Education For Hangmen.

England has a school for the education of hangmen. This latest adjunct to civilization in Great Britain was established as a result of bungling work by executioners during the last few months.

The work of a hangman is light and the pay high so there are already a number of pupils at the school which is in London. A session there is an interesting sight. One of the pupils acts as the subject, the attendant taking turns playing the role of the condemned. Hanging consists not merely in placing a man over a trap door and launching him into space by releasing a bolt. There are various nice preliminaries to be gone through.

First the condemned must be artistically pinioned. Then he must be supported on his way to the scaffold, in order to avoid painful scenes. After that there is the rope to be adjusted quickly and without fumbling, in order that the agony may not be prolonged on the scaffold. The rope must be strong enough to bear the weight of the condemned, but not so thick as to slowly choke the condemned to death.

Misunderstood.

Greenhorn—The captain of this ship is a brutal man; I heard him tell one of the crew to go to h—l.

Binabroad—You misunderstood him, my dear fellow; what he said was "Go to the helm."

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Evidence Conclusive.

(From the Ohio State Journal.)

Phil Ossifer—Poor Bilkins is tired of life.

Cy Nick—Has he said so?

Phil Ossifer—No, but he has agreed to umpire a ball game.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

How Mrs. Bruce, a Noted Opera Singer, Escaped an Operation. Proof That Many Operations for Ovarian Troubles are Unnecessary.

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MRS. G. BRUCE

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WOMAN'S REALM.

AN EMERGENCY WOMAN.

A Gentlewoman With Sense Who Introduced a New Vocation.

"Several years ago I was left in a position that necessitated my making money," said a woman to a Chicago Inter-Ocean reporter. "I had no specialty, no training for self-support. I was a gentlewoman with common sense and good judgment. I knew a good deal about housekeeping and its problems, as every intelligent woman who has had a house of her own does, but I was not willing to take regular employment in domestic service. At first I tried to find a place as companion or secretary, but such places were scarce and I hadn't the training for them.

"In the meantime I helped several of my neighbors through times of domestic storm and stress, and, though I hated it, allowed them to pay me. A wealthy woman who knew of me through a family connection was called to a sick husband in Southern California. She had small children and no one save the ordinary nurses to leave them with. It occurred to her that I might be willing to take charge of the house and family and she sent for me in a great rush. I went and stayed for three weeks. They paid me royally.

"It was while I had charge of that house that I thought of making emergency work my profession, and the more I thought of it, the more the plan opened out and the more possibilities it presented. I talked the scheme over with a number of women who could be depended upon as safe companions and tell others about her. They all agreed that there was need of such service, and that they, personally, would be glad to know of some one to whom they could turn in any emergency.

"I put my people in my pocket and was willing to help with anything from mending a woman through a sudden loss of servants to superintending housekeeping or running a household. Of course large households expect to be found, but one can be employed by the hour, pay a big sum and get in for an elaborate affair, the expense of all ways till her reputation is established. Ordinary entertaining is good what I've heard servants call 'the holy touch.' A woman of refinement and good breeding knows how to do things in a fashion that is quite distinct from the ordinary caterer's methods. She understands china and linen too. She has a knack with flowers. She knows exactly how to make a room all that is comfortable for an unexpected guest.

"Illness gives rise to a number of calls for me, though I'm no trained nurse. I'm a fairly good nurse as amateur nurses go, but my work is more often outside of the sickroom than in it, taking charge of the house, the children, and attending to outside matters. Very often I've taken invalids away when there was no member of the family who could go, and the person was not ill enough to need a trained nurse. In the families where I have obtained a hold and where they know me well, they have learned to depend upon me and would rather have me at hand than a strange professional, even if they have to pay me as much or more than they have to pay to the professional.

"I've helped a great many young brides through the first domestic reefs and shoals. In most cases they have been the daughters of families where I have been called in, and so they have grown used to thinking of me as a help in time of trouble.

