#### THE PRISON DEMON.

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cial Virgil who conducts visitors through not to be taken seriously. ladies and gentlemen, lives Harvey Jeliffe, enlightened powers that prey, the prison demon." And, having paused to

said, "into the laundry department." It sometimes happened that one of the dead wise. But he's got a grouch on. Inferno in all its details. Again the of- a case o' grouch an' not bughouse." ficial Virgil led the way to the wooden door, but with a marked difference of manner. He had received very definite instructions to show the "gentleman" everything. Arrived at the door, he said simply: "Would you like to see him " An affirmative answer caused to be unlocked a series celebrities of the Powers That Prey.

advantage of the invention to show him- earner self and walked over to the visitor's side

an' I can stand on me head 'f I like. They push of 'em. I'd like to squeeze that guard's throat now. Say, you old walnut head, open up the doors an' gimme a chance demon. It was difficult, on account of the bars, to have a satisfactory view of him, but with the exception of his extraordinarily piercing brown eyes he gave the impression, both in conversation and manner, of being an ordinary prisoner. A well built body and general muscular appearance suggested good health, and his complexion was not much worse than that of his less closely confined fellow convicts. At the time of his imprisonment in the underground cell he was about 35 years old.

On all occasions, when a privileged visitor was taken to see Jeliffe, the official explained a little how Jelisse lived.

"He spends hours every day in gymnas tics," he would say. "He is one of the strongest men I ever had to guard. If you ask him why he takes so much exercise, he says: 'I'm tryin' to keep my mind above my body.' He means that he is trying to keep strong. Although he has been in that cell for over ten months at a stretch, he can still do up any ordinary three men. Oh, he's a phenomenon, all right. No doubt

place; he had been a most exemplary penitent. Later he had committed a murder in the prison itself, and had escaped the death penalty only by a surmise, to which he himself refused in the least to assent, of insanity. It had been plain both to judge and jury that a man with but a short term still to serve, who committed a murder that must be brought home to him, could not be wholly of sound mind. When he got a life sentence he promised openly "to do for" the warden, and that is lese majeste and treason and half a dozen other heinous things, besides being foolish. In the meantime, while the warden showed respect for his own skin by keeping out of the way, Harvey kept himself in practice by knocking the "screws" heads together and miscellaneously spoiling them, for weeks after they had passed through his hands, for a visit to their sweethearts. Therefore, as was but reasonable, he had been scientifically paddled and subjected to hot water in immoderation, and to electricity, and had been strung up by the wrists for thirtysix hours, as a modest minimum, at a When he had proved after these delicate attentions that he really did not understand kindness, he was pronounced by the warden and became the prison demon, and was dealt with as such.

In connection with the "Harvey Jeliffe as it is sometimes called, there appeared not long ago in the public prints a paragraph entitled "An Experiment in Penology," which read thus: "The warden penitentiary has had built a very remarkable cage in which are to be confined two prisoners who have heretofore been an expense to the state which it is hoped the innovation will very considerably reduce. One of the prisoners is the well known professional. Harvey Jeliffe, popularly called the Prison Demon, and the other is a murderer who, if not so inherently irreclaimable as Jeliffe, has to be confined in a separate cell guarded by extra prison officers. The plan is to put these two men into the cage, and, if possible, to make them work. Whether they work or not, however, it is believed that imprisonment in the cage is the most fitting punishment to be meted out to such fiends. It was suggested to the warden that the two men might turn upon each other and do grave harm, but this possibility does not seem to give the warden great concern. He said in regard to it that if the men actually killed each other he was not sure that that would not be the best solution of the problem. To the layman this form of execution can but seem irregular to say the least, but it is a question deserving of very serious consideration by both specialists and laymen whether it would not be wise to put such wretches out of the world by process of law."

