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A STRANGE LOVE AFFAIR.

"The Milwaukie Wisconsin" states that

while the Japanese were performing in

dy, however, a daughter of a merchant of decided that if he dies for her, she goes to a neighboring city, a beautiful girl of eigh- the grave with him. teen summers, who seems to have become and his indignation was great. The noble- trothed. man begged and prayed. It was no usa. He had insulted the dignity of the Tycoon. There was but one way to make reparation -to commit hari-kari-in plain English, to disembowel himself. The Tycoon's word was law, and the nobleman died, his proponce favorite minister and friend, and had high blood in his veins. He took the boy from the company, and trained and educated him, for the friendship he had once borne his father. This boy grew up about the court and was none other than Sing-kee-Chee, which in Japanese means the 'son of a nobleman who had offended the Tycoon.

Sing-kee-Chee grew up about the court

until he attained the age of twenty seven, He has an excellent education, and speaks several languages fluently. English he also speaks well. With Sing-Kee-Chee it was that the Chicago lady became infatuated. He came out with the company at the orto give his highness a history of the country, its people and its customs. He is no common juggler, although he delights in the bamboo act, which brought him before in Japan, there was an attraction for it the cord did its work.

Rectange of her York, willing a per tent, pre.

tion from her mind.

is of good family, and respectable and are the "saints of the Lord." worthy, that she loves to distraction, and will be no disgrace to the best blood of Japan. We are told by the interpreter that the present Tycoon is a young man who has a high estimation of the American people, and it is believed that if the parents of the Chicago lady will give their consent to the union, which for very good reasons they at present withhold, the Tycoon will gladly yield his consent as a step toward's winning the favor of the people of this great country. Of that we shall know more hereafter. At present two anxious hearts are awaiting the decision of the Tycoon. Sing-kee-Chee knows very well that if the consent is not given his fate is sealed, Chicago they attracted the attention of for with the refusal would come a notice many of the first ladies of that city, who that by the asking of such a favor he had made them presents, and presented them offended beyond redemption, and only the with their photographs. It was the fancy committal of hari-kari would wipe out the of an hour which gratified both parties and insult. We certainly trust that no such was forgotten by both. There was one la- | sad fate awaits the lover, for the lady has

After the arrival of the company in this completely lost to the infatuation, and to city, every mail brought to Sing-kee-Chee have captivated entirely the heart of one a letter from his betrothed, and on Saturof the Japanese, who has the musically- day she came to meet him previous to his sounding name of Sing-kee Chee. This departure from this city. Her strange love worthy, as we have learned from the mem- instead of decreasing, seems to flourish bers of the company, has something of a time rolls on and opportunity is given to romance in his history. His father was a think it over, and when the party left this nobleman belonging to the court of the city last evening to go to Fort Wayne, Tycoon. He loved and married a girl in passing through Chicago, there seemed no the lower class, very pretty, very good, but happier or more devoted lovers in this world not high blooded. The Tycoon heard of it than Sing-kee-Chee and his Chicago be-

From the Lynchburg Republican. A NEW ROAD TO BLISS.

The following spicy article from the Richmond Examiner, while not altogether as reverent as it might be, displays in such erty going to the Tycoon. His wife, dis- a forcible and felicitous manner the absurowned, joined a company of acrobats. dities of modern executions that we give it Years after, this same company was per- a place in our columns. We cannot doubt forming before the Tycoon. In the bam- for a moment that the outstretched arm of boo act, which is his favorite, the Tycoon divine clemency may reach any offender, was much struck with the daring of a boy however desperate his case, and pluck him rolling-pin, knotty and knobby, also of oak, who did wonderful things on the slender away from the very jaws of hell. But we reed. Upon inquiry he learned that the cannot imagine a more besorted folly than boy was none other than the son of his to suppose that such constrained repentance as a condemned felon exercises, and such maniac prayers as he utters in his despair, are apt to be found acceptable by Heaven. That ministers appear to attach any importance to these piteous and awful declarations of dying and despairing sinners, we believe is a grievous weakness and error, rocked to death. Think of lying on a bed well calculated to do great harm.

