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A SIAMESE EXECUTION.

STARTLING DESCRIPTION OF A WIFE MURDERER BEING BEHEADED.

N. Y. Sun.

A Siamese named Al Yong, who murdered his wife because she had forsaken him for a lover, was executed by decapitation, the method bearing a close resemblance to the Chinese and the spectators showing the same haste in quitting the scene of blood the moment the victim's head was looped off.

Al Yong was a young Siamese, who lived near Phraton with his wife. About four months ago she suddenly decamped with a handsome man. The husband tracked the pair like a bloodhound, never leaving their trail till he ran them down in a house where they were hiding. The lover escaped, but the woman was overhauled as she was fleeing and was horribly slashed with a sharp knife, no less than eighteen wounds being made by the maddened husband. He was caught red-handed and convicted. He never showed any fear when sentenced, but he refused to see his mother because he said the sight of her grief would unnerve him.

The execution was for 9 in the morning. As early as 5 o'clock the prisoner was let out, heavy manacled. He formed the central figure in an imposing procession of officials of the State department dressed in their richest robes. The whole party took boats and went up the river to the execution grounds. The condemned man was among the coolest in the crowd, chewing betel and apparently enjoying the early morning boat ride.

On the grounds a temporary altar had been erected, and before this the seven superbly built executioners, with drawn swords, made offerings of boars' heads, fowls, rice, etc., and lighted large tapers. Then the swords were anointed. The condemned man meanwhile remained on the funeral barge, where Buddhist priest gave him the last rites. He smoked and chatted after the ceremony and never showed any sign of weakness.

At last he was brought out in front of the altar and placed on freshly cut platin leaves. The executioner asked his pardon for killing him, after they had wound red sashes around their bodies and placed red handkerchiefs about their heads. A snow white cloth was wound around the condemned man's loins, his ears were stopped with clay so that he should not hear the headman's footsteps as he came behind him. His neck chain and handcuffs were removed and his elbows were secured to a bamboo post, while he was marked on his neck as a guide to the swordsman.

The executioner, a lusty young Sampson, now approached from behind, advancing with many fancy steps and moving his sword like the baton of a band master. His six associates formed an attentive group, and watched every movement. For a moment the sword gleamed in the air. Then it descended exactly upon the white line. The body fell slightly to one side, the head dropped but hung by a bit of skin, and the man's life blood leaped forth upon the sand. One of the attendants severed the head completely, and another neatly placed it on a pole and exposed it to a crowd of Siamese and Chinese that filled the enclosure. Then the body was hurried to the unmarked grave near at hand, and before five minutes all the large crowd had vanished, and only the grisly head and blood stained sand remained to mark the tragedy.

SHE WEARS SHOES.

There is said to be a woman in Pittsburgh whose business is wearing shoes, and she always has on new ones that do not belong to her. She, her daughters and some other young women, to whom she gives a part of her business, break in shoes for people who have tender feet and are willing to pay a small sum to be released of the discomfort of breaking a pair of shoes. The shoe-breaker is said to make quite a comfortable income out of this novel occupation.

TOOK OFF THEIR COATS

THEY WERE TWO LARGE PYTHONS, AND WANTED NEW SUITS.

The two large pythons which were imported from India for the Zoological Garden have made themselves at home in their new quarters. They are said to be the largest reptiles in this country and naturally attract considerable attention. They had only been here two weeks when both snakes underwent a change. They became droopy and it was seen that they had begun to shed their skins.

The shedding process is about at an end now, but the manner in which the snakes accomplished the greater part of the job is wonderful. The largest python measures 16 feet and the other 12. They are males and have mouths like cellar doors, that are filled with terrible fangs. On Monday last the big snake which had eaten nothing for three weeks because he was shedding his coat, got a move on himself and climbed one of the small trees and coiled all around the limbs. Then he rubbed his head and neck violently against the branches in every direction and gradually loosened the old cuticle from around his head, mouth and neck.

HELPED HIM TAKE HIS COAT OFF.

In the meantime the other snake was not idle. It, too, coiled around the tree and raising its head took hold of its big brother's neck, and by careful manipulation loosened the skin from the head and neck for about a foot down. Then it took hold of the loosened skin and keeper and spectators who were watching the proceedings saw what was going to happen.

With its head and neck free the big snake could help in the shedding operation, and it twisted around the tree near the top, and began to pull away from the smaller snake at top speed. Inch by inch the old skin was released, and the bright colors of the new cuticle came in view. It took nearly an hour to get about half of the body free from the old covering, and then both snakes rested. The old skin was pulled back just as one would turn a glove inside out, and gave the reptile a peculiar appearance.

When the snakes resumed their job they employed different tactics.

The larger snake climbed higher and the other made itself fast lower down the tree. The smaller one took hold of the skin and pulled for all it was worth until all of the covering with the exception of about two feet from the big snake's tail was loose.