Since the publication of this paragraph there have been a number of public statements by professorial criminologists, who have examined Jeliffe in regard to his decell until the present moment he has acted nor prolonged, but it was "on the level."

exactly as they should have acted under similar provocation. That the world calls Harvey said. "I'm innocent, all right him a "demon" is evidence of ignorance 'nough, but there ain't no need for the kid

on the part of the world which they can to know where I am."

(Copyright, 1900, by McClure, Phillips & Co.) | only laugh at. But what can be expected of men publicly convicted of crime? This Until comparatively recent years the offi- question is rhetorical, which is to say it is

the great ---- penitentiary was wont to At the time that a professor of crimicall attiention to a wooden door in the nology was conducting his university basement of one of the prison buildings. It seminar through the prison in order that was his sacramental custom to wait until his students might see in the flesh some the visitors were very close to the door be- of the monsters he had described to them fore explaining to what inferno it led. In the lecture room a convict by the name of an aristocracy are more direct; the Ackeray "had done him dirt." The un-When the eyes of every one were directed to of Jervis Harpson made a statement to a business of a prince, and even of a prince merited conviction and imprisonment bethe padlock by which the door was secured group of fellow prisoners in regard to ling requires haste, and their substantial came to him now part of a general scheme he would say, in a voice charged with mys- Jeliffe which is representative of the power makes haste possible. Courtship in to "ditch" him. The injustice of the pun-"On the other side of that door, opinion concerning him among the more

"Course, these college blokes think allow his words their full effect, he passed Harvey's bughouse," he said; " 'cause they gravely on and artistically heightened the ain't next. I've known Harvey ever since curiosity which he had aroused by declin- he struck the turf. I knew him when he began his courtship on a street corner and her neglect of him. In an indefinite way ing to satisfy it. "We will now pass," he was only a kid travelin' with that western mob of grafters. The fellow's a wise one-Powers That Rule arrived at the pent don't know the whole o' the detalls, but I another who would; he had not hunted the thought of ways and means had not tentiary and expressed a wish to see the know enough of 'em to understand that it's down Harvey out of malice; it had been his captured his mind; that could be attended

In the life that preceded his time of "From Catamaran county are you?" he ain't dead set on bein' sorry to part with Ackeray paid the fine. would ask. "Well, that's a -- sight bet- her y' can git away from that door. If y' discoloration of their outsides, and quite see?"
literally had brought away his bride. He Sho range he did not look strikingly like a testify to this with every outward accomneed. Nettie was more than a little good to look upon and it is possible that her how heavily he struck her, Harvey was

had one child-Blanch-of whom they were both devotedly fond. Detective Ackeray was not given to what the young women novelists would call assorted sentiment. He had heard members of the officially gentler sex cry out insults to which nothing but a good drubbing is an answer, and that an insufficient one; and had seen women tantalize a man to deal the blow which would dishonor him, until, from the point of view of a member of the force, he thought the blow had been earned and ought to be delivered. "A lady that ain't a lady, and can't act like a lady, don't deserve to be treated like a lady," he had once been heard to declare, between his teeth, as he bundled a bonnet and skirt, etcetera, roughly into a patrol wagon. To Harvey Jeliffe had not upon his first enbe sure, the exasperation had been extreme. if they contained a larger member of the cat species than a woman, and one side of Detective Ackeray's face had been laid open in broad bands from eye to chin. The point s, however, that Nettie Jeliffe did uct like a lady, according to Detective Ackeray's standard at least, and he once happened to be present when Harvey Jeliffe was executing a bit of matrimonial discipline, and threatened to "run him in."

The discipline was being given in the street, and Ackeray would not have been "fly cop" had he not believed it to be his right to take a hand in all street happenings. Harvey believed it to be his right administer any chastisement that he thought his wife needed wherever it proved most convenient.

"This 's my circus," he said, defiantly, when Ackeray threatened to "pinch" him. You rubber too much with y'r neck, you do. If you can't do anythin' better than mix yourself in family affairs, why I'll help you to get over the habit."

