

A JUDICIAL ERROR.

FRESH TRIAL OF THE MALAUNAY POISONING CASE.

Pauline Delacroix Out of Prison—Her Child, Who Has Been in a Foundling Asylum, Shrinks from Her Mother.

FRESH trial of the sensational Malaunay poisoning case, in which Pauline Delacroix, a married woman, was sentenced to hard labor for life at the Assizes of the Seine Inferieure on Dec. 15, 1887, was opened

the other day at the court of Assizes of the Somme held at Amiens, says a Paris correspondent of the London Standard. The following are the circumstances of this remarkable case, which probably involves a lamentable judicial error.

At her trial at Rouen, Maitre Julien Gouton, deputy for the Seine inferieure, who defended her, expressed his strong conviction that the woman was innocent and that the carbonic-acid gas emanations from a limekiln adjoining her house fully accounted for the death of the two men.

A few days after the trial the wine shop was let to a young married couple named Gauthier. They had not been installed many days when both of them were heard to complain that they felt unwell, and one day in May, 1888, the young woman was found dead in her kitchen, and the post-mortem examination disclosed the same symptoms as had characterized the death of Druaux and young Delacroix.

These circumstances at last roused the local authorities to action. An inquiry was held and it was found that the effluvia from the kiln penetrated into the dwelling next door through a crack in the partition wall.

As a sequel to this inquiry Pauline, who had then been eight years in Clermont prison, received a pardon. On reaching home she found that everything belonging to her had been sold by order of the law courts, to pay for the expenses of her trial, and her young daughter had been sent to the Foundling hospital.

A South Dakota Achievement.

That there is enterprise in South Dakota other than that shown in agricultural ways, is demonstrated by the following from the Brookings (S. D.) Register: "One of the greatest curiosities in the line of photography the writer has ever seen was brought home by Mrs. Ed. Williams on her return from Huron this week.

Unhappily Expressed.

"Helen has a most unhappy way of expressing herself." "He told me he was going to propose to that charming grass widow from Chicago." "He did. But his clumsy effort to be affixed and easy spoiled it. He had read these allusions to Chicago divorcees until he thought they were true."

QUEEN'S CONTEMPORARIES.

Those Who Have Passed Away During Her Majesty's Reign.

Where, midst the countless inhabitants of the British empire at home and abroad, is there any one now living who can have known, seen and conversed with so many of her greatest and most illustrious contemporaries as our good and gracious queen? says London Telegraph. In politics, in art and science, in peace and war, in church and state, in literature and poetry, in invention and engineering, in music and song, in the wide field of social success, in charm of conversation, of personal beauty and linguistic attainments, hardly a man or a woman has won fame and distinction without having been honored by the queen with one or more interviews.

ROOST ON THE GROUND.

Peculiarities of the Game Bird Not Generally Known to Hunters. From the Baltimore Sun: Among the habits of the partridge, one is that when a covey is roosting on the ground, with their tails bunched together in a circle, the bunch is surmounted by a line of watchful heads like sentinels on duty.

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Under the operation of the Vermont library law fifty-nine towns have established libraries within the last two years, making a total of 118 public libraries in Vermont.

It is said that the following preparation is very useful for gumming large sheets of paper, which may be kept on hand ready for use. When wet they will stick well on glass, starch, two drachms; white sugar, one ounce; gum arabic, two drachms, to be boiled with a sufficient quantity of water.



But a gospel sharp struck their camp one day. An' the boys, they got pious mad, But I'm durned if Jim wasn't worst of all.

Say, stranger, that pup thar's no yaller dog. An' yer wants to be keardless like How yer flings yer grip in this neighborhood.

Just a leetle more pizen nose paint, Bill. No, stranger, I ain't much on lush, But my throat's kinder parched with sand an' heat.

But Kansas Jim, ther mine's engineer—say. I reckon you'd call him worst; Her war squar an' white, but a morbid cuss.

Names don't count for much in a crowd like that. But he 'lowed his name war Jim. An' as how he had left ther states fer cause.

COOKING AND EATING.

Not Every Man Knows How to Do Either Properly.

