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A TRIO OF FINE SPECIMENS.

Three cases of shocking male depravity came to the attention of the Hammond police yesterday and it is remarkable that such examples of bestiality and brutality should live in a civilised community. One drunken brute brought a companion home to revel in his home while the dead body of his wife and mother of his children lay in another room, wept over by her five children. Another drunk spent his wages in drink and permitted his wife and children to starve while the third telephoned by a third party, a bartender and a fine specimen of humanity himself, that he had been struck by a railroad train and was fatally injured. If there is anything that is lower in this world than the man who deceives his wife, the woman whom he has sworn to love and cherish, it is the man who abuses and mistreats her. It is regrettable that there is not some punishment that can be inflicted on these male brutes, commensurate with the torture they inflict on those with whom they come in contact. The law fails somehow to reach them and in that it is weak. Physical punishment is the only way fit to deal with them. They used to do these things better in days gone by. The whipping post and tar and feathers, of course, belong to other days, but the creatures who used to be punished by means of them are still with us, more's the pity. Hammond is getting to be quite a wife-beating and wife-abusing factory. It happens so often that it would be hardly worth while to mention it were it not for the purpose of pointing to a moral.

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WHY SHOULDN'T THE PEOPLE KNOW?

There is much fuss and feathers being made at Washington over the facts that some defects are being discovered in some of the United States battleships and that the people are being hoodwinked whenever they look at the navy department. Some naval officers say that it is disloyal to say anything in public about the defects in our ships. Is it? Is it then disloyal to tell the American people what other countries are probably secretly advised by their embassies over here? Why should the American people not know the facts? Is it disloyal to tell these things to our own? Our naval officers know the facts, the foreign naval attaches know the facts, the general staff of every foreign navy department know them. The American people are getting to know them and they will know more of them as time goes on. The officers have been ordered not to talk. But the records are known.

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THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES SUSPENDED.

The Hunt case, pathetic beyond the power of the pen to really depict, is but another example of the long series of lessons that have been taught regarding the folly of thinking that crime will not right. There is no one in Hammond who is not sorry for D. B. Hunt and sorrier for his estimable family. He was a good husband and a kind father and a respected citizen outside of the one fatal lapse which lead him to do wrong. The lesson which will cost the unfortunate ex-mail carrier four of the best years of his life, may yet be heeded in time by others who have done and are doing secret wrongs, who are trusted by their wives and families and friends. There are men who pose and prate of the sins of others and who are ready to assail others when they themselves live in glass houses, forgetful that one day their sin will find them out and strip the sham from their lives which has deceived people so long. The sword of Damocles is suspended only by a thread! It is easy to cut the thread!

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THE WAGGISH JOE MILLER on the esteemed Gary Tribune will be the death of us with his scintillating quiddities. He asks us for the names of the Gary business and professional men who doubt the wisdom of trying to get a superior court for Gary at present. Now, we understand, that our enterprising, though frivolous, little contemporary employs a bright young man as reporter. Let it assign him the joyous task. Isn't the Tribune able to get its own news?

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CONGRESSMAN E. D. CRUMPACKER, chairman of the United States committee on census, has won another big victory in preventing the civil service commission from blocking the immediate taking of the census by placing the appointments in the service.

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THE STORY FROM Chihuahua, that Mr. Bryan had been attacked by a bear while out hunting, is authoritatively denied. There are no bears to speak of now, they are all bulls.

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THAT MASSACHUSETTS man whose hair shoots sparks when it is combed has nothing on a couple of cats of our close acquaintance. Yes, and we mean a couple, not two.

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DON'T CHEW CLOVES. Better tell your young lady that you took it for a cold; sympathy is better than suspicion.

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THEIR ARE SOME people that act as a counter-irritant, and a bargain counter-irritant at that.

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"O, WAD SOME power the giftie gi us, to see ourselves as others see us!"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 11.

1777—Washington's army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge.

1804—Two score of houses on Wall street, New York, destroyed by fire.

1816—Indiana admitted into the Union as the nineteenth state.

1854—United States and Great Britain concluded a treaty of commercial reciprocity.

1866—French occupation of Rome terminated.

1872—Eleven servant girls perished in a fire in the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York.

1889—General Galixa Garcia, noted Cuban leader, died in Washington.

1900—Mgr. Montagnini, secretary of the papal nunciature, expelled from France by the French government.

1907—Benjamin Champney, artist, died

in Woburn, Mass. Born in New Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 20, 1817.

THIS IS MY 63RD BIRTHDAY.

Dr. Robert Koch.

Dr. Robert Koch, the world-renowned discoverer of the bacillus of tuberculosis, was born in Klausthal, Hanover, Dec. 11, 1843, and was educated at the celebrated university at Gottingen. Almost as soon as he had received his degree of M. D. he began the study of germs, and about 1880 he succeeded in identifying the germ of cattle disease and of consumption. His remarkable discoveries led to his being placed at the head of the German cholera commission, which visited Egypt and India, and while on this investigation he discovered the comma bacillus of cholera, receiving a reward of 100,000 marks from the government. Further re-

Heart to Heart
Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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THE DEATH OF YERKES.

I want to read you a little sermon on the career and death of the late traction magnate, Charles T. Yerkes.

He died at a fashionable hotel in New York, and while his body was still warm it was hustled into a big wicker basket and to a freight elevator to get it out of the way.