"I tell you those, too," Nettle declared, boldly championing her husband's right to bring her up according to his best light. "If you fly cops 'ud take care o' your own fam'lies the way you try to take care of other people's, you'd save more money You're an old woman, that's what you are wouldn't be found dead livin' with you." 'Sock it to him," "Hit him where he lives," 'Kick him out o' the streets." bystanders suggested, and Nettle was emboldened to continue her "roasting."

"You jus' try to pinch my Harvey," she went on. "W'y, you long-legged, leatherheaded front office stiff, I'd rather have my Harvey kick me reg'lar ev'ry mornin' than drink a bottle of sham with you ev'ry night. You go home an' see 'f your own wife don't need a little trouncin'.

Detective Ackeray was not hurt by the frankness of Nettie Jeliffe's speech; neither did he find it diminished her "lady-On the contrary, he was old-fashioned enough to think a generous lie s grace in womankind, and that a family quarrel is a sacred function so long as are to deal with their guards and fellowthe family stands ready to present a united front against the intervention of an outsider.

"Long-legged, leather-headed front office stiff" is not a hackneyed term of endearment, and if Nettle Jeliffe had been searching for a phrase by which to recommend might not have hit upon it. His taste, however, was mature and sound; he did not mind hard words; they do not lacerate the flesh; he minded only bonnets and stands recorded that whereas before Nettle Jeliffe had ridiculed him he had pronounced her a "clipper," after she had ridiculed him he pronounced her emphatically a "corker." No very definite ideas are attached to either of these words, but they both express admiration, and "corker" is more nearly extreme than "clipper. gree of degeneracy, and the consensus of Later he was heard to say that "that little opinion among them is that physically, as woman is too good for Jeliffe," and that well as mentally, he is a pronounced type he would do her a good turn and what she ard for two years and nine monihs to get of criminal abnormality. They consider would think a good turn; if she did not a "good conduct" reduction of his senhim the kind of criminal that Prof. Lom- know what was good for her, he did; it tence. There remained but a few months bard suggests might fitly be put out of the was not good for her to be beaten. When more of confinement, and they were to be They see no hope whatever of re- he arrested Harvey "on suspicion" in conforming him and do not hesitate to offer nection with the housebreaking in Rish- had climbed the heights which led to the his case as proof of the need of legislation worth place, she cried more bitterly than which will permanently rid a community at the time when she had received a beat- the errand boy of the prison doctor, and of men of his stamp. The prisoners in the ing; she took her beatings for the most penitentiary where Harvey Jeliffe is con-part in haughty silence. When he suc-ferent departments. One day, while on an fined also have comments to make on his ceeded in convicting Harvey, altogether on errand to the glove department, he met case, but there is a very decided difference circumstantial evidence, and in obtaining an old acquaintance who had recently been between their remarks and those of the a sentence of four years, she cried still They do not accept the more bitterly. That was as it should be notion that Jeliffe is a degenerate; the he liked her the better because she stuck majority of them believe that from the to her man. The farewell between hustime he was first sent to the underground band and wife was neither hearthreaking

"I'll visit you reg'lar ev'ry visiting day." promised Nettle, at the same time really intending to keep her promise. "Remember an' make good time, an' don't get into any rows. I'll take care o' Blanche, so They're married." you don't need to worry. You'll write me, won't you?"

"Kiss me goodby; y' ain't kissed me Harvey," and the train and Harvey started for the "stir."

