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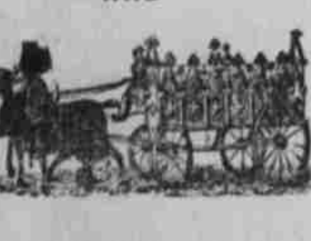

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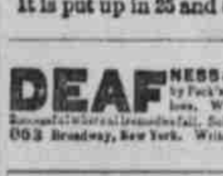

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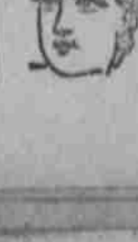

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Jocko's Sunday Recreation.

A few pedestrians who were out for a morning stroll witnessed a brief but bloody battle through the windows of the Market street bird store Sunday morning.

Among the denizens of the place is a monkey called Jocko, whose proclivity for mischief has led him into disgrace before. On the morning in question Jocko determined to go on a lark. He succeeded in picking the lock of his cage, and once free turned his attention to his feathered companions. It took him a few minutes to unlock a dozen of the various cages in the room, and soon a funny procession of monkeys and parrots were strutting about. In a few minutes trouble began to brew. One of the parrots, in a spirit of mischief, probably bit Jocko, and a lively battle ensued. Polly soon found that she was getting the worst of it and made a rush for her cage, minus her tail feathers and part of a wing.

Jocko, who was then thoroughly aroused, sailed in for a general massacre and in a short time had the floor to himself, save for Minnie, a little nightingale, who was too dazed to escape. With one blow the bird was stretched lifeless on the floor. The monkey then offered battle to a big stuffed owl which had been gazing solemnly upon the scene, and receiving no answer to his challenge, threw the bird off its pedestal. Jocko's Waterloo was awaiting him however. A huge vampire bat, which had been watching the battle, jumped down from his perch, and Jocko started for him. The contest was brief. The sharp beak and talons of the bird buried themselves like a flash in the monkey's flesh, and Jocko was glad to make his escape with the blood flowing from a dozen wounds. At this juncture the proprietor appeared and hostilities ceased.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A True Hat Story.

Here is a new and absolutely true hat story. A New York gentleman, dining at a hotel in Boston, found on coming out that he was the last to leave the dining room, and his hat had been taken by somebody who had preceded him, leaving one very similar, but unmistakably not his, in its place. It was a sufficiently good substitute to allow of his wearing it for three weeks after his return home, when, after dinner one day, three weeks later, he said to a friend with whom he had just been dining:

"I must replace this hat; its not mine, and it doesn't fit. Come with me and I'll do it now."

Together they sought a neighboring shop and began to examine hats. One after another was tried on by the intending purchaser, none quite suiting him.

"It's too bad," said his friend. "Like you, I am hard to fit. Now, this one is the most comfortable hat I ever had."

"It looks so," remarked the hat seeker: "let me try that on." The hat was handed to him. It adjusted itself perfectly to his head. "Man alive!" he ejaculated, "this is my lost hat," and he took it off quickly, turned back the inside band, and, sure enough, there was his name and residence in indisputable proof. It turned out that the friend had been in Boston the same day, though they had not met, had dined at the hotel, but had not discovered that he had worn away another man's hat. And the shop lost a sale of a hat.—New York Times.

Not an Eleemosynary Institution.

"It's funny about some people one meets traveling," remarked a drummer at the Cadillac as he threw his feet upon the writing table.

"How?" inquired the man next to him.

"On a dining car, for instance, the other day," he went on jerkily.

"What?" asked the other man encouragingly.

"Coming over from New York. Odd sort of a genius across the car from me. After he left the car the waiter who had served him brushed the crumbs off of my table.

"'See dat man, boss?' he asked. 'Reckon he nevah was on a dinin car befo'.'

"'Why?' I inquired.

"'Caze, boss, he axed for a second helpin. Gemmen what eats on dese yer dinin cahs, boss, knows dey ain't no char'tible institutions fer givin victuals away in no sich mannah as dat.'

"I had been thinking I wanted a little more than had been allowed me, but I didn't ask for it after that," and the drummer sighed.—Detroit Free Press.

Bless Her!

There is a family of little folk not far away who are delightful from their love for each other. Vin has the greatest admiration for his sister Molly, and will do anything for her—"You's so pitty, Molly." He is five and she is three. One cold morning Molly's mamma set her in her high chair, while baby had her necessary care and papa ate his breakfast. It was rather chilly, and Molly was in her nightdress.

Vin wanted to make her warm, so he wrapped up her feet in a newspaper, but poor Molly slipped and fell solidly on the floor from her high chair. "Oh, Molly," said Vin, in tears, "did you hurt you?" "No," said Molly, winking back the tears which would come; "No, bruver, I fell on 'e paper."—Gardner (Mass.) Home Journal.

