here for twenty-five to eighty cents per rod; if a man has his own timber his outlay, aside from his work, need be but about twenty cents per rod. A frame is usually made to nail the panels together upon by setting up three posts with blocks nailed upon them to hold the boards the right distance apart, and iron plates to clinch the nails upon; clinch or wrought nails are used. The advantages of this fence are the following: It can be made in the winter or rainy days, and with a frame any man can make it. The panels are piled up out of the way until wanted. The posts can be sharpened and hooks driven into them at any time. It requires a less number of posts; if the posts are lifted by the frost, they can be driven back without breaking the boards; if a post rot or is broken it can easily be replaced. The fence is easily removed by placing a lever under the hook and drawing out the posts. Should a panel become broken it can be replaced with a new one. Three men, one to make the post holes with a crowbar, one to drive the posts and one to hang on the panels and tighten up the hooks, will set seventy-five or one hundred rods in a day.—It has been reported here that some one claims a patent on the hooks, but we do not know of any one who ever paid anything for using them.

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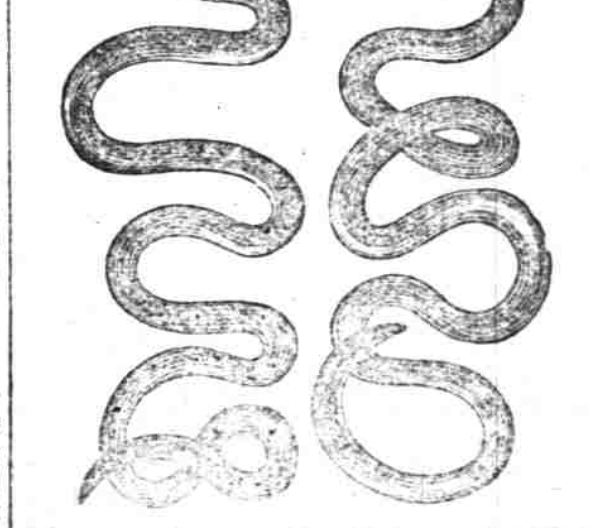
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