If Detective Ackeray had been a mere continued it in a station house. He had he had planned some day to settle ac-I protect; he wished to provide her with played in his (Harvey's) misfortunes, but attorney had done the rest. These things bondage Harvey Jeliffe was not a man he told her roundly with a manly straight- ably considered as had been the conviction who coveted, or, indeed, who gave great forwardness that should have won the that he was unjustly a prisoner. Men of occasion for commiseration. He did that heart or the imagination or the fancy of Harvey's stamp are much calmer in the which seemed pleasant in his own eyes and any woman. When, instead of listening open than in the "stir," and marriages of doors which, when opened, partially what his heart lusted for he took and kept to him, she reviled him, with feminine finrevealed, still behind bars, one of the with a strong hand. In particular his heart ish, point and fluency, before a gathering had lusted for Nettie Rix and he had taken crowd of chaffing auditors, he proved him- sense, however, to be a model penitent, The celebrity's willingness to talk de- her from her father and her brothers by self a man to be depended upon in an and the complete revelation of Ackeray's pended wholly on the mood he happened to dint of his strong hand in their faces in emergency; one of the strong, dumb souls duplicity fired him with a desire for rebe in. The most successful ruse to betray what the neighborhood called a "mix-up," Carlyle and Mr. Ruskin used to celebrate venge. him into conversation was for the guard to which occurred when he proposed for her as natural leaders and governors of men say: "Harvey, here's a friend from Cata- hand. To be sure, his proposition was he promptly placed her under arrest as maran county." Unless busted with a somewhat sudden and was not couched drunk and disorderly. The next morning "turn" at his calisthenics or fretted about in accents that could in the least be called in court she sufficiently demonstrated her the darkness of the day having diminished typical of the lover's whining, wheedling disposition to disorder by treating his the light in his cell, which was never suffi. deference toward the guardian dragons of honor with an alternate haughtiness and elently penetrating to allow a spectator to his beloved. He had said with Homeric elequence which made the audiences besee more than the bare outlines of the man simplicity, after having listened to the hind the rail titter and the double beach of when he sat on his bed, he generally took family protest against the main wage- bluecoats shake with involuntary mirth. in their midst being removed: The builiff cried "Silence!" and threatened "You can stow that gas for all me. Nett to clear the court; his honor passed senan' me is goin' to filt right now. If y' tence of \$10 or ten days. Detective

In the corridor of the magistrate's ter county 'n this. I ain't kickin', though don't git away I'll walk t'rough y' an' it court he gave Nettle what he would have All they can do to me is to coop me up might disregulate y'r insides." It was been pleased to call "professional" advice. then that the "mix-up" had occurred; "See here, Net, the next time 't I chew the don't dare to come in here an' let me Harvey had "walked t'rough" Nettle's rag with you about cuttin' up in the finger 'em over. I can do up the whole male kinsmen, at all events, greatly to the streets an' boozin', you want to listen-

She did not listen the next time, nor the had not beaten her since more nor oftener time after, though it need not be doubted to be affectionate, will you" At close than she needed; she herself stood ready to that she was impressed-yes! and subdued and attracted-by the might and decision paniment of rage the instant she heard of the prince. She had loved Harvey, him accused, and she surely ought to know mainly because he had vanquished her kinshow often and to what extent she was in men, and a little because he had beaten her as often as she needed it and not oftener. In equal logic she ought to have loved the tolerance was great, because, no matter prince, mainly because he had vanquished Harvey, and a little because, if he did not careful never to disfigure her face. They beat her to silence her tongue, he had discovered a method of procedure which much more nearly silenced it than anything that Harvey had ever done; and the strong point of every woman is logic-the women in their conventions and clubs say so. But the second strong point of every woman is her gift for concealing her logic. Nettle Jeliffe concealed hers, so far at least as Detective Ackeray was concerned, as long as in all human endurance a woman could. She became an old offender in the several magistrates' courts in the district throughout which Detective Ackeray had authority. The charge was always drunk and disorderly and the complainant always Detective Ackeray; and sometimes as the months passed she had been drunk and she had always been disorderly. She could not go back to her kinsmen-her mere presence reinded them too vividly of an unpleasant incident, or coruscation of incidents, which had taken place at the moment of her departure. She could not retain a position even when she got one, because of the frequency with which she was under arrest; and besides the fact that she was Harvey Jeliffe's wife was not commonly regarded as a recommendation. Ackeray paid her fine, or let her pay it herself or work it out, as a jockey might gentle or punish a spirited horse which he took a pride in training. Whether he paid her fine or not, he always repeated to her that the next time he tried to chew the rag with her she had better listen--see? Her absences from home and her proved intemperance made her an improper guardian for little Blanche. When the child was taken away from her, also at the instigation of Detec-

> Three months afterward she was legally and absolutely separated from Harvey and was married to a man whom she addressed sometimes as "George," sometimes as "dear," and little Blanche, who was restored to her home, was outspoken in her approval of her new papa. Detective Ackeray was "George." He was also "dear."

tive Ackeray, Nettie Jeliffe listened.