considered the elect of the Lord; and when "the drop" tumbled a man into eternity, ing off legs and arms. he was not believed to have gone by a "lightning express train" to Heaven. The It is of iron, but to all appearance a harmder of the Tycoon, to watch them and also old fashioned orthodox faith demanded re- less thing. But just take it for a moment pentance, abandonment of vicious habits, in your mouth, and let me give a gentle

the favorable notice of the Tycoon. The for a number of cold blooded murders, and ing its leaves so suddenly and violently, young lady made his acquaintance in Chi- his "soul went marching on," from Charles- that your jaws are forced open till the cago, talked with him and invited him to town to Paradise, the popular faith at the joints crack in the sockets, while the deleher house, where he had made himself North has gravitated more and morestrong- cate petals become pincers, which grasp quite a favorite. His history was known, ly to the belief that the shortest cut to your tongue. No out-cry now. No utter- \$5,950,000,000 of goldin the world. These and the lady, by one of those romantic fan- Heaven is from the gibbet. And as the lance now. No screaming to raise the cies which will, in the eyes of the world, business of hanging is just at this time neighborhood. Moans and sighs only from sometimes make fools of the most sensible, being prosecuted with commendable activ- the sufferer. One twitch of the string and learned to love him. Not for his good ity in that section, we are daily edified with the tongue is torn ont by the roots. looks certainly; for intelligent as he is, and refreshing accounts of murderers appearing with the high blood coursing through his radiant with the hope of salvation, and ment to pluck a leaf from a lime tree that leable that even this small bulk of it would veins, Sing-kee-Chee is not the most fasci- clamorous with delight at the thought of nating of the party. Perhaps the lady being swung into glory. One day, a brute, loved him for the sacrifices of his father, in human shape, is strangled for beating Perhaps not. We will not attempt to out with a club the brains of an old woman, imagine the excuse for the notion, to call it and he assures the spectators that he ex- iron-grated windows. Here are ladders, by no other name. Sing-kee-Chee was de- pects to "sup with the Lord," and ex- with windlasses and pulleys, on which viclighted with the lady, but he had no fur- presses a dubious hope that the less-favored tims were stretched till bones snapped ther thought, for he left her with no other mortals, then and there present, will "meet till joints leaped from their sockets and exchange than that of a photograph, he him in Heaven." Only day before yester- cords were torn asunder. Here are racks carrying hers with those of other ladies day a pious and most exemplary "image and wheels, pillories and stocks, whips and which had been given him. At Detroit of God, carved in ebony," was executed for manacles. This was the place of torture. for there are 4,840 square yards to the acre. Sing-kee Chee was surprised to meet the a most brutal murder, and he danced with We leave these and creep through a narlady, who found the world a blank desert joy upon the trap-door of the "patent row passage, and reach at last, far beneath after her heart had become another's, and drop," at the thought that Father Abra- all sight or sound of the world, a darker in Detroit Sing-kee-Chee first began to dis- ham and Saint Peter were waiting with cover the secret, and to feel, too, that al- impatience with his "crown of light and though his heart was pledged to another robe of glory" ready for him as soon as

