SOME CELEBRATED CASES UNDER THE LIGHT.

Science Coming to the Aid of Ignorance By Intelligent Treatment That Which We Call Crime May Be Obliterated from the Race.



O more fascinating study or problem is presented to conscientious lawyers than the degree responsibility which ought to be attached to the commission of crime. The subject perhaps gained general interest in

New York when Governor Seward was assigned to the defence of a negro who was charged with murder. The case is a celebrated one, mainly because of Governor Seward's defence of that man. No question was raised about the act itself, for the negro was almost caught red handed. The sole question was that of his responsibility. Governor Seward was convinced as soon as he went in the case that this man had no greater responsibility than the axe which he swung when he committed murdernot a bit more than a ferocious beast, had such an animal leaped at the throat of the man whose death the negro was



DR. GEO. M. BEARD. accused of causing. The governor's line of defense, and his speech, perhaps the highest flight to which his intellect ever carried him, occasioned comment wherever the system of English jurisprudence prevails. Nevertheless, it was sufficient for the jury to know that the negro had committed the felony of which he was charged, and they found this idiot guilty of murder in the first degree. When the condemned man was cyled upon to receive sentence, periaps the most distressing sight ever witnessed in a court-room shocked every observer there. He stood like one void of every quality that distinguishes the man from a mere worm, excepting mere physical shape. So immeagre faculties that he even could not speak, and he had no more conception of the fact that the judge was condemning him to death than he would had he already been dead. The gallows committed no judicial murder in this case, for the idiot went back to his cell to sink into stupor which was nothing but living death. The case and the management of it quickened the bar and legislatures elsewhere, so that modifications of statutes allowing juries to judge of responsibility were made. In Connecticut the statute was so changed that a jury was not compelled to convict of murder in the first degree, but might be instructed by the judge that they might, unless



the evidence was equivalent to that of

two reliable witnesses, bring in a ver-

dict of murder in the second degree.

This law saved two women in that state

from the gallows who were unquestion-

LYDIA SHERMAN.

died too young to give to the world the fine fruit of a brilliant intellect, made a close study of this Sherman case, declaring that it was perhaps the most extraordinary manifestation of irre- a \$39,000 theater.

FISH BAIT.

We May Live in Houses of Glass, Sleep In Glass Bedsteads, Women Wear Glass Gowns and Baby Play With Glass Blocks.



recorded. He talked often with Mrs.

Sherman while she was in life impris-

onment, and found that reasonable in-

tellectual processes with her stopped

when child-murder and poisoning was

the subject of discussion. She knew

she had poisoned her family, and, in

fact, made detailed confession of each

crime. But she had no moral sense

while telling that story, describing it

as a housewife would her method of

ridding hersalf of some of the annoying

cares of her vocation. Beard himself,

when he approached the shadow line

in his last Illness, said that he had

had Illuminations of his intellect which

had enabled him to see in what ways

men had erred, so that many things

they had declared to be gross felonies

or misdemeanors were, after all, the re-

sult of the action of diseased intellect ..

Board, as he lay on his bed in his last

illness, made a faithful record of his

mental and physical impressions, and

he was even writing as he passed into

the shadow land. Almost his last in-

timation was that science and society

should make earnest investigations

that there might be full determination

by and by of the line which divides

moral responsibility from moral irre-

The late Dr. Burton of Harvard, as

he was recovering from a severe ili-

ness in which he had been for a time

in an almost trancelike state, said; "We

do not know how near we are to those

things which are on the other side of

the line, nor do we know with what un-

conscious influence we are by those

things directed." Dr. Burton was no

spiritualist. He was one of the greatest

and healthiest intellects in the Con-

gregational pulpit of New England, but

he had been taught something which

persuaded him that society has not yet mastered the problems of criminal con-

Dean Wayland of the Yale law school

has made the assertion which will cause

dismay, that there are 3,000,000 habit-

ual criminals in the United States, and

his intimation is clear that criminality

in these cases has become a permanent

prisonment for life of these mania-infested persons, so that society might

protect itself. The ablest of our police officers, many of our physicians, some

of our clergymen, will agree with Dean

Wayland and Dr. Winslow, although

they may not accept as accurate the

enormous figures given by Dr. Way-

land. Some extraordinary cases of moral irresponsibility are reported by

the physicians and by the police. One

very distinguished man, who is at the

top of his profession, a true artist, a

nia. He has appeared professionally,

MISS LIVINGSTON.

