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Capital Punishment.

Because a person believes that hanging is the poorest use to put a man to, it is not a good reason why a law-abiding citizen should sign a petition for commutation of the sentence of the anarchists, although it is evidence that it is the most common reason why citizens are now doing so. If the law which visits murder with the penalty of death is averse to the will of the majority of the people of the state, it should be repealed, and objection to it not made the ground for petitions to see it aside in favor of particular criminals.

It is nothing new for large numbers of very good citizens to interest themselves on behalf of executive clemency to convicted criminals. So constituted is human nature that a petition for the commutation of the death penalty imposed upon the most vicious and brutal murderer is certain of finding signers. There is such a fascination about signing a petition for mercy that mankind can scarcely resist it. Judgment, reason, and self preservation yield to the temptation to plead with an official sworn to administer the law, to exercise the "attribute of God Himself."

A petition for any object never lacks signatures, since there is nothing cheaper than that which costs a petitioner nothing, but which may ask anything, from a copper for a blind imposter to the life of a condemned cut-throat.

Now, what is this law of capital punishment which so many good citizens would have abrogated in behalf of the anarchists, or for that matter in the case of any criminal?

Is it something new?

Was it enacted in haste?

Is it specially applicable to any class?

No, it is none of these. As the penalty for murder death has been decreed from the earliest times, in all lands, and among all people and conditions of men. The question of its expediency has engaged the attention of the wisest philosophers and law-makers, pagan and Christian, in all ages.

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed" is the scriptural justification of capital punishment. Civilization has not yet reached any decisive conclusion that there is any wiser substitute for the death penalty for murder and treason, of both which crimes the anarchists were guilty.

The experiment of substituting life imprisonment of various degrees of severity for capital punishment has been tried in several countries in Europe and in a few of the states, but not with such satisfactory results as to be of any decisive value in determining the expediency of the innovation. In one or two instances states have re-enacted capital punishment after a trial of doing without it.

Capital punishment may be all wrong but the way to right the wrong is not by petition for its suspension as to any individuals, but for its abolition generally.

The Five Boys.

T. D. Meador writes: Have five children, and under no circumstances would I be without Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial in my house, especially during the fruit season. The result in its use is very gratifying.

Cleanliness damands that ladies occasionally wash their hair. For them to thoroughly dry it at once is compulsory; if they do not and the water is allowed to dry in the hair, the secretion of the oil glands becomes decomposed and a sour, extremely offensive odor is emitted. To assist in drying long hair after it has been carefully rubbed in towels, finely powdered starch can be taken up on a brush and then removed by continued brushing.

No woman can be contented and happy if her skin is covered with pimples and blotches. These disfiguring eruptions are easily removed by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This medicine is perfectly safe to take, and is a thoroughly reliable blood purifier.

EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON LIFE.

PROFESSIONAL CHAPERONS WHO COACH NEW-COMERS IN THE WAYS OF THE CAPITAL.

The wives and daughters of new congressmen and officials are frequently thrown into society without previous preparation. From the quiet of a country home this is a terrible transition. There are ladies here in Washington whose husbands have been army or navy officers. They have spent years in society and have held and still hold high rank. The mysteries of form and usage are familiar to them, but the death or retirement of their husbands has reduced their finances below the figures of their extravagant tastes. These ladies now sustain their position in society leading the uninitiated through the mysterious mazes. They teach the wives of new senators and members from the back districts the polite forms and pilot them safely through a winter in Washington. The relation they hold to the novice is that of a superior, who condescends to take the part of a friendly adviser or chaperon. They are courted, followed—and paid! They are women who have been belles in society in the past, and who dictate its forms now. They now make a business of pleasure. They advise their patrons what to wear, how to furnish their house, how to talk and act, how to set their tables, how to receive callers and who to receive; when to call, how to call, and who to call on. They tell them the difference between an ordinary tea and a high tea; between a dinner party and a luncheon. They rub the dust off their dialect and teach them polite forms of speech, and tell them what to talk about. They lead them around the circle and teach by example. These chaperons are not known as such except to those who employ them, and they are the most courted of all society. They are experts in Washington life.

In the morning, when they are not circling the rounds of society, they act the part of private conversationalists. There are always a number of wealthy ladies who, on account of not knowing the ways of society, or of ill-health, or perhaps because they are in mourning, are not in the social swim.

As conversationalists these queens and factotums of society bring all the gossip and goings on in society in a morning call upon those wealthy victims of seclusion. They tell them who held receptions last night and who were there; what they wore, what they said, and what was said about them. They relate the latest private scandal; tell what different people think of each other, and how each is measured up by the whole of society. They report how long Mr. —— talked with Miss Millions, and repeat what "society" thought of it. They discuss the engagements made, to be made, and broken off. All the little bits of gossip, small talk, and scandal they carry with exact memory as to all the interesting details, and keep their secluded patrons as well posted as if they were among the most gay. They lighten up a melancholy morning.

Some of the most fashionable women who have long been the "leaders" of society earn in this way the means to keep up their establishments and to maintain themselves in fashionable luxury. The wives and daughters of some famous men now dead are professional leaders of society, and live by their profession.

Business Men.

You can't attend to your business if wearied from loss of sleep, by nursing the little one suffering so from the effect of teething. Why not do as your neighbor and give it Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial?

