LIFE IN DUBLIN'S PRISON

Dreary Sights Within the Towered Walls of Grim Mountjoy.

EASY TO GET IN, HARD TO BET OUT

How Prisoners Are Guarded, Fed and Worked-Method of Treatment of Immates of Various Grades.

I was in Dablin and wanted to have a look through Mountjoy, the largest convict prison in Ireland, and to which all Irish convicts are now sent. Visitors are very seldom allowed into this penitentiary, and especially newspaper writers, who at the time of which I write were holding a convention in the Irish capital. For this reason I found it very difficult to get a peop into the big penal establishment which belongs to his majesty, the king.

When a man is in jail he may get out in two ways. He may leave with permission, or he may break loose without permission. Getting into durance vile is a different matter. There is the common method of being put in. Most people object to that. To break into a penitentiary is a very uncommon thing in these days, yet such a case occurred near Chicago lately. A man had been sentenced to imprisonment, but his lawyers succeeded against his will in having the sentence appealed. In the dark hours of night their client stole up to the jail and made a determined effort to break into the prison for the purpose of beginning his sentence. The prison officials throw him out, which was also rather uncommon treatment for a lawbreaker to receive at a

write has had no small share.

mayor of Dublin I at last obtained a per- fugitive returned, but failed. mit from the chairman of the Irish Prison as soon as I presented myself inside the

A Grim Looking Pile. Mountjoy prison is situated in the very center of the beautiful capital of Ireland. If that betterment takes place in so un-From an exterior viewpoint, it presents favorable a place as a prison, anything but a joyful picture. It seemed not only the bright sun ight, but also the prison. noise and turmoll of the busy world with-

in life-liberty. Standing at the gate, I pulled at the big London Hears How Houses May Be bell, which re-echoed in those halls of misery as if it were re-echoing in the grim shades of hades. The huge gates swung open with a rattling of keys and chains, and I entered. A warder took my name and address and my order of ad-I was asked to be scated in a small room, quiet and cold. A funeral silence prevailed | feel eighty of them. about my surroundings. I felt as if I had left the twentieth century outside and taken my first step backward on the "road

to vesterday." Once again the big bell would ring out, to admit some individual with royal escort, who was coming to stay as the guest of his majesty, the king. I was kept a long time waiting in the reception cell. A whisper was given me that the jail authorities were not prepared for my coming and were putting thing in good shape before my august person came along. To the authorities of Mountjoy I might have been some secret government inspector prying around under the guise of a tourist small, unassuming little man, whom it was hard to believe was the man in charge

each convict. Outside the cell doors, hangs

a small card bearing the prisoners name

workhouses of the Irish towns.

The Cell of Doom.

looking for trouble. At last the great man himseif, the governor, came. He was a of 700 men and women convicts.

Prison Arrangements. As we entered the prison proper we were followed by the head warden as a guard of honor, and who, by the way, unlocked every door we came to, and relocked it after we had passed through. To be brief, Mountjoy is divided into two principal departments-the cells and the workshops. The daily life of a prisoner is spent with the exception of a short time for exercise, either in the workshop or in his ceil. The interior of the prison is well lighted, and what surprised me, more cheerful than I expected. Indeed the interior was in those which can be expected at the time striking contrast to the exterior. Like all of severe earthquakes. From these expenitentiaries the cells are arranged into periments he determines the extent to which long corridors or wings. The cells of the his calculations have been correct. He long-time men are somewhat better than doce, in fact, that which is done at a dockthese for short term residents. Each cell yard. contained the usual plank bed, mattress,

warm woolen blankets, table, chair, book- after twenty-five years of experiments we rack, and utensils for food. In American find that the new structures stand, whereas prisons the prisoners are fed in one large those of the old types have been shattered." common dining room. In Mountjoy each

inmate eats his food in the sectusion of MATIN TRIES, CLEVER RUSE his own apartment. The food is brought up to the different corridors on an elevator. To Prevent Trial Out of Paris it Calls (eyen Irish prisons have elevators, not to Court Officers as Witmention the hotels) and then served to meanen.