It has been remarked in the first part of this tale that Harvey Jeliffe on becoming a penitent in the great --- penitentlary had no notion or intention of ever bidding for the notoriety that has come to him in later years as the prison demon. He went to the "stir" originally with the idea of getting all the "good time" that the law allows a man who has been sentenced to four years, and of keeping out of all rows as his wife had advised. He did that which all wise men who are sent to prison do; in the language of the pugilist, he gathered himself together. Men who go to prison for the first time have more difficulty in achieving this feat than those who have been there before, but to live at all successfully-and even prisoners have their standard of success-all must sooner or later hit upon a plan by which they penitents with as little friction as possible. Even with the most careful there are moments when they entirely forget their philosophy and do things which in the open day they would never have been guilty of: long confinement will disturb the mental equilibrium of any man, but all must herself to Detective Ackeray's esteem, she struggle to live as unobtrusive lives as under the circumstances are possible. Harvey Jeliffe, on arriving at the great

- penitentiary, knew with a certainty which would have made some men comskirts with feline, flendish contents; and mit suicide that he was innocent of the crime for which he had been convicted, but he knew, also, that it was no use to let this fact govern his policy as a prisoner It was not for him to ask the prison world how or why his conviction had come about it was for him to be an exemplary convict. And so, wondering all the while how things were going "on the outside." and continually struggling with an impatience at the way the world is made, he worked a "good conduct" reduction of his senthe least irksome of all because Harvey eminence of a "trusty:" he had become was sent on commissions to all the difcommitted to the institution, and he asked him for news of the "outside."

referring to his old "pals." Some were "settled" (in prison like himself), he learned, others were dead, and still others were operating in new fields.

heard anythin' from her for two years."

"Next to what? She ain't dead, is she! "No, she's alive and kickin' yet, but that fly cop Ackeray has tied up with her

"Where's the kid?" "She's livin' with Ackeray, too. Calls

him papa." A guard appeared just then, and the con since Blanche's last birthday. Solong, versation was broken off. It had been Harvey," and the train and Harvey started successful, however; Harvey had wanted 'news' and he had got it. other trips to the glove department to seprivate citizen, and not a prince, or rather cure the details of the story by word a princeling, he must in mere decency have of mouth, but his own imagination had forborne for some time to express his ad- patched them together for him, and he miration for Nettie Jeliffe. The customs had learned the main fact, which was that the given circumstances was difficult, but | ishment had troubled him and made it hard courtship in the given circumstances is al- to obey the rules, but he had conquered ways difficult, and there are no circum- the temptation to be unruly. He had stances whatever in which women have not been puzzled by Nettie's refusal to write. been wooed and won. Detective Ackeray but he had not connected Ackeray with deprived her of a protector who did not counts with Ackeray for the part he had business to work up such evidence as to after he had secured his reduction of there was, and he had done his business sentence. Had he been "outside" even and got his reward, and the prosecuting the news of Ackeray's theft of his wife and child might possibly have been as reasonand divorce take on no such final proper tions. It had taken all of Harvey's good Henceforth his one passion was to meet Ackeray. He still remained a "trusty," good behavior had become automatic with him, but his ambition was no longer simply to be released. He spoke to the warden and the guards of his wish to have a talk with Ackeray. He said that there was a suspended sentence hang-

that there was a suspended sentence hanging ever him in another court, and he wanted to know if Ackeray would be willing "to fix things up for him,"

"He's the only fellow that can straighten the matter out," he explained to the warden, "and I want to have a talk with him."