was the subject of a joke by the members of derers to die with the assurances that for a are thrown apart, and by the dim light of nia. the company, whom he one day surprised calm and quick passage to the realms of the the candle you see that the inside of the by the information that he loved the young blessed there is nothing like a murder. lining is set with sharp spikes. Take one imperial in his munificence. He spent in ed port wine has hitherto been manufac-American better than he loved the maiden Heaven is now the popular incentive to step forward and the folds enclose you. presents £200,000. The Czarewitch got tured for the London market is this: The of his own land. This was a phase in the felonious hemicide, and it so much easier Iron spikes pierce your body, and into affair that the company had not dreamed to brain a friend than to go through a long your eye-balls, clear through the vertebra King of Prussia, true to the character for the berries of these trees are dried in the of and it was a startling one. They told purgation of prayer, that active and ener- they penetrate. Not a quick embrace, but thriftiness to which Mr. Carlyle attributes sun or in kilns. The wine is then thrown the lover to beware—that he must take a getic men, when tired of this world, look slowly you are enfolded; one turn of the the success of his house, spent but £6,000, on them, and the berries are trodden (as lesson from the fate of his father, who had to the gallows as the gates of Paradise. loved without the consent of the Tycoon, Good Christian gentlemen, who lie down just enough to touch the apple of the quiv- father presented him with as pocket saturated with the coloring matter of the and if he persisted his father's fate would be upon decent death beds, with weeping ering eye; then, after an age of anguish, money. his. Sing-kee-Chee did remember this, and friends around them, are oppressed with another turn, a hundred spikes reach a endeavored to banish her from his heart, doubts of a dread mystery of a hereafter, little nearer to the nerves; and then as but it was a useless task. The more he but red-handed murderers in their last mo- heat, thirst and fever rack the body, anoth- the official French journals, in announcing composition of all the port wine hitherto tried the deeper he loved, and before the ments are made radiant with visions of er gentle turn and another age of torture; the visits of crowned persons, generally drunk in England. No pure wine, no wine van vos for 'Anover Square, another for company left Detroit he made the romantic Heaven. By way of variety it would not and then one more advance of the spikes mention the sum which each is expected to not thus specially adulterated for the Eng-

he should make her his wife, and with this ing to escape the clutches of the devil. The into unknown depths! We drop a pebble The "Fat Contributor" on Accident Insurance assurance the maiden returned to her pa- doctrine that all the atrocious murderers are and hear the faint splash of water far berents in Chicago, who are striving by every to be admitted to the "abodes of the bless- neath. means in their power to eradicate the no- ed," is not a comfortable one to that somewhat numerous and not altogether dis- the skull of a female. You may put your Sing-kee-Chee is obstinate and determin- reputable class of men who do not fancy fingers into the holes where the spikes ed. He has written to the Tycoon the full murdering old men and women for their which entered the eyes came through! account of the matter-has told his love in money and spoons. We are willing, out of No name on record. God only has the the barroric but expressive language of his respect for the memory of the late Mr. De look of remembrance. people, and has sent forward with this the Quincy, to regard murder as one of the fine testimony of all the Japanese that the girl arts, but we cannot agree that murderers

NUREMBURG CASTLE.

Mr. Coffin writes to the Boston Journal from Nuremburg, Bavaria:

Come with me to this old town, enter some of these edifices, and look upon the administration of government as it was in the 16th and 17th centuries. We enter one of the towers of the castle, descend five steps. and find ourselves in a museum where are preserved the books and records giving us a history of the past; not only books but implements and instruments which show more clearly than written words the administration of those days. Here is a post four feet high in the centre of the room, with two curious fixtures on the top, having some resemblance to gun-locks.

What is this? The girl who acts as our usher raises the hammers, which come up with a click. She touches a spring, and they go with a snap that startles you-forced down by strong springs, with a whack that would have mashed your fingers to a jelly had they been under the hammer .-This is a finger-crusher, a delicate little instrument to extort confessions from reluctant witnesses or suspected criminals. Here are bracelets for the wrists, not of gold or silver, but iron, and the parts which touch the wrists are set with needles. Put them on your arms and touch a screw, and they close upon the flesh, the needles piercing cords, tendons, flesh and bones. It is one

degree more severe than the finger-crusher. Here is a head-dress, a crown that has been worn by many men and women. has sharp knives which cut through the scalp to the skull. Here are chains and keys, and weights and keys, handcuffs and clasps for the ankles, stocks for the feet, weights to hold your feet to the floor, and pulleys to draw your head at the same time to the ceiling. Here is a bench of solid oak with a corrugated surface, upon which many men have been laid, held down by cords to undergo the kneading process, and that which lies upon the table, has been rolled backward and forward over the naked forms of men and women, kneading life flesh to bloody dough. Time and space would fail me were I to enumerate all the instruments of torture here, or to set forth their uses. We can only look at the cradle-the bottom and sides thickly set with pins in which many victims have been of oaken pins, rolling to the right, to the This is the Examiner's opinion of the left-always against pins-till the flesh becomes livid jelly. Here is a string of In former times, murderers were not beads, each bead sixteen-sided. about as large as hickory nuts. This was for saw-