and number, the date of his arrival, and PARIS, March 16.—(Special)-On several the date when he leaves. He may have a occasions the Matin accused M. Chaumie, month to serve, or ten years, but what, formerly minister of fine arts, of arbitrarily ever the time the date of release is marked. appointing his relatives and friends to idea eventually earned him more than a talking to one of the employes picked up Some cards have no date for freedom ministerial and civil service posts and million dollars. The rubber tip on the end from the ground one of the "strutters" or the kitchen and to dress. The first patent marked upon them; they were life prison- creating costly but unnecessary missions of lead pencils made its inventor rich. The tail feathers from a turkey—the refuse given a woman in the nineteenth century ers. Save for the barred windows and in the colonies for others and of hushing metal point on the end of your shoestring from the duster factory. He began idly was granted to Mary Kier in 1809 for "straw darkened glass the cells of the prisoners up a judicial scandal by promoting a nomi- earned a fortune for the woman who twisting a thread back and forth through

some they were probably cleaner and betin the tenement houses of Dublin, or the were braued from M. Chaumle's parlia- patented it. Passing to the end of a long corridor should be tried in Paris, adopted the clever ing sugar white was discovered by a harmof cells the governor brought me into one if audacious move of serving subpsense less old speckled hen. This feathered cell that differed from all the other cells, upon all the magistrates composing the matron one day went for a walk through in that it had three very dark windows Ogen court as well as upon the jurymen a field of clay and later without taking the and three plain prison beds. It was the con- serving in the court. As neither magis- precaution to wipe her feet walked through in his fingers until it took the shape, of demned cell, where those awaiting sen- trates nor jury could act in a case other a sugar mill on the same plantation, scat- a T. "This would make a good paper fasttence of death are confined, guarded night than as witnesses the court decided that tering clay over the loose mounds of sugar to all heights. The first preacher to use tence of death are confined, guarded night than as witnesses the court decided that tering clay over the loose mounds of sugar to all heights. The first preacher to use the was incompetent to try it. The validity as she passed. Afterwards it was discovademned man had to walk the whole of the subpoenas will, however, be con- ered that wherever her tracks had fallen the idea patented. Another man made on the street. length of a long corridor to the execution | tested.

chamber. But now the condemned cell is within a few feet of the fatal drop. Outside this cell, a parrow door was opened from the corridor, and I entered a small room, with a vaulted cetting, and a long beam running the entire length of the room. There was no furniture in the room, and no coloring save the doors, which were black. This was the execution room. In the center of the floor was a long white chalk line. It was the dividing line between time and eternity, for the man who stands with pointed toes touching its white outline, before the floor beneath him drops, and he crashes to his death.

When I passed into the exercise yard I saw many groups of convicts, and among them famous criminals and murderers who were to stay there for the rest of their natural lives. It may be here explained that long-term and life convicts are better treated and have more privileges than men in for short terms. There is a sort of a social ladder in Mountjoy. The life prisoner won't notice or even associate with the individual who is the king's guest for the short period of a year or two. In the women's exercise yards we were forced to beat a hasty retreat, owing to the choice language of the inmates. This is the only department of Mountjoy that rule of silence cannot be enforced. Penal servitude and all the hardships of prison discipline have no effect whatever on the tongues of the women who must reside there. Among these prisoners were three women murderesses whose sentences had just been commuted from death to life imprisonment. One of them was making soup in the kitchen when the governor drew my attention to her and told me of the crime she had committed-the murder of her husband, in which she was assisted by her mother, who was also in the same

prison with her, The Yearning Eyes.

But, after all, these unfortunate men and women, no matter what their crimes If the man from Chicago had attempted may have been, are to be pitied. They to break into Mountjoy, Dublin, he would are forever shut out from sunshine, friends have found it just as difficult, probably, as and liberty. There was not a face in that to break out of if he once got in. From an prison of the many that I saw that did exterior view I came to the conclusion not have a yearning look in the eyes. that this big Irish prison was constructed Perhaps it was the sight of a face from to keep all intruders out, and others, once the outside world that brought the yearsin, safe in. A prison in Ireland is a pince ing into the eyes of these imprisoned of forbidding mystery to everybody but creatures. There is no escape from an the unfortunate inmates who must reside Irish prison save through help from the there. Furthermore, all Irish prisons have official on the inside. It was by means of a sort of patriotic history attached to them. such aid that the famous Lynchehaun Great Irishmen have honored their walls in made his remarkable escape from prison the past for love of their native land. In In Ireland a few years ago and reached this respect the institution of which I this country. The British government made a determined and comly effort be-Through the influence of a former lord fore the United States courts to have the

