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A GERMAN "KING OF TRAMPS."

Once a Valiant Soldier, He Became a Hopeless Wreck.

A few days ago there was buried in Brooklyn, N. Y., the body of William Heiser, alias "Jumbo," 45 years of age. He was known as "The King of Tramps," and for the past twenty years was one of the most interesting characters of the city.

He was the son of the mayor of a town in Germany, and through a money broker was in receipt of an allowance of \$100 every three months. Even under the dirt of a tramp he showed his breeding.

Tall and commanding in appearance, he was in the habit of reminding all with whom he came in contact that although a tramp he was once a gentleman. Of the thousands who knew him no one could contradict him.

Twenty years ago he made his appearance in Brooklyn. It was at the time when lodging houses were attached to the station houses. He was over about the Bedford avenue station, cleaning and tending the furnaces.

All attempts to make him talk of his previous life were a failure. His only answer was: "I am a gentleman if I am a tramp." It was his pleasure on receiving a remittance to take his friends out and get them drunk and then pay their fines.

Through the money broker it was learned that "Jumbo" gained a gold medal during the Franco-Prussian war, but that having incurred the enmity of the German government he came to this country. Eighteen months ago, on expressing a wish to reform, his relatives sent him \$1,000, with which he started in the furniture business, but failed.

An officer found him sitting on the steps of the hospital at Bedford avenue and South Third street. He awoke him. "Keep moving," said the officer. Jumbo's reply, "They don't know me any more," was scarcely audible, but he kept moving as best he could.

A few hours later another officer found him sitting in the gutter. He made an attempt to get up, but fell back unconscious. He was taken to the station house, where he died. Fortunately the regular \$100 remittance was received the day after, and he was not buried in the potter's field.

THE MYSTIC THREE. Something About the Time-Honored Superstition for the Number. I was reading an article the other day on the superstitious regard for the number three, and it set me thinking. There must be something in it.

The third repetition of anything is generally looked upon as a crisis. An article may be twice lost and recovered, but when lost the third time is lost for good. Twice a man may pass through some great danger in safety, but the third time he loses his life.

HARD-PAN BUSINESS.

There Was no Sentiment in This Particular Transaction.

He stepped out of a doorway on a city avenue the other night and confronted a pedestrian to say: "Time is money and I will detain you but a moment."

"That's right—what is it?" was the query. "You have no money for such as me?" "No, sir—no, sir!" "Because I would make for the nearest saloon and spend it for drink?" "That's it exactly."

"But, on the other hand, you are a humane man and would not see me want for food?" "I might be willing to fill you up at a restaurant, but I'm not buying beer for tramps."

"Certainly not. We now come to business. To fill me up at the cheapest restaurant in this town would cost you from \$6 to \$8, as I have eaten nothing for a week. On the other hand, you can buy me off for fifteen cents in cash. Sentiment does not enter into the question. You either pay out at least \$6 or only fifteen cents. It's for you to say which. Owing to the hard times you—"

"Here's your fifteen," said the pedestrian, as he jingled two coins in his palm. "Thanks—that's business." "But as you have consumed thirty cents' worth of my valuable time I'll replace it in my pocket and send you a bill for the balance. Straight business—no sentiment—good night."

And the tramp watched him out of sight and heaved a long sigh and whispered to himself: "That's a horse on me, and I guess I'd better look around for a saddle or harness."

In Vino Veritas. It was a convivial party, and it had reached that stage where the "invisible spirit of wine" makes itself decidedly visible. One of the party was of the kind that carry well a heavy load, and even when fully clogged present but few evidences to the eye of such a condition.

Another was of exactly the opposite nature, one of those individuals who when in their cups look it, small of it, and are alternately laughing and crying, aggressive and affectionate. The quieter looked the noisier over while the latter was making an unpleasant exhibition of himself and remarked to a neighbor: "How—hic—how much a drunken drunkard disgusts a sober drunkard!"

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