FINISHED THE JOB.

Then a most wonderful thing happened. The big snake's head was at the top of the tree and he hadn't been paying much attention to the goings on at the other end of his body. When the smaller snake stopped pulling the big one looked down and saw that something was wrong. His eyes glistened and reaching down he grabbed a mouthful of his own covering and proceeded to finish the job. It was done with dispatch and ease. The big snake seemed proud of his new suit and wriggled all around the case and admired himself for some time. Then to the astonishment of the watchers the smaller snake climbed the tree and went through the performance assisted by the larger one.

After both reptiles were free from the old skins they made a meal of them and each drank about a gallon of water to wash down the repast. The keepers say that it is no unusual thing for small snakes to get rid of their old skins in this way, but they never heard of large snakes like the python or boarding it.

A QUEENLY HEAD

can never rest on a body frail from disease any more than the lovely lily can grow in the sterile soil. When consumption fastens it hold upon a victim, the whole structure commences its decay. At such a period, before the disease is too far advanced, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will arrest and cure it. So certain is this, that an offer is made to refund the money paid for it when a failure can be found under the condition of a fair trial.

NATURE'S LOVE-MAKING.

BIRDS AND INSECTS MUST DO THEIR PRETTIEST WHEN COURTING.

The wooing of birds is most refined and graceful. Loves tunes their respective pipes, says the Boston Globe, and they seek to captivate their mates by their sweetest notes and most varied warblings.

The wood pigeon charms his lady love by a series of aerial evolutions and a curious flapping of his strong wing feathers, puffing his breast and tenderly cooing. At mating time the plumage of male birds is more handsome than at any other period—indeed, some birds assume different colors in the spring.

Yellow hammers charm their mates by displaying their tail feathers in the form of a fan, starting to chatter in the sunshine to show the metallic beauty of their breast feathers, and swallows circle and double in graceful flight before their lady loves.

Bright shells flowers, feathers and grasses are laid by the bower bird at the entrance of his partners retreat, and tiny humming birds woo most assiduously, showing off their lovely hues and engaging in fierce combat with a possible rival, even bringing nectar from choice flowers for the delectation of their fairy brides.

Hen birds exhibit all the vagaries of their sex, and pretend to be indifferent to the exertions of their admirers.

Frogs have an original way of love-making, and as soon as evening shades fall, commence to croak loudly to their mates, sometimes great numbers of them combining in one unmusical chorus.

Courting among insects is often a very elaborate affair. A male spider will approach a female and amuse her for some time with his antics. It is said that he twirls around and around, crosses his legs, erects his body and executes a sort of mazy dance to excite her admiration.

She is a very vicious lady, and not always pleased with his lovemaking; sometimes he finds himself obliged to ward her off, for she has a very painful mode of showing her displeasure, and if she entirely disapproves of his attention, will fall upon him and rend him to pieces.

One species of spider is said to have a novel way of making love, the sexes communicating by means of strands of web stretching from one retreat to another a sort of telephone, so to speak.

Glow-worms, according to some naturalists, use their luminaries as love-signals. The females of one species seat themselves among the grass, while the males attracted by the light, dance attendance around them.

Concerning fishes, the sticklebacks occasionally resort to harsh treatment, attacking the females with open mouths and erected spines. As husbands their behavior is certainly eccentric, for after the female has deposited her eggs within the nest that he has prepared for her her lord and master drives her away and proceeds to hatch them himself.

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A NEW MARRIAGE SERVICE

Concord Standard.

A justice of the peace in Sandersville, Ga., being called upon to perform a marriage ceremony, is accused of concluding with: By the authority vested in me as an officer of the State of Georgia, which is sometime called the empire state of the South; by the fields of cotton that lie spread out on snowy whiteness around us; by the howl of the coon dog, and the gourd vine whose clinging tendrils will shade the entrance to your humble dwelling place; by the red and lucious heart with joy; by the heavens and earth, in the presence of these witnesses, I pronounce you man and wife.

Many people, not aware of the dangers of constipation, neglect the proper remedy till the habit becomes chronic, or inflammation or stopping results. A dose or two of Ayer's Pills in the beginning would have prevented all this.

VULGAR WOMEN.

HOW THEY OFFEND A SORROWFUL AND LONG SUFFERING WORLD.

Vulgar women like to attract attention; they are loud in their dress and talk; they can be seen and heard at a distance; they are numerous, generally annoying and often offensive.

Vulgar women walk like grenadiers; they come down on their heels with force enough to shake anything from an "L" road station to a summer hotel piazza.

Vulgar women discuss private affairs in public; their conversation is audible to passers-by; they invite the observation of strangers, and they are flattered by the familiar comments of flunkies, flirts, fakirs gutter merchants and Broadway loafers.

Vulgar women appear in public wearing brilliant colors, brilliant cheeks and audible perfumes, jewelry and sensational styles.

