

## FEWER U. S. CONVICTS

British System for Reforming Army Deserters to Be Tried.

Criminals to Be Sent to Alcatraz While Men Guilty of Purely Military Offenses Are to Go to Fort Leavenworth Prison.

Washington.—A sweeping change in military prison methods was instituted by orders of the War Department. All of the short term prisoners of Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, have been ordered transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

All of the long term prisoners in the latter institution, about 270, to be transferred to Alcatraz, which will thus be made the place of confinement for the criminal element, while Leavenworth will be the place of detention of soldiers guilty of purely military offenses. To save transportation expenses, a second criminal jail is created at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y.

The effects of these changes is to carry out the recently developed British system of treating deserters and other soldiers guilty of breaches of discipline as subject to reformatory influences and of segregating them from the absolutely criminal and vicious class.

In a report, giving the result of a recent inspection by him of the "detention barracks" of the British army the inspector general of the United States army, Gen. E. A. Garlington, said:

"It took five or six years for the detention system in England to establish itself, but it apparently has saved many men from trouble and from degenerating into hardened cases. They evidently endeavor in this system to apply humane common sense in the treatment of men in trouble. This gives an opportunity for the men to recover their self-respect and respond to any patriotic instinct which, under the stigma of prison life and its demoralizing environment, cannot be expected to survive."

In his recent report General Wood, chief of staff, recommended that the

## NIAGARA HERO GRASPING ROPE



HERE is an actual photograph of the fatal Niagara Falls ice bridge tragedy. It shows young Burrell Hecock of Cleveland, O., in the act of grasping the rope dropped from the cantilever bridge after he had made a heroic attempt to rescue Mrs. Stanton. Hecock was drawn part of the way up to the bridge, but his strength failed and he fell back and perished in the torrent.

British system be given a trial in the United States. Under the present system in the United States, a soldier convicted of desertion becomes a "convict" and loses not only opportunity again to serve in the army but his citizenship as well.

Under the British system the deserter when apprehended, or men found guilty of other purely military offenses, are sent to the detention barracks. When they are believed to have reformed they are restored to duty with their regiments. If they are found to be undesirable for further service they are discharged.

passed in France about the same time. In the fifteenth century the custom was legalized in Genoa and Florence. In Scotland, in later years, and perhaps at present, the women have the privilege at many private dances of choosing their own partners in a leap year. Men stand about the walls of the room, like veritable wall flowers, waiting "to be asked." They look pictures of sheepish anxiety until they are courted by the fair one. Frequent "asking" is supposed to accentuate the "hint" that a proposal trembles on the lips of the fair one.

And above the awakening continents. From shore to shore, Some where the birds are singing evermore.

—Longfellow.

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**Oatmeal Cookies.**—A cup of fine oatmeal (this may be made finer by putting it through the meat grinder), a cup of flour, a half cup of lard or butter and lard mixed, a half cup of milk, two-thirds of a cup of sugar and a fourth of a teaspoonful of soda, dissolved in milk. A little grated lemon or orange peel and nutmeg, with flour enough to roll thin.

**Apple Sauce Cake.**—A half cup of shortening, a cup of sugar, a cup of sifted apple sauce, a teaspoonful of soda, one and three-fourths cups of flour, and spice to taste. Add raisins or currants if desired, and bake in small cakes or in a loaf.

**Hot Water Gingerbread.**—Dissolve in a cup of boiling water two teaspoonfuls of soda; add a cup of molasses, a quarter of a cup of melted shortening, and cinnamon, ginger, clove and nutmeg to taste. Use flour enough for a soft batter and bake in small patty tins. These are delicious with apple sauce and cottage cheese for luncheon or a dessert.

**Feather Muffins.**—Take a cup of milk, a tablespoonful of melted lard or butter, a half teaspoon of salt, a tablespoonful of sugar and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix together with flour enough to make a batter as stiff as an ordinary cake batter. Bake in muffin rings.

