

The Astor Place Riot.

The trouble arose because of what was believed to have been the ill-treatment received by Edwin Forrest, the tragedian, while in England. When W. C. Macready, the English tragedian, came to this country and his appearance at the Astor Place Opera House was announced, an immense faction declared he should never be allowed to play. True to their word, on the night of his first performance a wild mob filled the theater and carried it fully 20,000 strong. I was then in command of the Seventh Regiment, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon I received orders to be ready to quell the expected riot at the evening performance. By 6 o'clock the regiment had assembled in the Armory. I personally superintended the distribution of ammunition to the men, and I would like to take occasion now to settle a question in dispute in this respect. There was not a man in the regiment in possession of blank cartridges on that night, and any story to the effect that blank cartridges were issued is purely fictitious. The mob was armed with sticks and stones, and when it came to a standstill, the order was given to disperse the mob, and by the time we reached Astor Place it was fully that hour. The regiment was as yet with empty guns, but when I saw what I had to deal with, the instant order was close columns in mass and load at will. Had it not been for this I verily believe the mob would have massacred the whole regiment. Their attack upon us was at once furious and determined, but we responded in like measure. Of the rioters 134 were killed outright and over 100 wounded. Several of them were wounded with stones and other missiles. Thirty-two stand of arms were broken in the hands of our men, but the State replaced them. I have always believed the firing on that night was a salutary lesson to the mob spirits in this city.—Gen. Abram Duray.

Eye Memory.

Look steadily at a bright object, keep the eyes immovable on it for a short time, and then close them. An image of the object remains; it becomes, in fact, visible to the closed eyes. The vividness and duration of such impression vary considerably with different individuals, and the power of retaining them may be called "eye memory." The old man, the once celebrated but now forgotten "Memory Thompson," trained himself to the performance of wonderful feats of eye memory. He could close his eyes and picture within himself a panorama of Oxford street and other parts of London, in which picture every inscription over every shop was so perfect and reliable that he could describe and certify to the names and occupations of the shop-keeping inhabitants of all the houses of these streets at certain dates, when postoffice directories were not as they now are. Among them, "Memory Thompson" is forgotten, his special faculty just now receiving some attention, and it is proposed to specially cultivate it in elementary schools by placing objects before the pupils for a given time, then taking them away and requiring the pupil to draw them. That such a faculty exists and may be of great service is unquestionable.—*Gentleman's Magazine*.

Sheep as Beasts of Burden.

In the northern part of India sheep are put to a use—unthought of in European countries. They are made to serve as beasts of burden. The mountain paths among the foothills of the "Malayus are so precipitous that the sheep are more sure-footed than horses." They are preferred as burden carriers, and for each sheep is from sixteen to twenty pounds. The sheep are driven from village to village, with the wool still growing, and in each town the farmer shears as much wool as he can sell there, and loads the sheep with the grain which he receives in exchange. After his flock has been sheared he returns it home, with sheep having on its back a small bag containing the purchased grain.

Come to the Rescue.

As surely as any known effect follows a cause, so just so surely will disease of the kidneys be remedied. Come to the rescue with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which gives a healthful impulse to the action of both the kidneys and the bladder, without exciting the mind or unnerveing the body. It is recommended active by this great and tried physician, who performs their functions thoroughly and successfully, and in every system of medicine which begins inflammation, irritation, gives Bright's disease, diabetes and catarrh of the kidneys, and the malady of the liver and spleen, the formidable malady of the heart, and the terrible effects caused by the power of nature for indifference to that plain warning of the physician. When this exists, not a moment should be lost in the use of the remedy indicated. Bear in mind that it is a specific for all malady of the kidneys and nervous system, and cure or prevent material complaints.

A Trifle Mixed.

One of the partners in a New York produce house went on a business trip through the South recently, returning to receive a reception from his fellow-brokers which amazed him by its bumptiousness. What he found his master was the "lumber of inquiries as to his return trip and the joyousness of it. He got an explanation when he saw his last telegram from the South, which he had sent just before starting North. He wrote: "Letters to trip. Coming home. Success; tank cars." But the operators made it read: "Let her rip. Coming home successfully in tank cars."

Sick-Headache relieved by Small Bills.

GOES without saying—A mute.

IT COVERS A GOOD DEAL OF GROUND IN A VERY UNPLEASANT WAY.

DOCTOR HEDGES HAS HIS EYES OPENED IN A VERY UNPLEASANT WAY.

Dr. Hedges was the first one in the party to discover the ship was in motion. He did not suppose that Captain Fox, who had the ship's log, was not the "lumber of inquiries as to his return trip and the joyousness of it. He got an explanation when he saw his last telegram from the South, which he had sent just before starting North. He wrote: "Letters to trip. Coming home. Success; tank cars." But the operators made it read: "Let her rip. Coming home successfully in tank cars."

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