

HEREDITARY PAUPERISM.

A very careful investigation has been recently made in England with a view to determining by scientific inquiry how far pauperism might be dealt with as a transmissible and hereditary evil. The investigation goes to show that pauperism tends to recur in successive generations of the same family, says the Philadelphia Record. It is propagated in large degree by free unions among unmarried persons of moral feebleness and consequent illegitimacy, as shown by backward examination of pedigree. Paupers appear to prefer pauper alliances. The resulting inbreeding tends to the perpetuation of degenerates. Much, of course, may be due to environment as a consequence of herding paupers together in poorhouses or workhouses provided at the public expense, but if heredity be a dominating factor in producing and reproducing through succeeding generations a definite pauper stock, with a native incapacity to live in any other way except as social parasites, the laws should be shaped so far as possible to bring about a means of prevention. There should be sex separation in so far as such a rule could be enforced by state authority. We take great pains to secure the propaganda of healthy and superior breeds of domestic animals. There seems to be no sound reason for a failure to protect ourselves as far as we may against the deterioration of the human stock.

An interesting experiment is to be tried by the Swedish railways administration of running third-class sleeping cars. The first of the cars will be run between Stockholm and Malmoe, says the London Globe. At each end of the saloon are dressing tables, etc., with hot and cold water. There will be nine compartments, seven of these will have six beds. By day each compartment furnishes eight sitting places. The other compartments are for four persons by day and three by night. These are reserved for ladies. The cost of this sleeping accommodation will be only 3s. above the ordinary ticket. If the experiment is well received the plan will be extended. The experiment is not new, for we believe third-class sleeping cars have been run on the State railways in Finland for at least twenty years.

The fable about the fountain of youth in Florida in which Ponce de Leon had faith has been pretty well discredited in this age of progress and skepticism. But it seems there still is belief in the practical value of the famous spring. At least a promoter has secured an option on 60,000 acres of land in the vicinity, with the idea of establishing a colony of Pittsburg millionaires, the spring being used to generate electricity for power and light for the benefit of the wealthy settlers. This is a diversion of purpose of which the great Spanish explorer never dreamed.

A man in New York, intent on suicide, threw himself in front of a street car, and then tried to have an automobile run him over without success. If he had been enjoying life to the full and anxious to postpone death as long as possible, he would have been finished accidentally by a casual automobile in a twinkling, for such is the sarcasm of fate.

Forestry is one of the recognized professions. There are 80 students now in the Yale school of forestry, and this is but one of the agencies at work for turning out experts. Mrs. Harriman's gift of \$100,000 to endow a chair in the Yale school is but the first of many gifts that are sure to come to advance instruction in forestry.

The latest estimates of the world's iron ore supplies fix the date of the exhaustion of such resources at about 200 years from now. By that time—but what's the use?

Besides a voice a prima donna almost always owns a dog or a temperament or something of that sort, and generally it is available for use at a moment's notice.

A Louisiana judge, in fixing a man \$500 for kissing a widow, told him he ought to have known better. And now the widow is wondering what he meant.

Judging from the reports from France, Paris is on the Seine 11 months out of 12, and in it the rest of the time.

The Spanish olive crop is a failure this year. There's nothing to keep Spain from shipping labels to California, though.

Some scientists believe that primitive man had wings. If they're right "The Descent of Man" is a fact.

City Items in Terse Form

Metropolitan News of Interest to All Readers

City Rube Shows Foolish Curiosity



CHICAGO.—When the gentleman from the rural districts arrives in the city and gazes in amazement at the high buildings and looks with awe into the subway he is immediately set down as a Rube with hayseed in his hair and given the merry laugh by the wise city guy, who will then proceed down the street and stand for half an hour on a curbstone to watch an automobilist inflate a punctured tire, or proceed to murder a perfectly good quarter of an hour watching a cook browning the wheats in a restaurant window.

day to watch a man sitting on the head of a fallen horse or to stare in to a hardware store window where some demonstrator is busily engaged whittling on a stick of cordwood with a razor.

He will send the shoestrapping vender on his way before he has got his foot fairly inside the threshold of the office door, but will stop upon the street at any time to listen to the remarks of another vender, who is wildly demonstrating a patent collar button.