At one time, some 200 or 300 years ago, Italy held the palm for cookery, and the French mocked at what Montaigne termed le science de guelle, says London Chat. Then came other days, when masters of the art, such as Bechamel, maitre d'hotel of Louis the Magnificent, and Vatel, the famous steward of the prince de Conti, ruled over the aesthetics of the dinner table, and when great ladies, even princesses of the royal blood and mistresses en titre, thought it no indignity to direct the course of a dish or to themselves prepare it.

hour which is ushered in by what Byron calls "the tocsin of the soul," that is, the dinner bell. It is a time for which to prepare ourselves with a solemnity befitting such a grave occasion and is not to be rushed into lightly, as if it were of little or no moment.

MAY BECOME PROSPEROUS.

France Thinks Madagascar May Yet Be a Good Thing. In the French senate a day or two ago during a discussion of the Madagascar question, the minister of the colonies, M. LeBon, said that the government hoped that the island before long would be organized as a province and with some kind of autonomy.

TO RECLAIM LANDS.

"MODEL FARMS" BEING ESTABLISHED ALONG THE BURLINGTON ROUTE.

In Kansas and Nebraska—Practical Farmers in Charge of Each Station—Successfully Experimenting With Western Prairie Soil.

OSAMA, Dec. 8.—The enormous crop Kansas and Nebraska produced the past year has given agriculture such an impetus in these two states that all other industries have in a measure been overshadowed.

John Francis has just returned from a trip over Nebraska and Kansas, where he has established model farms at Oberlin, Kan., and at McCook, Holdrege, Alma and Broken Bow, Neb.

The farming at the experiment stations is conducted primarily on the theory that the rainfall of the West is ample and abundant for all practical farming purposes, but that owing to capillary attraction, the moisture escapes from the earth before it performs its proper and desired functions.

A little girl who was in the habit of using the word "guess" intemperately, was reproved by her teacher. "Don't say 'guess,' Mary; say presume."

THE MODERN MOTHER.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

It's a wise wife that doesn't try to know her own husband. The smallest and the biggest thing in the world is the heart of a little child.

WATERING PLANTS IN WINTER.

There is far more danger of giving house plants too much rather than too little water in winter. During the short days and long nights, with very little sunlight on the soil, it is hard to keep it at a temperature where the plants can grow vigorously.

SAVING DEER HEADS.

One of the jobs which should be attended to before cold weather is to take a few barrels of dry road dust to be used as dust baths for hens in winter. Nothing contributes more to the health of hens than this.

Burial Places of the Apostles.

All that now remains of the Apostles are in the following places: Seven are buried in Rome, namely, St. Peter, St. Philip, St. James the Less, St. Peter, St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias and St. Simon.

AS TO TRADE.

Many a man who would smile indulgently at the innocence of his little child who, planting a seed in the morning, would dig it up at night to see why it had not sprouted, is today pulling a long face over the lack of pressure of business which was to result from the sound money victory.

SICK ROOM LITERATURE.

The reading matter of the chronic invalid and the convalescent is a complicated subject that receives too scant attention. Absolute requirements certainly are a freedom from morbidness, something bright and amusing, that also demands little thought.

A WOMAN'S WAY.

A handsome, well dressed young woman was standing at the curb on Market street, waiting for a car. The rain was falling steadily and a deluge was pouring down through the rents of the umbrella upon her silk and plumes.

FEATURES IN THE JANUARY NUMBER OF HARPER'S WILL BE:

"Portuguese Progress in South Africa," by Pontine Bigelow, an instalment of "The Martian," by George du Maurier; "A Century Struggle for the Franchise," by Professor Francis N. Thorp; "Fog Possibilities," by Alexander McAddie; "Science at the Beginning of the Century," by Dr. Henry Smith Williams; "Literary Landmarks of Rome," by Laurence Hutton; "English Society," by George W. Smalley; "John Murrell and His Clan," by Martha Culloch-Williams; "Indian Giver," a farce by W. D. Howells; "One Good Time," a tale of rural New England; "A Prize Fund Beneficiary," by E. A. Alexander; and "In the Watches of the Night," by Brander Matthews.

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