The lives of men and women confined board to visit the prison. But not without in a pentientlary may be made a little a tramendous lot of red tape, cross-ques- essier and robbed somewhat of severity tioning and official wirepulling. A long, if the man who has charge of them be white, official envelope was placed in my humane and thoughtful. The governor of hand, addressed to "The Governor of His Mountjoy seemed to me to be a kind man. Majesty's Prison, Mountjoy, Dublin." It He is much interested in everything that was a mysterious looking document, and, tends to the reformation and uplifting of for all I knew, might have been an order a prisoner from crime and vice. There is to have me hanged, drawn and quartered a school under his own personal supervision, and also a library, where the convicts may obtain even the latest novels. But very few prisoners take the opportunity of trying to better their lives, even

When my visit was over it was with a very large and grim looking as I stood out- sense of relief that I saw the great gate side and surveyed the buildings of dark roll back, and I stood outside once more stone, surrounded by high walls and tow- with God's sunshine about me and the ers standing out chill, cold and forbidding. memory of the lives I had just left behind. Overlooking the walls that made such a The huge gates slammed, there was the "great divide" between the world out- click of a steel lock, and I walked away, side and the sad world within, one caught while in thousand longing eyes, full of a glimpse of several rows of small, barred | yearning, seemed to peer at me from the windows, whose dark, thick glass shut out | walls and windows of Mountjoy convict VICOR T. NOONAN.

out and all that it held dearest and best BUILDING FOR TREMBLERS

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LONDON, March 16 .- (Special.) - "Everyone will agree that earthquakes cannot mission to the governor. In the meantime, be prevented," said Prof. John Milne, the eminent seismologist, in an interview here which I soon discovered was the guard the other day, "But there are many who room. It was nothing more than a bare know that a great deal can be done to cell, with bare walls, an open fireplace and mitigate their effects. This has been para large armchair with covered tops and | ticularly well filustrated by the work which sides, in which the guard sat through the has been carried out during the last twentylong hours of the night. While waiting five years in Japan. In England there are there I had time for reflection and ob- \$5,000 little earthquakes per year. In Japan servation. Everything about me seemed they get 1,200 earthquakes per year and

"In 1890 the Japanese government formed seismological society. Whenever a big earthquake occurs in India, the Philippines or as lately as in San Francisco we find on the scene the Japanese engineer, archithe keys rattle, the heavy gates roll back | tect and seismologist. Their objects is to make notes of that which fell and that which stood and why it fell or stood." From these notes and with the aid of

mological instruments which measure the earthquakes and thus reveal which are the safest sites Prof. Milne stated that builders are now putting up structures all over Japan capable of withstanding the strongest shocks.

"In Great Britain," continued the professor, "there is a building which, at least so far as lightness of construction is concerned, may be considered earthquake proof. I refer to the building erected at

Osborne for our naval cadets. "If we had an earthquake in London and the suddenness of the backwards and forwards movement was only one foot per and the probability is that there would be \$.000,000 chimney pots in the streets. But at Kingston the rate at which the tion commenced and ended would probably loosen about ten times this quantity. "Having given the suddenness of movements the builder can put up structures to withstand the same, and these structure are totally different to those we find in Europe. He makes his designs and then tests models of the same on a shaking table, the movements of which reproduced

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Trivial Incidenta Prove a Stimulant for Inventive Skill.

INVENTIONS HIT UPON ACCIDENTALLY

A Hen Discovered How to Make Sugar White and a Dog Gave Us the Art of Dyeing-Patent Office Peculiarities.

Whenever a new patent comes out, might have made, you will always hear the health. He purchased a big wagon and that?" Fortunes are made from even the some profit by carrying a stock of feather most ivial contrivances. A man walked dusters to sell along the way. One day he from Philadelphia to Washington to patent | went to a factory where his dusters were different devices credited to their ingenuity. the gimlet pointed screw, and the simple thought of it, and the copper cap that so its broken edges, and the idea of the Chaumie commenced proceedings against long adorned the toes of children's shoes feather-bone came to him. The featherter quarters than they could ever have the newspaper for libel and the summonses earned \$2,000,000 for the lucky person who

> Matin, however, preferring that the case, in a most accidental way. The art of mak- so much money from it that he will never on the moist sugar the clay had whitened money from the device of an imbedded A woman is responsible for a patent

bleaching sugar by the clay process.