"It isn't a very imposing profession, is it? I'll never make a fortune at it, and I know some of my friends look upon the work as menial, but I had no one talent, and I needed money."

An Anecdote of George Eliot.

When George Eliot was still Miss Evans, and before she had begun to write novels, she used to frequent an old book shop on the Strand, where she left a very unfavorable impression on one young man who was at that time an assistant in John Chapman's shop. His description of her is that of a remarkably ugly young woman of universal knowledge, whose delight it was to use the Socratic method in conversation, but without the Socratic benevolence of intention. The result was that the young men at the dining table (the shop had a boarding house for its employes and guests) who heedlessly hazarded an opinion were very soon made to feel not only that they knew nothing of the subject under discussion, but that they knew very little indeed of anything. Now a young man does not relish being badgered and made a fool of by a pretty woman, but it is intolerable to be sat upon by an ugly one, at least such was the feeling of our informant, and one consequence of this treatment was that in after years, when Miss Evans had become George Eliot, one man could never persuade himself to read Adam Bede or to admit that the author was other than a very intolerant person and an intolerable intellectual prig.—Harper's Weekly.

Mme. Humbert's Jewels.

In Paris the curious are thronging to see the jewels of Mme. Humbert which have been placed on exhibition, and by the aid of which she adorn the tale of how a [illegible] fooled a nation, if they do not see a very obvious moral. To be sure Madame now is a [illegible] and is [illegible] her jewels, but she has had [illegible] enjoyed them for many a day. There are in the collection two necklaces of fine pearls, one with [illegible] and the other with [illegible]. For she is fond of novelties, and had an idea with a single brilliant in a [illegible] bracelet, necklaces in diamonds, necklaces and parures in brilliants, a [illegible] dog jumping through a hoop of diamonds and a necklace in gold set with [illegible]. An enforced rest for the last seven years has been a bitter experience, and a dog collar studded with gold serpents is in great favor. Even more interesting than the jewels is the collection of silver. From old churches crosses, ewers and vases have been collected. Dishes and wine coolers made for the doges of Venice, old pitchers, jugs, cups and basins from the tables of royalty and nobility form part of the collection. It is a sight which Parisians are enjoying to the utmost.—New York Press.

Modish Jewelry.

Marquise rings are the thing for the little finger.

The beauty of pearls is as much appreciated as ever.

Our native pearls are called sweet fresh water pearls.

They must not be paved, however. One long, oval-shaped stone (called navette) surrounded by brilliants, is the proper thing.

Chrysoprase (light, rich, green chalcedony) is one of the favorite semi-precious stones.

Another softer green stone also in favor is jade. The imperial jade comes from China, or rather it doesn't, because it all goes to the crown now. They simply won't hear of selling this pretty green stuff.

A fashionable jeweler offers a sixty-eight-inch rope, pearl necklace, containing 20,000 pearls, for $10,000.

Such a necklace is finished with tassels and is knotted in a variety of ways.—Philadelphia Record.

Subtle Changes in Styles.

To the casual observer the styles of this year are very different from those which obtained favor last year. But change in fashion is always subtle, we never really rush from one distinct mode into another, and we may realize this by recalling how gradually we discarded the puffed sleeves, adopted those that were tight fitting, and again discarded these in favor of the bell sleeve, which at present absorbs our attention to the exclusion of all others, says the Dellineator. And it should be noted that although this sleeve is adopted by the multitude it is by no means becoming to every woman, indeed, if she be stout and short it will add bulkiness to the fullness of her outlines. However, a fashion of this kind gives an opportunity for many tasteful daintinesses in the way of underwear and lace trimmings, while it always has the advantage of supreme comfort, provided it is not too exaggerated.

The Gloves of 1902.

Gloves are shorter than they were, for general wear. The ones with two buttons, and even the one-button length for the long sleeves, and with the preference in favor of the wash kid—more expensive to start but, as the name implies, capable of being constantly kept clean. There are to wear with elbow sleeves, which still continue in favor, long gloves of glace or Suede in all the light colors. White is preferred, although with a light gray gown or a very light tan it is a fad of this season to have the gloves of the same shade. To wear with tailor gowns or for the ordinary street gown, a heavy tan kid is considered quite the best and smartest. Gloves are worn larger than they were, a fashion especially adapted to warm weather, but also practical for the heavier kinds.—Harper's Bazar.