Vulgar women may win admiration, but they never win respect; before an individual is respected by others she must respect herself.

Women who wear doll baby tresses and powder their faces like clowns may come of very good families, but they are vulgarians.

Women who bear tales, who betray confidence and make mischief with their tongues are vulgarians of the most despicable type.

Vulgar women are dangerous; they not only corrupt good manners, but they are a bad example for the ignorant and innocent, and a disturbing element among refined people.—New York World.

A SHOWER OF ANTS.

A curious phenomenon has just occurred at the village of Gamlingsay, in Cambridgeshire, Eng. A dense cloud was observed to be passing over, which suddenly burst, and to the astonishment of the villagers, it was seen to be a shower of ants and similar winged insects. People and the ground became smothered with them, and they swarmed in millions. Every step taken is said to have crushed hundreds of them.

REMARKABLE BUT TRUE.

'When you see it in the Messenger, it's so.' We mentioned in Tuesday's issue that the salt spray drive from the ocean by the hurricane had killed leaves on the trees all the way to the city. The statement was fully verified by observations by many people. It was concluded that the salt spray burned the leaves close to the ocean, but some thought the leaves here were withered because of the terrible beating they were subjected to. The fact, however, that from Wrightsville to Wilmington the leaves of the trees are withered and burned only on the side of the tree from which the spray came, shows that it was salt spray that did it.

Again, we are assured that the leaves of trees a half mile inland from Wrightsville Sound is covered with salt crystals, and in the city a lady will vouch for the fact that salt crystals formed on her window panes. A gentleman who uses spectacles also noticed that salt crystals formed on the eye glasses so that he had to constantly wipe them off.

On the Sound during the heavy blow on Monday morning, salt crystals fell like sleet and was at first thought to be sleet.—Wilmington Messenger.

HOUSE IN A BOTTLE.

Some years ago a blind boy residing in Chicago constructed a miniature house inside an ordinary four ounce bottle. The building was made up of 40 pieces of wood, neatly fitted and glued together. As wonderful as this may seem, it is only a part of the wonders of this signalman. After completing the house and giving it "finishing touches" to his heart's content, he set about fastening the cork in the bottle, but how he accomplished the startling feat is a mystery.

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DISCOURAGING NEWS.

THE STEAMER SAID TO HAVE BEEN DELAYED A MONTH.

St. John's, N. F. Dispatch, 28th.

Further discouraging news concerning the Peary expedition comes from Labrador by the mail steamer arriving here last night.

According to the last report Peary was at Davis Inlet on August 2nd and on the 5th had reached Nain. There he tried again to purchase dogs, but failed.

He offered the Esquimaux forty cents for dogs, but as they are worth \$4 or \$5 each, the Esquimaux would not sell, so Peary left for Okkak, the next Moravian settlement.

As he would not pay greater prices there either he could not get dogs. Then he announced his intention of going to Hebron, Ramah and other settlements further north, making every other effort to secure dogs at these places and if unsuccessful would depend on getting dogs at Disco, Greenland, as a last resort.

Dogs are now doubly necessary to Peary, as the burros all perished but the Nain was reached, and consequently it is impossible for the expedition to accomplish anything without a far greater number of dogs than at first was considered necessary.

It is believed here that Peary's actions are suicidal, and that if he was determined to wreck the whole expedition he could not adopt better means.

The steamer has been delayed a month behind her regular time rendering it problematical if she reaches her destination at all and it is almost certain that she will be frozen up before the supplies are unloaded.

The prospect is a very black one indeed.

TO THE WORLD'S FAIR

VIA THE B. & O.

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The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has placed on sale at its offices throughout the East excursion tickets to Chicago, good going via Washington and returning via Niagara Falls, with the privilege of stop over at each point. These tickets are valid for return journey until November 15th, and are not restricted to certain trains, but are good on all B. & O. trains, and permit holders to travel via Pittsburgh or via Grafton. By either route passengers cross the Allegheny mountains 3000 feet above the sea level, amid the most picturesque scenery in America. Sleeping car accommodations may be reserved in advance upon application to nearest B. & O. ticket office.

INTERRUPTED MARRIAGE.

Miles Overcash lives at China Grove. He has a wife there, says the Concord Times, but he evidently thought one wife was not enough so he came to Concord to try to get another. He paid assiduous attention to a young lady at Forest Hill, who did not know he was married, and the wedding was set for last Saturday. In the meantime the young lady found out that Overcash was already married. However she said nothing to him but communicated with his wife, informing her of the date of the proposed marriage. Everything was kept quiet, and Overcash came down Saturday to get married. His wife came also, unknown to him, and when he stepped into the room where he thought he was to wed his wife came in also, and folks do say that he got the worst tongue-lashing they ever saw a man get. Quite a crowd had collected, evidently with the purpose of giving Overcash a first class whipping, but he managed to slip out the back door, when he took to his heels, and is supposed to be running yet.

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