but detectives have been near him

Once in a house of wealth he was seen

to take an ornament of great value,

and as he was leaving the house the de-

tectives demanded it, and it was with-

out a word of protest given up. The

wife of a well known man is such a

victim of this mania that at the places

where she trades she is watched, not

knowing it herself, and when, accord-

ing to the agreement, mysterious bills

are sent to her husband, he pays them.

asking for no explanation. He needs

none. Yet she is a beautiful and ac-

complished woman, who long ago,

under less charitable conditions of jus-

tice, would have served a term in the

Physicians are inclined to think that

if that long list of awful crimes which

has been prepared by the detectives is

a truthful sketch of the career of

Holmes, it furnishes a reasonable

ground of inference that there may be

physical lesion of his brain, as well as

moral corruption. Already physicians

who have known something of the ca-

reer of the accused matricide, Miss Liv-

ingston of Philadelphia, suggest that

she may possibly be the victim of one

form of mental derangement which is so well understood that it has a specific

name. When they cut down a murderer in Newark some years ago-one

who had almost of a sudden changed

from a man of upright character to

such a flend that he was able to com-

mit murder-they found, after the au-

topsy, a tumor within his skull so large

that it was amazing that it had not

caused him to be a raving maniac or

Dr. Winslow, in one of his papers,

seems to go so far as to suggest that

almost all of the cases of suicide are

due to a mania which in this time is

very prevalent, and which in every case

is caused more or less by mental dis-

order. His intimation is clear that

there is moral irresponsibility, which

is something more than a low moral na-

ture, in almost every one of these cases.

penitentiary,

trol, or of moral responsibility.

sponsibility.

during the last few years he has obtained patents

number of devices in glass. Among these is a glass coffin, which rats. So long as no deliberate attempt rainbow colors. is made to smash it, it ought to last fortable of glass.

been secured by another inventor for been patented.

DISEASE OR CRIME? sponsible homicidal mania the books ODD THINGS OF GLASS. invented a process for making glass slippers in molds. They would not do very well for dancing. There is no COFFINS, MOUSETRAPS, BRICKS, reason why a glass gown should not be woven of iridescent glass, and its wearer would look like an animated rainbow on a ball-room floor-one dazzling shimmer of ever-changing hues,

> Until recently the manufacture of iridescent glass was set down in the list of the lost arts. But in 1878 it was rediscovered, and now it is a common HERE is an invent- commercial article. It is made by exor who is known at posing the melted glass to the vapors the patent office in of salts of sodium. At the Metropoli-Washington as the tan Museum of Art are exhibited great Glass Man. His numbers of bottles, plates and other arname is C. W. Mc- ticles of glass which were made and Lean, of New used long before Christ was born., They Berne, N. C., and were dug up in Cyprus and elsewhere. Many of them have a beautiful iridescence, but it is the result of decay. Glass will rot like anything else, and for a surprising decay has split the structure of this ancient glass in laminae or flakes which Interrupt the light so as to produce is guaranteed proof against decay and brilliant red, green, purple and other

The window blinds of the glass house ever. Another contrivance is a stair- of the future will be of glass, of course, case made wholly of glass-steps, land. That is another patent, and the inventings and newel posts being all of that or suggests that such blinds may be material. Yet another is a glass bar- made of whatever colors are desired. rel. But perhaps the most remarkable Baby in the nursery will perhaps play invention of the Glass Man is a billiard with glass building blocks, and at a suitable age be will receive a Christ-The day may yet arrive when people mas gift of a pair of roller skates with tion. Nevertheless that man was glad will live in glass houses. A patent has glass rollers. Both of these ideas have

THE HATPIN.

It Has Many Uses in the Hands of Woman.

The idea of making the hat pin a weapon of defense first dawned upon me when I was in the east, says a bright eyed dame, who is always watching for a chauce to exploit California, climate, morals and all.

"Of course you all know that a woman can't go about alone with any degree of comfort when she gets away from western chivalry. Well, as I wanted to study art in New York while I visited my brother in Newark, I was obliged to use the suburban trains almost every day. I had a bookful of unpleasant experiences before I learned the magic power of that simple little hat pin.

"Finally a man who was packed be side me in a car became simply unendurable. I squeezed myself meekly up against the window, giving mine enemy three-fourths of the seat. Gazing out into the darkness I became positivey depressed and feit like offering an apology to somebody for presuming to cumber the earth.

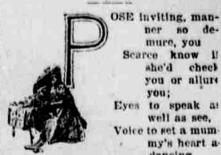
"Mine enemy made the mistake of encroaching still further upon my terri-

"It was too much. My wrath blazed up and I drew my hat pin. I said not a word and did nothing to attract attento vacate my full share of that seat, and perhaps a little more. I held my weap-

OUR WIT AND HUMOR.