Smart Women's Pets.

Society women always seem to be starting some new fad, and the latest thing in pets is, apparently, a viper of some sort.

Lady Constance Mackenzie, the sister and heiress of Lady Cromarty, carries about with her a small snake, which she feeds on fish and other delicacies, while Mrs. Arthur Cadogan, the sister-in-law of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has made a pet of a python. She feeds it with live rats, and varies its menu with an occasional frog, says Home Notes. Mrs. Cadogan's python is nine feet long. Though it dislikes strangers, it is devoted to its mistress, and will even get onto her bed to be near her.

To Hold Up a Coat.

A modiste gave this general direction for raising the long coat: "Take a big handful in the very centre of the back of the skirt and lift it and the skirt all together. It wrinkles the coat inevitably, but there is no other way."

A Trim Little Watch Fob.

A trim little watch fob is formed of soft bands of leather, the lower edge cut in an inverted point, and the other turned over about it and finished with a ping-pong racquet in mother-of-pearl set in a frame of gold.

Frills of Fashion.

For extremists in fashionable follies are shoes with aluminum heels in Louis XV. style.

Ping-pong shirt waist sets have a small pearl representing a ball, set on a tiny gilt racquet.

White embroidered batiste gowns, having an interlining of chiffon, are very dainty and soft in effect.

A crown of bright green, a brim of white and a binding of green is the startling combination of a broad felt hat.

Pretty inexpensive muslins are woven in ribbon stripes with a floral pattern in delicate colors scattered over a white ground.

The swell thing in parasol and umbrella handles is the new burnished or golden copper combined with silver in artistic designs.

Silver belt buckles, which look like pieces of old iron roughly cut, are charming when made with dark blue opaque or green translucent stones.

White felt hats, which are pretty if not as altogether as attractive as those with hand-painted white kid bands have narrow flowered ribbons around them.

Among the light silk gowns it is noticeable that the skirts are cut in seven and nine gores. The seams are usually invisible, being disguised under tape stitching or insertings of lace.

A gown of dark blue silk taffeta had the entire bodice laid in horizontal pleats, stitched with white. The sleeves in bishop style were also turned, fullness taken in at the cuff. The skirt is tucked to the flounce.

Mogney belts made by the natives of Porto Rico are worn by young girls. The belts are narrow, and come in the natural color of the straw, the silver they have in front with tiny rings held firmly by a clever adjustment of silk or a knots.

GOOD ROADS.

Has the Best Methods.

Of all the counties in the State, Oneida seems to have developed most interest in good roads and the best methods of getting and maintaining the same. Just how many of Oneida's inhabitants have attained to this high stage of civilization we do not know, but certainly enough of them have done so to form a good roads league which not only takes energetic part in the practical work of scientific highway improvement, but also gives wide distribution to well prepared "literature" on the subject, urging other people to wake up in their own interests, to abandon the old and barbarous plan of wasting the expert labor on bad roads, and, taking advantage of the Higbie-Armstrong act, to pay their taxes in money, secure the aid offered by the State, and to become rich and happy after the example of Oneida County. Besides an elaborate report on its own operations, the league is now sending out the recommendations of the standing committee appointed at the last convention of the Highway Supervisors convention. This is a really able document, containing many excellent suggestions, and well calculated to convince all readers, as it says, that the improvement of our State highways is not a fad in the interest of the users of light vehicles, but a question of the greatest commercial importance, affecting the transportation of the farm products of the State, and of as much importance to the interests of the cheapening of transportation on railroads controlled by corporations, or towns of the State of New York as the cheapening of transportation on the State canals. Especial attention is deserved by the paragraphs devoted to the rapidity with which narrow tires on heavily loaded vehicles will destroy even the best of roads, to the need of sign posts, and to the best ways of raising money for creating a system of highways worthy of the Empire State. The activities of this Oneida County Good Roads League are all highly commendable. It is beyond question that money spent intelligently on roads brings in a larger return to a greater number of people than almost any other investment of public funds and is a form of taxation which ought to be much more popular than it is.—New York Times.