Doctors Want a National Leprosaria



NEW YORK.—Nine lepers, inmates of institutions in the vicinity of this city, were exhibited the other night for public examination at a gathering of physicians in the Academy of Medicine. One of the patients, a Chinaman, was from Paterson, N. J.; two were from Brooklyn, two from the city hospital, three from the skin and cancer hospital. The purpose of exhibiting the lepers is stated to be the beginning of an effort "to educate the public away from the hysterical attitude it has heretofore shown whenever the presence of a leper becomes a matter of general knowledge."

treatment in New York and vicinity. Many of these patients, it is said, make occasional visits to the shopping district, to banks, or to hospitals, riding openly in trains, street cars and ferry boats.

Six physicians from different parts of the United States and the American colonial possessions discussed leprosy at the meeting, and all agreed that in New York city there is no likelihood of infection. They declare in favor of a national leprosaria, with stations in Florida and San Francisco, urging in favor of such an institution that it was impracticable for the states to take action on account of the small number of cases in each state and it was unfair from a national standpoint to allow one state to drive its lepers across the border into other states. There are now on record, it was asserted, 278 cases in the United States, 176 of them being men and 102 women. Five seaboard states contain almost all of the recorded cases, New York, South Carolina, Florida, California and Massachusetts leading in the order named.

Reno Divorce Colony Is Threatened



RENO, NEV.—One of Nevada's chief industries—the granting of divorce while you wait—is in danger of destruction because the gamblers of the state have been put out of business. The legislature will be asked to repeal the law that makes the gamblers go to work, and, if this cannot be accomplished, a bill will be introduced amending the present divorce law and making it as hard to get a divorce here as it is in other states.

fashionable people of the east come out here because they like the climate, scenery or residents. They come, because it offers the shortest route by half of any that leads from matrimony.

In any other state a year's residence is required and Reno is preferred by those in a hurry to living a year under more congenial surroundings.

Mules Run Away With Blazing Cotton



GUTHRIE, OKLA.—With lint cotton selling at \$75 a bale, thefts of cotton are frequent in Oklahoma. A bale is rolled from a car into the weeds, or taken from a farmer's barn into his field, and at night the thieves return with a wagon and team and haul the cotton to a nearby town, where it finds ready sale.

negroes, was captured, the others escaping. News of the arrest was telephoned to the sheriff, who got out of bed and started for the scene. The two fugitives had returned with a wagon, and were loading in the cotton when they were surprised and arrested by the sheriff. The other officers came up and the three captives were handcuffed and put into their wagons.

By the time they were stopped the bale of cotton was on fire, and a strong wind was blowing, with no water near. It was decided to make a fast drive to town, and call out the fire department. The faster the mules ran the higher burned the blazing cotton, scorching one of the negroes. The wagon next caught fire. The fire department put out the flames, but the cotton was destroyed and the wagons ruined.

From a masculine point of view would it be heresy to question the sex of the devil?

Some fat men are meaner than other men simply because there is more of them.

Many a man who thinks he is in love lives to discover that second thoughts are best.

Some men are born great, some acquire greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them, but it doesn't seem to take any of them long to get rid of it.

A Christian Burial

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We would ask, then, to whom alone ought a Christian burial be granted? Our answer is short and concise—a Christian's burial ought to be granted only to Christians and to no one else, even if he were the mightiest ruler on earth. Is that answer not clear, plain and concise enough? Now, let us look at that matter a little closer.

When I see a funeral procession composed of heathens, headed by a heathen priest, I conclude that the deceased was a heathen. When I see Jews, headed by a rabbi, in funeral processions, I rightly conclude that the deceased was a Jew. When a company of men wearing aprons or badges or other paraphernalia follow a coffin, I conclude that the deceased was a lodge member. When I see a coffin decked with the country's flag, accompanied by military men, and when I see military rites performed at the grave, I can safely conclude that the deceased was a soldier. And when I see the Christian congregation, with their pastor, at the grave and hear them sing or pray or use the word of God, I ought to be able to conclude that the deceased was a Christian and died a Christian death.