"You're afraid you'll be arrested on being turned loose from here, is that it?" asked the warden.

"That's exactly it," said Harvey, "and I think if Ackeray 'll go to the front for me I won't be bothered."

"All right. Ackeray's goin' to bring some prisoners here in a day or so, an' I'll let him know."

Three days later Detective Ackeray arrived at the great --- penitentiary with a batch of penitents, for whose bodies he was given a receipt by the warden. He was informed of Harvey's desire for a talk with him, and was immediately impressed with the importance to himself of such a talk. Possibly he might find it to his advantage to arrange matters so that the alleged suspended sentence should be carried out. "Sure, I'll see him," he said to the

warden. "Where is he?" "You'll probably find him over in the doctor's office. Take him into the garden if you want to be private, and tell the doctor I said it would be all right."

The meeting took place in the doctor's office. The doctor was in another part of the prison and Harvey had been left in charge. No one heard the conversation between the two men, and only two of the guards knew anything about their being together. Whether Harvey made use of his 'suspended sentence' story or charged Ackeray immediately with foul treatment of him has never been decided. The two men were in conference, according to the testimony of the guards, about half an hour. and it seems reasonable to suppose that Harvey could only have interested Ackeray this length of time by reference to the sur pended sentence, but in view of what hapsened one is justified in wondering why he should have wanted to interest him at all. Harvey himself has persistently refused to make any statement one way or the other. When the doctor returned to his office Harvey was found sitting in a pool of blood on the floor, cutting into small bits with a surgeon's knife the heart of Detective Ackeray, who lay dead and mutilated in a corner of the room. At the trial it was reported that Harvey had mumbled to himself as he cut: "So much for so much, for that and for that," but no intelligible interpretation of either expression could be discovered and they were eventually accepted as contributory evidence of his in sanity.

ENGLAND TO TAKE A CENSUS.

Enumerators Will Perform the Entire Work in One Day. Under the direction of the government board the register general and his coadjutors are already preparing for the census of the United Kingdom on March 31 next. As it happens the date falls on a Sunday and that day has been chosen because most people are at home then. The people of Great Britain—England, Scotland and Wales—will be counted simultaneously with those of Ireland. In both cases the arrangements are on individual lines, except that Ireland will have a religious census and the rest of the kingdom will not. Preparatory to the census of ten years ago England and Wales were parceled out into 24,000 districts, so that allowing for the growth of the population the number of districts next March will fall little short of 40,000. Each district will have an enumerator, his duty being to distribute, collect and copy the householders' schudules. In situations and establishments holding more than '190 inmates will be specially enumerated, in the majority of cases by the chief resident officers. Appointed about the middle of February, this army of enumerators will be under the immediate control of the local registrars, these in turn being supervised by superintendent registrars. The enumerators will distribute the householders' schedules during the week prior to the census day and collect them on the Monday following. Within a reasonable period the people are at home then. The people of sus day and collect them on the Monday following. Within a reasonable period the returns must be delivered by the enumerators, so as to be examined and revised by the local registrars before being passed on to the superintendent registrars, who in due course transmit them to the census office. Summary returns from the basis of a preliminary report, which is succeeded by a general report, and both are in process of time laid before the houses of Parliament. When the results of the last census became known the fact that the population of England and Wales fell short of the official stimates by nearly three-quarters of a million created quite a sensation, but the random charges of inaccuracy were not substantiated England and Wales were shown to contain 29,002,525 inhabitants; Scotland, 4,025.647, and Ireland, 4,704,750, making 37, 752,922 the total for the United Kingdom. What increase is the forthcoming census likely to establish? According to the registrar general's estimate the population of England and Wales in July of the present shore points, you cannot do better than to year amounted to 32,091,907, Scotland, 4,- take the Lehigh Valley railroad. 313,993 and Ireland, 4,515,471, representing an aggregate of 40,921,371 for the United Kingdom. Seeing that the natural increase of the population amounts roughly to 112,

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