His wife refused to see him on his deathbed. His son and daughter were estranged from him. No one but the nurse was with him when he died.

He was worth—in money—many millions.

When Yerkes died the cafes and restaurants of the Waldorf-Astoria were crowded with gay parties. The guests must not be shocked. What to do? The porters hastily filled a big laundry basket with soiled linen. Yerkes' body was dumped in and stealthily dragged to the elevator. It was thus transferred to a back sample room to await the undertaker's wagon.

So—

The funeral bier of this multimillionaire, art critic and connoisseur was a laundry basket, he had for a shroud soiled linen, and his temporary sepulcher was a dumping room for refuse.

Afterward, of course, the body lay in state in the Fifth avenue palace whence he had tried to drive his wife. Nobody but the reporters and curiosity seekers came. Neither wife nor child nor relative was in the funeral procession, consisting of four cabs.

Yerkes divorced the wife who had stood by him in the day of his trial. He married his stenographer, lured by his desire for sensual beauty. Fascinated by a third woman, he was suing the second wife for a divorce at the time of his death.

He was a man of dominant power, crafty intellect, a cold heart and an aesthetic taste.

Now—

The old book says, "Whatever a man soweth that also shall he reap," and if he "sows to the flesh he shall of the flesh reap corruption."

Yerkes sowed to the flesh.

He got what he bargained for.

It is idle to ask if such a man found happiness. Yerkes sold himself to the devil for the sake of power, place, pleasure, passion. The devil does not pay in terms of human happiness. In the realm of happiness his currency is but counterfeit.

You cannot walk to happiness, my brethren, by stepping on broken hearts and gold dollars.

searches in bacteriology established his reputation as the leader in this branch of medicine, and led to his appointment as professor of hygiene at the University of Berlin. In 1891 he was honored with the appointment of honorary professor and director of the New Institute for Infectious Diseases. During the past summer Dr. Koch visited America and was one of the foremost participants in the International Congress on Tuberculosis held in Washington.

RANDOM
THINGS AND FLINGS

The weather man "fell down" badly on the snow story.

Some men do their walking on Leisure Lane and never get anywhere.

The ice man is spending these days trying to shove the safe door to in order to keep the greenbacks he earned during the summer from falling out.

Speaking of Strange Sights.

We saw a strong-minded though eccentric individual on the street the other day. He went by a hardware store where a washing machine was standing in front without giving the handle a jerk.—Grinnell (Iowa) Herald.

YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE MAN WHO TALKS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE "RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH," DOESN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT WHEN IT COMES TO SAYING A FEW NICE THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE.

General Simons of Haiti didn't have to contest his election, but he is having a hard time of it just the same.

IF THE CHILDREN LOOK WITH SUSPICION AT A CALLER IT IS A SIGN THAT THEY THINK SHE KNEW THE FAMILY WAS GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING GOOD FOR SUPPER.

Two Artists.

A. S. Davis brought the Telephone editor this week some of the finest sweet potatoes that it has been our delight to look on in a long time. Mr. Davis is a past master in the art of raising sweet potatoes, as the editor is in the art of eating them.—Sylvania (Ga.) Telephone.

No matter how much of a success President Roosevelt is, he will always

Anna Gould, Whose Marriage Affairs Are Again Being Aired



Princess Sagan, formerly Countess Castellane.

have one defeat staring him in the face—the reformed spelling fad.

MAN A MAN IS COMPELLED TO STAND PUNISHMENT WHO NEVER HAD TO FACE A PRIZE FIGHTER.

Attorney Abe Ottenheimer indicates that he would like to see East Chicago get a superior court, but he is rather dubious about the possibility.

Before

A girl marries
She prays that she may
Make him a good husband; after
She marries she asks
The Lord to make
Him a better
Husband.

Of course, none of us even believed it, but it is reassuring to hear E. H. Gary say that the U. S. steel people don't want the Standard Steel Car plant.

There is only one thing that ages quicker than a pretty girl when she marries, and that is a yellow shoe.

If there was only a way to make the Erie give Crown Point and Hammond people better train service, Heaven knows we would like to be informed "what it is."

SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS CAUSE INJURY TO WHITING MAN.

William E. Vater suffers injured arm while on his way home.

Yesterday.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 11.—William E. Vater had the misfortune to fall on a slippery sidewalk while on his way to his home in White Oak avenue and Fred street, and injured his arm severely.

The accident happened on Wednesday, and it has since been unable for Mr. Vater to use the injured member.

WASO JOCKLO STARTS LONE MAN RIOT.

Breaks the Windows in a Whiting Saloon Just For Revenge—Arrested and Sent to Crown Point.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 11.—The police yesterday received a message saying that a riot was taking place in the saloon of James Hadley, on Schrage avenue. Going to the place the three policemen found Waso Jocklo breaking the windows in the place as a means of revenge because he had been ordered out by the proprietor of the place for creating a disturbance.

Waso was placed under arrest and for the offense was fined \$15.55 by Judge Jones. Not being able to meet the indebtedness he was taken to Crown Point to serve out the time in the county jail.

Happy Manners.

Manners are the happy ways of doing things; each, once a stroke of genius or of love, now repeated and hardened into usage.—Emerson.

IF IT'S ADVERTISED IT'S WORTH LOOKING UP.

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