CURRENT SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF FUNNY WRITERS.

At Sally's Ten Table-A Sure Sign of Change of Weather Very Near To gether Original and Selected Pleas antries - Pointed Paragraphs.



per so demure, you Scarce know If she'd check you or allure you; Eyes to speak at well as see, Voice to set a mum my's heart adancing.

Sally's-oh, well, Sally's quite entrane ing.

When she's pouring ten!

Yet, sweet Sally, as I watch you sitting. While the rosy lamplight, o'er you fit-

Shimmers in your eyes or hair, strays on snowy arm or dimpled fingers, As your hand above the tea-cups lin-

Something says, "Beware!"

(Tis a tale the poets tell,)

Powerless 'neath her spell.

Maybe, Sally, you have read of Circe, That white-armed enchantress without

How, when men her magic potion tasted. Captive at her feet their lives they wasted.

Foolish, weren't they, for a draught beguiling.

For a tricksy sea-nymph's faithless smiling.

Thus to sell their liberty? What, I wonder, was that magic potion? Do you know, somehow, I've half a no tion

"Twas a cup of tea!

Well, I trust men now-a-days know bet-

am sure I never would have let her, With such nonsense, capture me. "Just one cup?"-O, well,-no harm to take it. And you do look charming as you make

Yes, I'll take some tea. C. F. Lester, in Truth.



In Summer it registers high, and low in the Winter.

Too Small Potatoes Penns-Come, will you be my wife? Mrs. Laker-Any encumbrances? Penns-Two alimony checks-a triffs of \$50 a month each. Mrs. Laker-Um! You had better

An Assurance "You're not going to publish everything I say, are you?" said Senator Sorghum, anxiously.

propose to my maid.

"No." replied the reporter; wouldn't think of it. If I were to let some of that grammarless English get me in peace. Ever since that day I into the paper I'd lose my position before sunset tomorrow."

> Hiswaths Up to Date. Thus departed Hiawatha To the land of the Dakotas-To the land of handsome women; And in ninety days returning. A divorcelet he brought with him. To his wife he gave the ha-ha, Sent her back unto her ma-ma, In the outskirts of Chicago.-Ex.



She-It's unlucky to have a post or ree or anything like that come between us, when we are out walking. He-Don't be alarmed, dear. No post

an come between us this eve. Mrs. Peck-I have a presentiment

that if I go to sleep I shan't wake up Henry Peck-Oh! go to aleep.



(Carbondale, Ill., Correspondence.) society events which have occurred in this city have attracted people from from here. In society the young ladies are objects of beauty and brilliancy, and of heart make strangers feel a deep and appreciative interest in all social

glass bricks of a peculiar pattern. The material of which they are composed being a first-rate non-conductor, these bricks will keep the cold out of a dwellclude noise, being hollow. Furthernot be afraid of being under too close observation by neighbors, inasmuch as it is not requisite that the bricks shall has a particle of appetite. be transparent. They may be of opaque ground glass, or of any color that may

be suitable for decorative effect. Thus before many years have passed ury, perhaps to occupy a dwelling of traps for the capture of such vermin. pensive. People who live in giass houses will be able to afford to wear clothes of glass. Nearly twenty years exposition in Philadelphia a bonnet and they will be inclined to join the composed entirely of glass. It was a one inside, especially when they oblove of a bonnet. The flowers on it serve that he is nibbling a choice morwere glass, and so were the ribbons, which looked like the finest satin. The patentee of this process describes it as suitable for the manufacture of neck-

ties, shawls, table covers, etc. In fabrics of this kind a very fine quality of glass is used. It is spun in threads of exceeding delicacy, and of these several colors may be produced at the same time. They are woven in a loom of ordinary pattern. Anybody may observe that a thin sheet of glass is somewhat elastic. The threads employed in weaving are of such fineness as to be perfectly pliable and not at all brittle. With a gown of glass would naturally go a pair of glass slippers. ella did not wear glass slippers. Her slippers in the original French story and "verre," meaning glass, are proruption.

A Pittsburg man named Smith has witnesses.