**No Tigers in Africa.**

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## The KITCHEN CABINET

HERE'S a little word below with letters three

Which, if you will only grasp its potency, Will send you higher

Toward the goal where you aspire Which without its precious aid, you'll never see— NOW.

Success attends the man who views it right

The back and forward meaning differ quite

For this is how it reads

To the man of ready deeds— W-O-N.

FAVORITE DISHES FROM FAMOUS COOKS.

The following recipes have been gathered from the cherished stores of many cooks:

**Baked Round Steak.**—Put a slice of round steak that has been scored and pounded with flour; season with salt and bits of butter, cover with cold water and bake in a close dish for one and a half hours. Add hot water as needed in the cooking. Onion may be added if the flavor is desired.

**Orange Ice.**—Make a sirup of four cups of water, two of sugar and cook until thick. Cool, and add the rind and juice of two oranges, and freeze.

**Orange and Lemon Sherbet.**—To the juice and rind of three oranges and one lemon add a cup of sugar and a pint of cream; strain out the rind and freeze. This is very pretty served in the halves of oranges, or in grape fruit shells with the meat course.

**Cream Torte.**—Beat the yolks of six eggs, add a cup of sugar and three tablespoonfuls of fine bread crumbs which have been sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder. Add a half pound of dates cut fine, a half pound of walnuts and the well beaten whites of the eggs. Bake in layers and put together with whipped cream.

**Pineapple Puff.**—Beat the whites of three eggs until stiff, add three tablespoonfuls of sugar and four tablespoonfuls of grated pineapple. Beat together and put into slightly buttered cups. Partly fill the cups and stand in hot water and bake a light brown. Turn out of the cups and serve with whipped cream. Garnish with a little preserved pineapple.

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A man of apparent means brought two boys into a barber shop for a haircut. While waiting for the completion of the job he said:

"I never sat in a barber's chair when I was a kid. My brother used to go over to the engine house and borrow the horse clippers. Then my mother would put a bowl on my head and cut around it. Until I was 12 years old I always looked like a window washer's brush."

**Wonderful Control.**

"Do you believe in hypnotism?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox, "there must be some such thing. Every now and then I hear of some one who manages to get a cook to stay in the country."

A man's nature runs either to herbs or weeds; therefore let him seasonably water the one and destroy the other.—Bacon.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Most men are fortune hunters, but few are good shots.

## OLD LEAP YEAR LAWS

Customs Originated in an Ancient European Superstition.

Man Who Refused to Marry When He Was Proposed to Fined Under Scotch Act of 1268—Privileges Granted Women.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—History gives the "ladies' leap year privilege" as a well accepted fact. It is an old one, becoming a part of the common law of social life in Great Britain as early as 1606. "Courtship, Love and Matrimony," published in that year, says: "Albeit it is now become a part of the common law, in regard to the social relations of life, that as often as every bissextile year doth return, the ladies have the sole privilege, during the time it continueth, of making love unto the men, which they do either by words or looks, as to them it seemeth proper, and moreover no man will be entitled to the benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with the slight or contumely."

One legend by which it is attempted to account for the origin of the privilege relates that an appeal was made to St. Patrick to accord the women the same right of proposing at any time as the men have. This he refused, but was willing to concede the right every seventh year. Finally, as a compromise, he agreed that women

should enjoy the right every four years, and that this year should be the longest of the four.

In 1288 it is said that a law was enacted in Scotland that:

"It is stut and ordent that during the rein of hir maist Blisist meggests, for like years known as lepe year, lik maiden ladye of both highe and lowe estate shall hae liberte to bespeake ye man she likes; albeit he refuses to talk hir to be his lawful wife, he shall be muled; in ye sum ane pundir or less, as his estate may be; except and awis gif he can make it appear that he is betrothit ane ithr woman he shall then be free."