Finis.

Cousin Jennie—Wholly cured of your love, did you say?

Cousin Tom—Wholly.

Cousin Laura—What killed it this time?

Cousin Tom—I asked her a simple question. And when her faultless lips formed the words "I disremember," my love became a corpse.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Handicapped.

"Poor little soul!" said Uncle George gazing at the baby.

"Why poor?" asked the proud father.

"Nature has given him a black eye to start with," replied George.—Harper's Bazar.

Protected by a Child.

A grandson of Count d'Haussonville in La Vie de Mon Pere relates how the noted royalist escaped from the mob on the terrible Aug. 10, 1792:

My grandfather did not emigrate. Louis XVI, who had confidence in his rare courage and entire devotion, had made him promise not to leave him, and he was always one of those who in moments of danger hastened to the Tuileries to defend the royal family. He was with the king throughout the 10th of August. When the royal family left the legislative assembly he found himself in a position of great danger.

He took advantage of the semitwilight in the lobby to destroy his lace ruffles and hid his gold laced hat and his sword under the seats.

Then he joined the crowd which was leaving the hall and the offices. But the difficulty was to pass from the entrance to the assembly hall to the gate of the drawbridge of the Tuileries without being recognized. In this space and at the gate were the people, excited by having taken the palace and by the massacre of the Swiss, which had occupied them nearly all day.

In crossing the garden my grandfather noticed a child who had been hit by a bullet and was moaning on the ground surrounded by several persons. He walked straight to the group, lifted the child in his arms without saying a word, and went on toward the gate, walking slowly and apparently quite absorbed in comforting the little child. His face was thus concealed as he reached the gate and ordered the crowd aside.

He was allowed to pass unsuspected, and still protected by his precious burden he passed through the streets and neared the d'Haussonville mansion. Then he left the child and a sum of money with a physician, with instructions that the little one should be given the best of care.

Crime in the Air.

It has been frequently noticed that there are epidemics of robberies as well as of suicides and other crimes. A criminal epidemic, peculiar to a half dozen large cities of the United States that have a large and vicious population, is that of Sunday murders, which are the results of a day of idleness. Then, again, murders with peculiar features often occur in groups in all parts of the country. In France there is a tradition, centuries old, that epidemics of suicide return in regular cycles, at each recurrence of the suicidal furor the successive victims of their own murderous hands vieing with one another in the greater ghastliness of the tragedy that they enact.

Stories of wife murders in various parts of the country, relieved by a few exceptional murders of husbands by their wives, reach the press simultaneously from many different sources. "Murder is in the air" has become a stereotyped expression among newspaper men and detectives, who know from experience that such epidemics will run their cycles and cause many bloody records to be made before they have spent their fury.

With bank robberies it is the same It is not often that a single robbery is made—one is sure to breed others; "they come not singly, but in whole battalions." This is not because the same gang engages in many different enterprises, but because a universal similar impulse permeates the minds of the classes devoted to that form of guilt.—St. Louis Republic.

The Terrible Aboma.

In "Stedman's Expedition to Surinam" the following wonderful account of the aboma or dragon is given: "This remarkable creature is called aboma in the colony of Surinam. Its length, when full grown, is often more than forty feet, its body being four feet and over in circumference. Its color is a greenish black on the back, a fine yellow on the sides and a dirty white on the belly, the back and sides being spotted with irregular black rings, with a pure white spot in the center of each. Its head is broad and flat, small in proportion to its body, with a large mouth and teeth set in double rows. It has two bright, prominent eyes, is covered all over with scales about the size of a shilling, and has two sharp claws under the belly near the tail which it uses in seizing its prey.

"It is an amphibious animal, that is, it delights in low, marshy places, where it lies concealed under fallen timber, ready to seize its prey, which, from its immense bulk, it is not active enough to pursue. When hungry it will devour any animal that comes within its reach, and is indifferent if it be a sloth, a wild boar, a stag or a tiger. After twisting itself about the body of a buffalo, a stag or a tiger, by help of its claws, it breaks every bone in the poor victim's body. I have been told of negroes being devoured by this snake and am not disposed to discredit the story. He bites from no other impulse but that of hunger and is not venomous."

Unclaimed Funds.

There are tens of thousands of dollars lying in the vaults of the subtreasury in New York which belong to pensioners. Checks have been issued probably covering the whole amount, but from one cause or another the money has never been claimed. The checks have never been presented. The money stands to the credit of the various pension agents acting as disbursing officers of the government. An account with one of these officials is never closed untill all the checks come in and no more are to come. He may have overdrawn. There is no way to determine this until everything is squared up.—New York Herald.

Reticence Regarding That Hat.

Says a society paper: "Let a gentleman making a call take care of his hat without your assistance. He can either leave it in the hall or carry it into the parlor."

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