England and France.

Two hundred years ago England had the worst roads in the world, because the peasantry living on the roads alone were required to work them. In speaking of them, Macaulay says, "That a route connecting two great towns which have a large and flourishing trade with each other should be maintained at the cost of the rural population scattered between them is manifestly unjust. It was not until many toll bars have been violently pulled down, until the troops had in many instances been forced to act against the people and until much blood had been shed that a good system had been introduced." Every class now contributes to the maintenance of the road system in England.

The French have probably the most efficient laws and regulations in the world for the building and repairing of highways. The Minister of Public Works has the general superintendence of all roads and ways by land and by water. There are four classes of roads recognized by law—namely (1) national, (2) department, (3) military and (4) cross roads. National roads are built and kept up by the national treasury. Departmental roads are a charge upon the departments through which they pass, and part of the military roads are kept up by the government and a part by the departments through which the roads pass.

The cross roads are kept up by the communes, though sometimes in thinly populated regions these communes receive assistance from the government, especially when these roads become of importance.

The national roads are paved like a street, having an average width of fifty-two and one-half feet. The departmental roads are thirty-nine feet wide, and the military and cross roads are of variable width. Piles of broken stone are placed at convenient distances, and a man is constantly employed in repairing each section.

Farmers Like Oil-Covered Roads.

The work of oiling the roads is taking right along with farmers and people who come to Augusta from the country. Nearly the whole of last week was spent by the gang assigned to this work and the apparatus in treating the Wrightsboro road to this new bath. The first experiment was made several weeks ago by Judge Eve at the stockade, but he thought the experiment had not been given a proper test when under shelter, and decided as soon as practicable to get on the road in open with the oil. The experiment at the stockade was such a success that the Grand Jury recommended the use of the oil on the roads and the Wrightsboro thoroughfare was selected as the first to be given the treatment. Several farmers coming into the city to-day over that portion already covered say the travel has been greatly improved. They notice at once the absence of the dust usual on a dry, hot day as this, and say their horses seem to really enjoy traveling over it. Where the sun strikes the work the oil percolates with surprising rapidity, and in a couple of days the road is in good condition for traveling. After the bath the surface is left with a kind of spongy covering, yet of a nature into which the tires of the vehicles do not sink or cut as might be expected. The experiment period is practically over now, and the new material will be used on the road improvement throughout the county this year.—Augusta (Ga.) Herald.

Jap Cooks.

Japanese cooks are the most cruel in the world. They cut the living fish piecemeal before cooking it.

A Sad Commentary.

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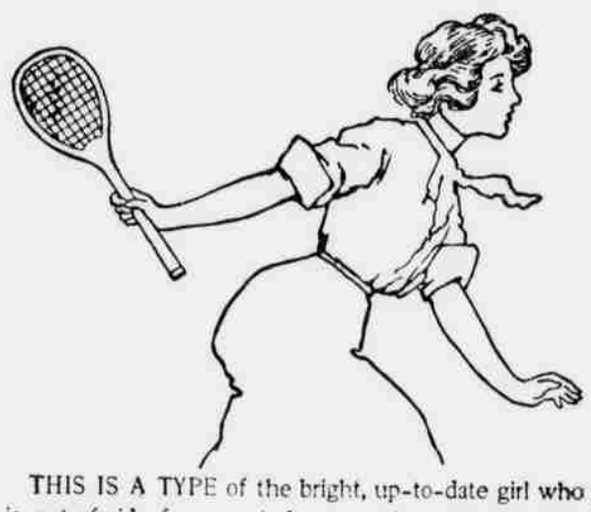

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