A like law is said to have been

## Wife Spanked Her Rival

Mrs. Jennie Russ of Wilkesbarre, Pa., Says She Chastised Miss Sue Phillips.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mrs. Jennie Russ of this city, who lost her suit to have her husband found guilty of non-support, charged that the husband, Christian Russ of this city, spent much time and money in entertaining Miss Sue Phillips, and that in consequence he deserted her.

She admitted that recently she had decoyed Miss Phillips into the private room of a hotel and had spanked her

soundly. The husband said that after a quarrel with his wife she had gone to his bank and drawn out all his money, so that he could not give her any. Judge Strauss on hearing this dismissed the case.

**Hogs Peeved, Eat Jocko.**

Marysville, O.—Mrs. George Lincoln of Woodstock mourns the death of her pet monkey, Jocko. Jocko spent much of his time teasing and annoying the hogs on the Lincoln farm. The porkers, becoming tired of the monkey's actions, just ate him up.

## New Diamond Field Found

Stones Worth \$150,000 Taken Monthly From the Farm of an Old Boer in Western Transvaal.

London.—According to information received in London a new diamond field has been discovered in the Western Transvaal. The site is the farm of an old Boer at Mooifontein, in the district of Bloemhof. Mooifontein now has a population of more than 6,000 drawn there by the diamond fields. The development of the diamond field was the outcome of the rush of miners to Bloemhof, a village on the Vaal river, 220 miles from Johannesburg.

A little more than a year ago a Dutch farmer discovered diamonds near Bloemhof and some diggers from mining camps went there. Among the prospectors were the sons of the old Boer at Mooifontein. They found that the gravel in which the diamonds were found was identical with gravel on their father's farm and went home to investigate it.

They struck pay dirt immediately. Last September the government issued a proclamation declaring a portion of the farm to be an alluvial dig-ging and the rush to stake claims was begun. Mooifontein was the name of the old Boer's farm. It is now a small city.

In November the owner, who was receiving \$3,000 a month in house fees from the claim holders, protested against the purpose to open more of his farm to diamond seekers. He said that many of those who came had brought cattle and sheep which were devastating his fields. The field is

now yielding about \$150,000 a month in diamonds which are of a quality commanding \$20 a carat. Owing to shortage of labor the amount of digging is comparatively small. Diamonds have been found on other farms in the vicinity of Mooifontein and it is believed that the field covers a wide area.

## VERSE NO STAY TO SUICIDE

Brooklyn Man Crumples Poem Holding Out Hope as He Fires Fatal Shot.

Los Angeles.—Rejecting a poem "Opportunity" which held out hope of another chance, Joseph Vincent, a Columbia graduate, formerly of 359 St. John's place, Brooklyn, shot himself

## Birds Cause Horses Death

Veterinarian Explains a Trypanosomia Epidemic in Kentucky—Is Like Pellagra.

Louisville, Ky.—Blackbirds carrying infection from the south are responsible for the death of great numbers of Kentucky horses from a disease akin to pellagra, in the opinion of Assistant State Veterinarian M. A. Purdy, who is analyzing the brains of dead horses in an effort to find traces of the germs. The disease is trypanosomia, and Dr. Purdy's theory is that the birds infected with it are bit-

ten by mosquitoes, which either bite the horses, thus conveying the infection, or lay their eggs in the damp fodder eaten by the horses. Moldy feed was at first held responsible for the epidemics, which have been prevalent since last spring, but that theory has been discarded.

Though deep in the mire, wring not your hands and weep; I lend my arm to all who say "I can." No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep, But yet might rise and be again a man.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell.

Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven.

Each morning gives the wings to flee from hell;

Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

The verses had been copied by Mrs. Adelaide Lafetra, an old time friend, who knew of his despondency. Mrs. Lafetra said he had made many failures, and she had tried to arouse him to better things.

## For Commercial Success.

"Commercial success requires the concurrence of two contrary tendencies, caution and enterprise."—Samuel Smith.