Here is an instrument shaped like a pear. forgiveness of sins, and a "life illustrated pull at the string attached to the stem of than eighteen dollars; so that the whole cuthe pear, and it will no longer be a pear But ever since John Brown was hanged but a full grown lily, an iron lily, unfold-

We go into the court-yard, stopping a mowas in full vigor 500 years ago, and then we enter another door, descend a long flight of steps, to dark, dismal dangeons, where light never fell except through narrow, dungeon of the 'Iron Maiden."

Here is the statue or image-a maiden here. He did not discover this until he It is now evidently the fashion for mur- cloak. Suddenly the folds of the cloak

Here is a skull. Anatomists say it is

EXPLORING GREENLAND.

tion for Greenland. He has arrived at Co was started. Now the best policy is penhagen en route thither, and writes back: policy in the "Breakneck." I intend to travel by means of dog sledges, terior of Greenland is at present entirely again. unknown, and no serious attempt has ever been made to explore it. The two or three toward the interior during the present cenoccasionally as much as thirty-five or forty neck." miles in a day. There is no reason to suppose that the interior presents extraordina- by a horse. The horse wasn't insured and ry difficulties for travelling, and there is he got kicked back. good reason to believe that it is something better than a dreary waste of snow and ice. gaged in running a circular saw, had his Not only are traditions to be met with among arms taken off. They consisted of a cavthe Greenlanders that the interior is a fer- alry sword and a double-barreled shot-gun. tile country, but it is made almost a certainty by the fact that the countless herds insurance—and he hasn't been caught yet. of reindeer which occasionally visit different parts of the coast alway retire towards fold and broke his neck. If he had been the interior where they are not followed. insured in the "Breakneck," his sentence These herds of reindeer are so vast in numbers that they must require for sustenance a considerable amount of food; and hence things? it is believed by many who are best acquainted with the subject, that the interior, if not a fertile, must be very far from a barren country. The unconquerable aversion for thinking he could not take care of himof the natives to travel over the snow has self. The very next day he fell from the proved hitherto the greatest difficulty in roof of his house and wasn't hurt a bit! the way of visiting the interior. They have traditions of a savage, cannibal people living on the other side of the range of moon- neck,' he will receive \$15 a week till he tains which bounds the view from Davis' recovers. Strait; and others of a ferocious wild beast, the 'Amarok,' which has never, however, been known to be seen, much less taken. Prison. Policy in the "Breakneck" and But the largest part of their aversion to travel over the snow is derived from their room. fear of the crevasses, which it covers and conceals, and into which they have oftentimes the Breakneck.' The very next day he fallen. I shall probably get no assistance

ence is estimated by a correspondent of the New York Evening Post at \$5,950,000,000 in value. It may be of interest to see what the bulk of this amount of gold would be were it all melted and run together. Pure gold is more than nineteen times as heavy as water, and a cubic foot of water weighs a thousand ounces avordupois. A cubic foot of gold would weigh then over 19,000 ounces avoirdupois; and every such ounce of fine gold would be worth somewhat more bic foot of gold would be worth a little more than a third of a million of dollars. A cubic yard of solid gold would be worth twenty-seven times as much as that, or over nine million dollars; and 660 cubic yards 660 cubic yards would be contained within a room about five yards high, eight yards wide and sixteen yards long, say a good-sized parlor or a store of moderate size .gild over the whole earth." But he either overestimates the malleability of gold, or more likely underestimates the size of the earth. It takes 1,280,000 leaves of the thin nest gold foil to make an inch in thickness, or about fifteen millions and a third to make a foot, or 46,000,000 to a yard. A cubic yard of gold then, could be beaten out so as to cover 46,000,000 square vards Then, as there are 640 acres to the square mile, the whole 660 cubic yards of gold the elder port will be unpleasantly recalled could be beaten out so as to cover about ten thousand square miles. That is, a tract only a hundred miles square, less than the wine, from a note by our Secretary of Lewith a hood upon her head, an iron ruffle extent of Vermont, and a little more than one-fifth of either New York or Pennsylva-

through \$40,000 on his own account. The Paiz de Vanhateiro abounds in elder-trees; screw, just enough to penetrate the flesh, and the Crown Prince £1,500, which his previously the grapes) till it is thoroughly

one only offer and the prignoled element out the organization of the first with the first with the new first state of the new first state