Miss Josie M. Barton is a beautiful beautiful features and charming man-Carbondale, the Athens of Southern young lady, the belle of the First Ward. ners. She has a host of warm friends Illinois, enjoys the distinction of hav- She is a typical brunette, having black in the Southern Illinois State Univering more beautiful young women than eyes and raven hair. She is the daugh- sity, which institution she attends. She any city in all "Egypt." Some of the ter of John H. Barton, the veteran edi- is also a zealous worker in church cirtor of the Southern Illinois Herald. cles. Miss Calla Johnson, daughter of Miss Bertha Davis is a lovely young ex-Mayor Johnson, is an accomplished larger cities and towns many miles lady with black hair and eyes and a young lady and a favorite in society figure that is tall and erect. She ranks circles. She is a young lady of pleasing high as a vocalist, and her services are manners and winning disposition and their charming manners and kindness, always in demand at musical recitals. is well liked by all who know her. Miss One of the prettiest and most popular Bessie Johnson is a pretty and interestyoung ladies in this city is Miss Flora ing young lady. She is a stylish dress-Hall. She is possessed of a model figure er, and is much admired

> When he is old enough to go fishing on in a position which indicated to him he will not dig worms in the garden, the boundary line and I assure you that but will be provided with artificial bait he understood the insinuation and left in the shape of a hollow minnow of with a luminous paint. The originator dagger in her honi soit, etc." liant object in the water calculated to the tea-cups, was followed by a perfect compel the attention of any fish that chorus of stories of the uses of the hat

Glass bedsteads may be proof against | can-opener, paper-cutter, insect delighting and bugs, but it is hardly to stroyer, these were among the lesser be free from mice. The inmates could glass. Glass bricks, of course, are ex- The great advantage of the glass First place was given, without a disago there was shown at the centenniel by others who enance to come that way,

This flery little anecdote, told over pin. The picking of locks, the office of things. A tale of the repairing of a broken harness at a critical juncture vied for second honors with the history of the timely mending of a torn sail. senting voice to the story of the hatpin as a modern and always available weapon of defense.-San Francisco Chamicle.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Irrivility is the extreme of pride; it is built on the contempt of mankind .-Zimmermann.

All examples represent Ingratitude as sitting in its throne, with Pride at its right hand and Cruelty at its leftworthy supporters of such a reigning implety.-South.

To the sinful man sin appears sweet as honey. He looks upon it as pleasant so long as it bears no fruit, but when its fruit ripens then he looks upon it as sin.—Buddha.

as easy for the strong man to be strong man lives with God, his voice shall be as sweet as the murmur of the brook

in 1565, for the earl of Rutland.

ing built of them, while admitting the glass, coated on the inside partly with have been as independent and self-relight. It is claimed that they will ex- a solution of gold or silver and partly specting as a Spanish senorita with a more, the inmates of a glass house need of this minnow says that it is a brilit will be considered the height of lux- hardly do better than to employ glass

be expected that glass houses should mouse-trap, according to the statement of the inventor, is that "if a mouse should enter the trap, he may be seen

New Things That Are Old. In spite of the protests of inventors, and of those who believe they have investigated everything since the deluge, that there is nothing new under the sun, the psalmist was right when he put that thought into the colloquial language. On the Assyrian slabs, and on more than one old European fresco, is seen the paddle-wheel for boats, 21. though the propeller is not in evidence. The bicycle seems to have been known in China more than two hundred years ago, and the velocipede was seen in Europe even before that. On a pane of as it is for the weak to be wesk. When the ancient painted glass in the old we have new perception we shall glad-Not like Cinderella's. Oh, no! Cinder- church at Stoke Pogis, England, may ly disburden the memory of its hoarded be seen the representation of a young treasures as old rubbish. When a fellow astride of one of these machines. were of "vair," which means fur. Vair | He is working his way along with the air of a rider who has introduced a and the rustle of the corn.-Emerson nounced exactly alike. Hence the cor- novelty, and is the object of the unbounded admiration of a multitude of

If we live truly, we shall see truly. It is

The first coach in England was built

One was Lydia Sherman,the most no torious of American poisoners. To chat with Mrs. Sherman was to be impressed with her quick intellect, her considerable knowledge, and her intelligent reading, unless by some mischance the conversation turned upon murder, and especially infanticide. Then the wom- an imbecile. an revealed the taint that was within her brain. But instead of caring for her, those who were near her looked upon it as a mere vagary, until after four children had died and two husbands, and science had put its microscope and acids upon their exhumed remains to discover arsenic. Then it was known that her taint was not a mere vagary, but that she was a pois-

oner of her entire family.

The late Dr. George M. Beard, who It is said there are in the state or Kansas twenty well-built towns without a single inhabitant, and that Saratoga, in that state, no ? absolutely uninhabited, has among other buildings