Is that not right? Ought we not to be able to conclude that? Yes, we ought to, and years ago we could, but nowadays you cannot. Almost daily you can see where so-called Christian ministers officiate at the graves of open unbelievers, suicides, criminals and the like. Is this not true? They are not ashamed to grant such who have died in open unbelief a Christian burial. That is shameful, unspeakably horrible.

But, they say, "you cannot judge others, you cannot see into their heart whether they were Christians or not, whether they have died in the faith or not. God says: 'Judge not, that ye be not judged,' and that is what you do when you deny them a Christian burial."

Now, my dear friends, it is true that we cannot look into other men's hearts to see whether they are upright Christians or not. But we do know, and that most assuredly, what kind of people are not Christians, namely, those who despised the word of God and the sacraments and refused to make use of the means of grace and that such people are not Christians, we know from the word of God that cannot lie. Christ says in unmistakable words: "He that is of God heareth God's word."

And God also says: "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." Think of this a moment. There is a man who knows our church doors are open to him, he knows that the ringing of the bells invite him, but he passes by.

I ask everyone who still has a spark of conscience in him, ought such a man to have a Christian burial? Ought we to open the door to such a person, who refused to enter them when alive? Shall we confess that we look forward to his resurrection into everlasting life? Is that denying the faith, denying Christ as the only hope of salvation? Do we not know that God says, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord?" Shall we alter or change this? Let us remember that God said: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked."

It is just this gross denial of faith at the graves of the ungodly that causes men to become indifferent in religious matters. Christianity is therefore laid bare to open ridicule. Men will ask, "Why should I run to church? When I die they can easily get a preacher who will bury me for ten dollars and will preach as fine a sermon as for those who constantly go to church?"

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



He—Your family has a grand name, Miss Vere De Vere!
She—Yes, and yet I'd prefer almost any other.

NURSE TELLS OF SKIN CURES

"I have seen the Cuticura Remedies used with best results during the past twenty years. In my work as a nurse, many skin disease cases came under my observation, and in every instance, I always recommended the Cuticura Remedies as they always gave entire satisfaction. One case in particular was that of a lady friend of mine who, when a child, was afflicted with eczema which covered her face and hands entirely, breaking out at intervals with severer torture. She could not go to school as the disfigurement looked terrible. I told her to get at once a set of Cuticura Remedies. After the use of only one set she was perfectly well."

"A grown lady friend was afflicted with salt rheum in one of her thumbs, and she was cured by the Cuticura Remedies. Still another lady had dry salt rheum in both palms of her hands every fall of the year. They used to be so painful she could scarcely wet her hands until she began to use the Cuticura Remedies which cured her. I have also seen them cure children of ringworm. The children's faces would be all circles and rings around the cheeks, and the neck, and after treatment with the Cuticura Soap and Ointment they were completely cured. My husband had rheumatism on his arm and I used the Cuticura Ointment. It made his arm as limber and pliable, whereas it was quite stiff before I began to apply the Ointment."

"Last May I had an ingrowing toe nail which was very painful, as the side of the nail was edging right down in the side of my toe. I cut the nail out of the cavity it made, and of course applied the Cuticura Ointment to the part affected. It soothed it and in less than ten nights it was all healed through constant use of the Ointment. Ten days ago I had my left hand and wrist burned with boiling lard, and Cuticura Ointment has completely cured them. I have just recommended the Cuticura Remedies to another friend, and she is pleased with the results and is recovering nicely. I will gladly furnish the names of the people referred to above if anybody doubts what I say." (Signed) Mrs. Margaret Hederson, 77 Highland Ave., Malden, Mass., Oct. 1, 1910.

An Optical Illusion.
"I specks Mistah 'Rastus Pinkley is in trouble," said Miss Miami Brown. "Las' evenin' I saw do teardrops streamin' down his face."
"Dem warn't teardrops," replied Miss Cleopatra Jackson. "He des got hisse' a little splattered up 'llin' his Christmas gif' fountain pen."

Communions by the Wayside.
Adam Zawfox—Jever git through a winter 'thout workin'?
Job Sturkey—Yeh; I spent one winter in a workhouse.

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Constipation

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