The "Breakneck Accident Insurance Company" wrote to the "Fat Contributor" not long since, to work out a column or so of inducements for people to take out policies. This is the way ne did it:

Everybody should get insured against of the "best of families"-accidents will happen in them.

Edward Whymper, the distinguished Alp "Honesty is the best policy," but that was climber, has started on a tour of observa- before the Accident Insurance Company

but I expect considerable trouble in getting out of a fourth story window. He had no The other day a man in Chicago fel insurance and consequently was killed. venes between the coast and the interior Another man on the same day "fell out" snow. The latter, when reached, I expect with his wife. He was insured in the will be tolerably easy travelling. The in- "Breakneck," and is ready to fall out

A woman driving a spirited horse in excursions which have been made by Danes sured against accidents, she wasn't alarmed St. Louis was run away with. Being intury have experienced no greater difficulties safe. Her policy running out she neglected a bit, stopped the horse and came back than might be expected from inadequate to renew it. Shortly after she was run time and imperfect means. Dr. Hayes has, away with again. Her husband's partner however, on more than one occasion, made ran away with her this time, and she hasn't excursions toward the interior, with consid- come back yet. Don't fail to renew your erable success, and has managed to travel policy, particularly if it is in the "Break-

At Dubuque, Iowa, a man was kicked

Near Paris, Kentucky, a man while en-The man who carried them off had acciden

In Philadelphia a man fell from a scafwould have been commuted to imprisonment for life. Why will men neglect these

Our agent at Penn Yan, New York. writes: "One of our neighbors whom I had solicited to take a policy, laughed at me

In Utica, New York, a man accidentally got married. Being insured in the Break

A man was sentenced to solitary con finement for life in the Michigan State \$15 a week as long as he is confined to his

A grey-headed old man was insured in bought a bottle of hair-dye and--dyedfrom the Greenlanders, but I reckon on some his family received a handsome sum on the blackboard.

Two cattle drovers started with a drove The amount of gold at present in existof cattle to New York. One had a policy and the other had none. There was a col lision, and the one who had a policy wasn't hurt a bit-and the other wasn't either Insure in the 'Breakneck.'

Near Portland Maine, a poor man fell from a loft and broke his neck. He received his insurance, \$3,000, from the Breakneck, with which he was enabled to set himself up in business, and is now

Our agent at Cleaveland 'O., writes: "I lumber horse ran away with a bob-tailed wagon and tipped the street over on to small woman and six clderly children. The horse began to cry and the wagon bled freely at the nose, but otherwise the street is doing well. No insurance.

A man accidentally fell from a steamer at New Orleans into the river. As he was sinking the third time he suddenly recollected that his policy in the 'Breakneck' had expired. He then swam ashore, sought out the agent and renewed his policy, and immediately returned to the river and sank the third time in a serene and tranqui manner. Insure before you are in surely

A fellow took a drink of whiskey, at saloon in Cincinnati. Suddenly recollecting that he had no insurance, he immdiately took an emetic, and then he took out policy in the 'Breakneck.' He now takes his drink with impunity-if Impunity treats.

PORT WINE

Jerrold's joke about the old port and to "crusty" drinkers by the following paragraph on the manufacture of Portuguese exported for the English market is largely mixed with brandy, and is composed al most as much of elderberries as of grapes. berries. Brandy is then added in the proportion of from three to sixteen gallons to

A GENEROUS LADY.

