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The Ghastly Aftermath of a Public Execution.

At eleven o'clock on a certain June day a great crowd of gaping Mississippian country folk thronged the sloping sides of a hollow that, with the exception of a natural outlet on one side, converged to a small circular flat in the center.

For he it was known that this was the first execution that had ever occurred in Kemper county.

It was the gallows—that grim monument to the majesty of the law. The hollow was a vast earthen bowl; the gallows, a lump of sugar in the bottom; the crowd, a swarm of crawling ants that crawled around like a pestilence.

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That's how you tell when a nigger's pressed close that choked him. He rose to his feet, looking ruefully about, the boys enjoying his discomfiture immediately.

They insisted, Tony refused. One little fellow caught forcibly hold, but Tony threw him off and came into the thrush.

What do you think about it, Buck? "Nothing."

But this also, has a flame, a reflector, and a magnifying lens. It answers for all practical purposes. It is an off-spring of necessity.

The rope was at length securely lit. The crowd of spectators, however, were suddenly checked, as his weight was gradually allowed to fall upon the rope.

But Buck merely shook his head, and said nothing.

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Briefier Spelling.
Some days since we referred to the rapid progress which is being made by the cause of spelling reform.

Drop final t in words like dialogue, catalogue, where the preceding vowel is short. This spell demagog, pedagogy, synonym, etc.

Drop final e in words like quartet, coquette, cigarette. This spell cigar, roset, epaulet, velvet, gazet, etc.

Drop final l in words like phanton, telegraph, phans. This spell phalar, paragraf, flosiofy, fonetic, fogalaf, etc.

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A Strange Dream Story.
There is an inexplicable mystery which I believe has never been published—among the traditions of the fat, fertile hill-country of Western Pennsylvania.

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Troops of Deer on the Track.
Records of this city, now in Colorado, writes as follows in a letter dated Arkansas River, Colorado, February 17: "In a former letter I had intended to give you a description of Trout Creek and the trout fishery in the mouth of the canyon are about 75 feet high, and look grand. But what I wonder at most is how the big trout get out of the river and up over the falls into Trout Creek, as the largest of them are in the creek above the falls. Can it be that they swim the falls? The river contains some of the trout fishers in the State. They could not take them with minnow rods, as they do trout on trout of Berks County. There are some few fish in the Nile River, but the fishermen here take only trout from one pond up—noting smaller. I have seen some trout with some of the boys. Deer, elk or sheep, and if not them, then timber wolves. They are very plenty. The man that catches Dave's engine had a mighty narrow escape last Thursday. As he was coming out of the pass on Mosquito range he heard a noise, and on looking around saw what would make many a man drop. It was a half-starved bear of the grizzly sort, as he was coming down the hill towards him. He pulled his Colts, as he carries the large size, and fired three shots. Then the bear was close upon him, and he drew a saber, as he carries a knife with him, and cut at the bear's throat. The bear must have done the same, for John was used pretty rough. He had his clothes nearly torn off, and was bloody all over when he came in. He is for making a coat of mail, of the hide and saddle with him. We examined the skin and found three bullet holes and several cuts which were made with the knife. He is one of the few who will take a telephone line, and seems to enjoy the sport. John Finger is his name. He says: "Well, boys, pretty close, but bear is never every time." You should see Dave's engine. He has her trimmed with a pair of elk horns which are almost as large as the engine herself. They are not much of a curiosity here, as all the run mills have them over their doors. I can't make out what it is for, unless it is to show whisky or invitations to take a horn."

Spanish Brigands.
Another outrage by brigands is reported from Spain, the scene of the attack being the village of Rodas, in the province of Lerdona. While the priest of the village was delivering a sermon to a band of armed men, who had blackened their faces to prevent recognition, entered the church, and striking the pavement with the butt end of their muskets, ordered the congregation to keep their seats. Three of them marched straight to the pulpit, and having administered to the priest several blows with their fists, which stunned him, dragged him into the vestry. In the meanwhile the members of the congregation, threatened with death by the rest of the band if they attempted to move, were paralyzed with terror, and when they saw the priest being dragged up a large sum in gold, which the robbers had ascertained he possessed. He stoutly denied having any money in his possession; whereupon they began to prod him in the legs and arms, with their knives. This mode of torture having no effect, they began to fog him, and he at last admitted having \$30 in his house, and offered to give it to the robbers. This falling to satisfy them, they lighted some straw to hold the priest's head over it until all his hair and eye-balls had caught fire, and when his maid-servant, attracted by his shrieks, came to see what was the matter, they stabbed her. The priest himself was then made to go on his knees and they were about to shoot him, when one of their number, who had been ransacking his house, came forward with a box of money. He refused to make it over to the robbers as that it did not belong to him, but had just been entrusted to his care. The robbers, having attained their purpose then took their departure, and the terror which had inspired was such that no effort was made to follow them by any of the 200 or 300 people in the church.

Plant Strawberries.
Every family should enjoy the luxury of a strawberry bed, and the Rural Horticulturist will take its place in the garden. In order to know how to plant them, we give the following from the April American Agriculturist: "Select a bit of soil, all the better if it was in potatoes last year, and if practicable within sight of the house, and prepare it just as you would for a good crop of cabbage; this means an abundance of the best manure, well worked in. Mark out the rows two feet apart, three if cultivated in rows, and set the plants one foot apart in the row, and when the plot is put in, crowd the soil down firmly over the roots with both hands. Thereafter run the cultivator, hoe, or rake, often enough to make the soil mellow and keep down the weeds. The plants will be by and throw out runners; take care to keep them in their place. If it is preferred to buy a few plants to start with and raise a stock to put out next year, set them two feet apart each way, and let them grow. As they are very useful to promote a large number of runners, finally, plant strawberries—and do this spring."

She Knew All About It.
Just about midnight, four men in a Detroit saloon, sat looking at the fifth. The fifth one was drunker than the other four. While all men were created equal, some men get drunk twice as fast as others. "It will never do to send him home in this condition," said one of the four after a long silence. "As he is, it would break his wife's heart," added a second. "But we can't leave him here, and if we turn him out the police will run him in," observed the third. "I have been thinking," mused the fourth. "He has a telephone in his home. There is one here. I will make it my painful duty to inform his waiting and anxious wife that he won't be home to-night!" "He went to the telephone, got her call," began a second. "Mrs. Blank, I desire to communicate with you regarding your husband!" "Well, go ahead!" "He is at town here!" "In descending the stairs leading from the lodge-room he fell and sprained his ankle!" "Are you sure it wasn't his neck?" she asked. "It is not a serious sprain, but we think it better to let him lie on the sofa in the ante-room until morning. Rest assured that he will have the best of care." We are doing very well. "Say," broke in a sharp voice. "You bundle him into a wagon and drive him up here, where I can keep him hidden until he has drunk some more. He won't be sober before to-morrow night!" "My dear mad—" "Get out! If he's sleepy drunk put water on his head! That's the way I always do." "Now you let me inform you that—" "No, sir, I won't! Throw water on his head, get him into some vehicle and rattle him up here, for it's most midnight now, and you are taking me about half an hour to get his boots off and push him up stairs! Remember poor water on his head and yell 'fire' in his ear!"—Detroit Free Press.

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