One afternoon so many years ago, that the being drawn through. the sands of the seashore in a far off coun. | mal world. Wasps made paper from wood | or your life you can send him to kingdom try. A little dog trailed along at their heels long before man did. The folding scissors come while in the seeming act of handing and becoming weary of much love making and folding pocket compass are only copies him your valuables. finally ran shead and went fishing among of the folding lower jaw of the dragon fly. the rocks. One particular shell fish which The flying squid, a species of cuttiefish, he captured and devoured exuded a fluid has a way of projecting itself as high as which dyed the hair about his mouth a twelve feet above the surface of the water pretty purple. Investigation of this inci- by forcibly expelling water from its body. dent founded the science of dyeing cloth.

Origin of the Featherbone. A man from Michigan was told by the especially some little thing that anybody doctors to take his wife south for her the precise lines that a spider does when remark: "Why couldn't I have thought of team for the trip, and thought to make being made and while standing in the yard Of the list of things invented by women bone is the successor of whalebone, and is shoe string that won't come untied indispensable to the attire of the modern woman. He patented the idea and received have to travel overland in a wagon again unless he wants to

A man standing in front of the postoffice

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Man saw this and invented the skyrocket. The rope making machine used in the United States navy yards follows almost making his own frail cable.

Women as Inventors. Women have been prominent in the field of invention and there are more than 3,500 about 90 per cent are devoted to the home weaving with silk or thread"-the probable forerunner of American matting. One of the most recent inventions by woman is a

The records of the patent office show how some people have invaded the field of invention with most eccentric ideas. invention called the "anti-snoring device" is something similar to a telephone. No sooner does the sleeper begin to snore than state noticed that some of the preachers his body. It was spared, but in 1896 the Washington bent a sn ul piece of tin the sound is transmitted to his own ear. causing him to awake at once. Another ambitious inventor has brought out a ma- pulpit which would accommodate itself York Sun.

it. Scientists took up the matter and from string in the end of an envelope to cut the crimping pin that can be used as a paper this incident introduced the method of paper as it is drawn out. Still another cutter, a skirt supporter, a paper file, s man added to this idea by tying a knot bonquet holder, a safety pin, a shawl fast-A dog gave up the art of dyeing cloth. in the end of the string to keep it from ener and book mark. There is a patent churn that rocks the buby's cradle: date is of small consequence, a noted man. It is interesting to note how man has pocketbook that combines a pistol, so that and his sweetheart when for a walk along | borrowed many of his ideas from the ani- when the highwayman demands your money

OMAHA.

The story is told of an Iowa man who patented an India rubber sidewalk. After much lobbying with his friends among the town council he was allowed to put down several yards of it as an experiment. As a point. His action released the spring in a noise absorber it proved most effective, the floor and the pulpit shot upward until and the early demonstrations seemed to be it completely hid the preacher from the living down all scepticism in regard to it so rapidly that the inventor's fortune was

all but made. Then the inventor made a blunder. To show how solid and strong it was he began umping up and down on it with his whole it was still rubber, and when the ambitious inventor planked his beels into it he was promptly pitched over the fence into a signs submitted to the office. One Dr. brier patch. The episode proved such a joke that the budding popularity of the new idea began to wane, and there are still

no rubber sidewalks in Iowa. An Adjustible Pnipit.

Another happy idea that came to grief was the adjustable pulpit brought out by Texas inventor, An observing member of a certain congregation in the Lone Star were tall and some were short, so he conceived the idea of making an adjustable measure to a nicety. Later when a six foot | Want Ad pages

pastor came on the inventor had the grip

ind could not go to church, The pulpit was set for his short predecessor and nobody could do a thing with t. The inventor had insisted that his device was easy enough to manipulate, but it proved most stubborn and would not submit to a readjustment. The tall man started in with it, and it was so low that in reading his text he had to stoop over almost as much as if his book were placed on a chair. When he began to preach he was getting along well enough until ha suddenly stamped his foot to emphasize view of his hearers. The remainder of his sermon sounded about the same as if he had been in a well.

Thomas Jefferson may be termed the "Father of the Patent Office." for it was ho who saw to the passing of the act creating sight. The walk could not forget that the office and the copyright system. For a number of years he was one of the committee who passed on the merits of all de-Thornton, a rather eccentric man, was the only department clerk the office had for a long period. In the war of 1812, when the British soldiers had a cannon trained on the patent office to destroy it, the doctor rushed out and placed his body before the mouth of the cannon, exclaiming that if Goths and Vandals would destroy a building containing models that would benefit all the world the ball must first go through office was burned and the only thing saved was a book of no particular value.-New

If you have anything to trade advertise the inventor was on hand and took his it in the For Exchange columns of The Bee