At one of the last balls given by the Minister of the Navy, one of the most charming ladies of Paris, noted for her immense wealth, her elegance and her exquisite taste, were a full set of imitation accidents. No matter if you belong to one mechanic. She was highly amused at the congratulations that were offered to her, especially in regard to a pair of enamel bracelets, wrought in the style of the Etruscan jewelry at the museum of the Louvre, which belonged originally to the Campana collection. At the close of the ball. after the cotillion was over, she commenced distributing among the friends around her, not only the set of jewelry which she had worn during the evening, and which she took from her wrists, her neck and her ears, but a large number of sleeve-buttons, breastpins, earrings, agraffes, &c., which her husband brought to her in a casket. Only several days afterwards she explained the whole secret to those on whom she had lavished her gifts, and who were the imitation jewelry in the full belief that it was highly valuable.

"All the jewelry together, cost me forty francs," she said, bursting into loud laugh ter, "and I bought it on the Boulevard, of a poor devil whose store was the sidewalk. and whose counting-house was a sheet o of paper."

From the Detroit Free Press, July 4, A PECULIAR CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA

Sixteen years ago, last Wednesday, Jas. Bay, then a resident of Pontiac, was bitten by a rabid dog, but experienced no serious effect from the bite, until one year from the day on which he was bitten. He then felt some symptoms of the terrible disease, which soon developed into a most frightful attack. For six weeks he was a raving maniac, and all hope of his recovery was abandoned; but an iron constitution, and skillful nursing, brought him out from the shadow of death, and he rallied, the disease finally passing off. He pursued the even tenor of his way until the second anniversary, when he was again attacked, but with less severity than on the first occasion. The 26th day of June in each succeeding year has been the occasion of a hydrophobic fit, the last of which attacked him one week ago yesterday at Sandwich, where he was employed as brick-maker. The usual symptoms were felt during the early part of the day, and Bay requested some of his friends to tie him, in order to prevent personal injury. Being frightened by his personal appearance they refused to do so, and he continued at his work all day and until midnight, his usual time for quitting. Going to a neighboring barn, he tried to sleep off the dreadful attack. After a while his companions heard a noise in the barn, and, fearing that it was as Bay had declared, went to his aid. An appalling sight greeted them. The poor victim was foaming at the mouth, biting at various objects, and to all appearance suffering the most horrible agony. As soon as he caught sight of them, with eyes glowing like fireballs, and uttering an unearthly yell, he made a rush for them. The party at once retreated, leaving Bay alone in the gloomy hayloft, wrought up to the highest pitch of maniacal frenzy, and battling with an enemy that no mortal man can subdue. In one of his convulsions he lifted a portion of the roof completely off, which evidently exhausted him, as nothing more was heard, and when his friends finally ventured to look after him he was found in a sound sleep. He was at once secured and taken to a safe place, where he was kept for several hours, and when he awoke nearly all traces of the previous night's awful experience had disappeared, and with the exception of the exhaustion produced by his

The following is an interesting description of the way they do things at the mint

great sufferings, was as well as usual.

of Japan at Yeddo: "There are about three hundred hands employed in the building. When the men enter in the morning they are made to divest themselves of their own clothes, and put on others belonging to the mint. At the end of a day's work a gong sounds. when the somewhat curious spectacle in presented of 300 men springing from the ground on which they have been seated. throwing off their clothes, and rushing, naked throng, to one end of the yard. Here they pass through the following ordeal in order to prove that they have no silver on them: Their back hair is pulled gation at Lisbon:-"All port wine hitherto down and examined, they wash their hands and hold them up to view, they drink water, and then halloa, and lastly, they run to the other end of the yard, clearing two or three hurdles on their way; ufter which they are allowed to go to their lodg-

Punch publishes a vastly funny picture of a mid-night scene in a street in Lond the characters being a perplexed cabman, a policeman, and a carriage full of drunken young men promiscuously heaped upon each other. Says cabby: "Ere's a go, n'liceman! What am I to do? I vos ordered to take these 'ere gente as 'a been maiden's heart happy by declaring that he loved her, and if the Tycoon's consent could be gained by the strongest entreaties was not so perfectly certain that he was gothe Halbany, and the tothers elsevers. Vell, they vos all carefully sorted ven I started, the regives up an' I don't know wich is right.