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The Number Nine.

The number 9 possesses some remarkable properties. If the nine digits, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9, be added together the sum will be 45, which is equal to five times nine, and the sum of the digits of their sum, 4 and 5, is nine. If any number is subtracted from another having the same digits in a different order the remainder will be divisible by 9, and the sum of the digits of the remainder will also be divisible by 9. Subtracting 2,967,634 from 7,364,629 there remains 4,396,995. The sum of the digits, 4 3 9 6 9 9 5, is 45, which is divisible by 9. If any number be multiplied by 9, the sum of the digits or figures of the product will be divisible by 9. Nine times 43,780,135 is 394,021,215; the sum of the digits of this product is 27, a multiple of 9. If a number be subtracted from another having the same digits in a different order and one of the digits of the remainder erased, it can be found in the following manner: Add together the figures of the remainder that are left, divide the sum by 9, subtract the figure that remains after dividing by 9, from 9, and the last remainder will be the digit or figure sought. If there was no remainder 0 or 9 was erased.

Ask some one to write down a number and subtract from it another composed of the same digits in a different order, without letting you see either of them. Tell him you want all the figures of the remainder but one. By the above rule you can soon find the figure you have not seen. The feat will appear quite mysterious to the uninitiated. Here is an example: Subtracting 156,324 from 231,456, the remainder is 75,132. The sum of the figures 7, 5, 1, 3, is 16. Divide 16 by 9, we have a remainder of 7. Seven from 9 leaves 2, the other figure.

A Series of Misfortunes.

An Englishman of the last century, Sir Thomas Robinson by name, was famous for nothing but being a great bore. He made a great many visits and sometimes public men had to resort to all sorts of expedients to avoid him. At the house of a certain high official where he called the servant's announcement, "My master and mistress are out," often had no effect on him.

"Oh, well," he would say, "I will just drop in and have a chat with the children."

Sometimes he said he "would have a talk with the parrot," or "I'll just take the opportunity of setting my watch by the great clock on the staircase."

One morning, when it was really impossible to admit him, Sir Thomas appeared bright and smiling at the door. The servant looked down from an upper window.

"My master and mistress are out," said the servant, as soon as he saw Sir Thomas.

"Ah? Well I'll just step in and—"

"The children are all asleep, sir!"

"Indeed? Well, I'll—"

"The parrot is dead, Sir Thomas!"

"Ah, that's bad! At any rate, I'll—"

"The clock is stopped, sir! It's not going since last night."

Completely baffled, the tiresome gentleman was compelled to withdraw without getting in.—[Youth's Companion.

Big Words.

It is never well to use big words when small ones will express the same meaning. A lady who was making a call on some acquaintance observed that the furniture had been changed, and remarked to the lady—

"You have been metamorphosed, haven't you?"

"Y e-s," said the other besitatingly. "You mean calcimimed, I suppose; it looks much better doesn't it?"

Another lady was showing a visitor around her grounds which were under the care of a landscape gardner, and she inquired of her friend how she liked the work.

"Why, I think," she said, "that you like symmetry."

"Why," said the other, "we don't intend to bury any one here. There is a good cemetery quite near."

"What caused your little boy's sickness?" asked a plain mother of a mother whose little son was very ill.

"He was climbing a ladder," said the lady, "and lost his equilibrium."

"Poor little fellow," said the sympathetic woman, "do buy him another, he'll be more careful next time!"

"Did you find the people indigent?" asked a clergyman of a wealthy member of his church who had been calling on some very poor families.

"Oh dear, no," answered the lady, "they were respectable but poor as poverty."

A Would-be Farmer.

"Brick" Pomeroy tells in his Advance Thought what he would do if he were a farmer, as follows:

Spend even one hour idly in town till we had wood and kindling cut and piled near the kitchen stove to last at least six weeks ahead as a foundation, below which the woodpile should not drop.

Sleep on an old packed straw bed when there was clean, bright straw to be had.

Compel our children to eat from soiled dishes, and thus educate them to slovenliness.

Break our backs on feats of strength to see which neighbor could lift the most, then grunt for a month and let our wife lug a swillpail to and fro.

Borrow any tool or other articles unless the owner would agree to come for them and take them home after we were through with them.

Pile or hang soiled clothes in a bedroom till it smelt like sheep-washing.

Let the calf chew harness except it belonged to a visitor we never wished to see again.

Spend more for beer than for books or more for tobacco than for newspapers.

Never give a note to any man if we could help it and never sign a contract with a stranger.

Drop tools, etc., where they are used and thus spend an hour or a day in hunting for them.

Never ask or expect children to cut wood, hoe, mow, or do any kind of farm work except with the best of tools in good order, least they tire of farm life and go to the devil across lots.

Would have no more land to cultivate than we could keep entirely free from weeds.

Never leave a horse standing in a storm or out in the cold while we are in town.

Never have more animals than we have good shelter for.

Never breed other than the best of animals we could obtain for stock purposes.

Never neglect to vote, and this according to your own judgment, without regard to prejudice.

Never sell the best and keep the poorest, but would have everything from wife, children, cattle, barn, wood-shed, stables, furniture and food, the best that could be produced, even if all we had could be loaded in one wheelbarrow.

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