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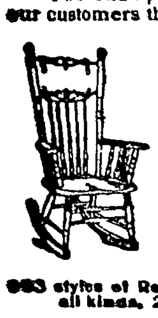

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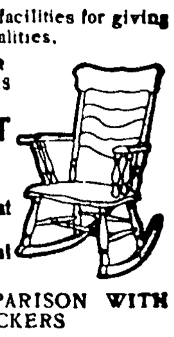

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DECAY OF THE LAW OF CUSTOM.

Due to the White Race Traveling All Over the Earth.

The progressive penetration of the white race into regions of the earth which are inhabited by colored races may be said to have culminated in the recent expedition to Lhassa which probabaly marks the beginning of a sapping process destined ultimately to lead to the fall of the last citadel of immemorial custom and prejudice. Under the title of "The Decay of the Law of Custom" an interesting address was recently delivered at the meeting of the Devonshire Association by its president, Basil H. Thomson, governor of the Dartmoor Convict Prison. The laws of custom which have governed the colored races for countless generations are, it is pointed out, gradually breaking down, though it is estimated that some 800,000,000 people [illegible] the globe [illegible] very uncivilized and stagnant [illegible] the influence of these laws. The ever increasing facilities of intercommunication must make steadily for a greater uniformity of view and conduct among the [illegible] races of mankind and for the white race the question is of the first importance as to what part the colored races will come to play in the affairs of the world when they shall have assimilated the teachings of Western civilization.

With this is bound up the question of the relative mental capacity of the white and colored peoples. It would be rash to assert that any race is inferior in mental endowment to and inherently incapable of reaching the mental level of another, though plenty of white men are to be found who after years of residence in Africa or the East [illegible]

[illegible]

We prefer to take the view that the differences between white and colored races are in the main that [illegible] of custom and [illegible] and as [illegible] are subject to the influences of the agents of civilization such as steam and electricity which have [illegible] done so much toward [illegible] nationalities and toward establishing uniformity of manners and [illegible] London Lancet.

MAMMOTH GERMAN DOCK

Holds Longest Vessel Afloat and Lifts 35,000 Tons

With the view of keeping [illegible] the increasing length and [illegible] of modern steamships a Hamburg firm constructed an enormous floating dock. Hitherto the largest dock constructed [illegible] was capable of lifting 17,000 tons dead weight but the new giant [illegible] 000 tons.

It is 750 feet long in five sections [illegible] feet each so that it is able to [illegible] the largest vessel now afloat [illegible]

[illegible] Hamburg.

Human and Animal Blood

The Prussian [illegible] surgeon Uhlenhuth who has been [illegible] the Hygienic Institute of University of Greifswald is the [illegible] of a new method for distinguishing human from animal blood. In 1897 Dr. Uhlenhuth was [illegible] at the [illegible] and is a member of the commission for investigating the foot and mouth disease. In the fall of 1900 Dr. Uhlenhuth published very important investigations with reference to distinguishing between the albumin of [illegible] of various birds upon the basis [illegible] modern science which is mainly [illegible] result of the researches of Bordet in France and Ehrlich of Frankfort. Uhlenhuth found that these [illegible] can be differentiated blood. His researches resulted in very important discovery of a forensic method to distinguish human from animal blood so that it is now possible to tell with absolute certainty the origin of even the smallest traces of blood either in dry or also in putrefied form. This method which he published in February [illegible] was soon confirmed on all sides and has become of fundamental importance for forensic medicine. By his method he can tell the presence of horse meat in sausages and other smoked meat articles, which is a great step in advance for the examination of foodstuffs.

Tide of Affairs in Germany.

Gen. von Lieber of Germany has a queer theory regarding the fatherland which he explained at the recent conference of the pan-German League at Worms. The general theory is to this effect: "Every fifty years or so there comes a tide in the affairs of Germany which taken at the flood has led on to fortune. Thus after the year 1701 came the seven years' war in 1756, after the battle of Jena in 1806 followed the successful wars of 1864 and 1866. High water mark was reached in 1870 and the ebb will be due by about the year 1920."

THE LOVE OF ONE WOMAN

Lucy was anxiously waiting the coming of Gerald Nutting. For two weeks she had not seen him, and she had been both hurt and displeased at his silence, for she could only guess why he had not come. But to-day she had received a note from him telling her that he would call this evening. Immediately she had forgotten her misgivings and in honor of his coming she had donned the dress he liked the best, and arranged her hair in the way that he had said pleased him most.

Time dragged along until it was 8 o'clock and then the landlady came and told her that Mr. Nutting was waiting to see her. Lucy descended to the parlor with a happy smile on her lips. As she entered the room a young man rose and came forward.

"I can stop only a few minutes, Lucy," he said after the first greeting, which was not very cordial on his part.

"I'm going away this evening," he explained, "and you don't want to feel disappointed. I'm going to be one of a theatre party and——"

"I suppose Beatrice Varney makes another one of the party," broke in Lucy, trying to keep her voice [illegible]

"Well, I might [illegible] with you, Lucy. She does. But it's [illegible] the same here [illegible] in the country. Just because a fellow is engaged to one girl is no reason why he shouldn't notice another."

Pride held Lucy silent. He [illegible] not see how much he was hurting her. A few moments later when he took [illegible] she bade him good-by [illegible] manner, but after she [illegible] to her own room she gave [illegible] to her feelings and [illegible] her grief and sorrow.

"I wish I had never come to the city to work," she went on. "It was so different in the country. [illegible] used to love me then, but [illegible] seems to care only for Beatrice Varney. I can't help [illegible] what he does. [illegible] Some day he w[illegible] I know he will."

The girl dried her tears and tried to comfort herself with this [illegible] hope.

The days that followed were fraught with sorrow for Lucy, for [illegible] one of two evenings when he spent a few minutes with her his [illegible] together.

Time went by until two years had elapsed and then one day Lucy heard that Gerald Nutting had been very ill and that though he had recovered he was in danger of losing his sight. The girl did not hesitate in deciding that she would go to see him at once. To be sure she had no claim on him now, but she was an old friend and he needed every bit of sympathy he could get at this trying time. In making her plans she did not think of Beatrice Varney and she did not enter her mind until she reached his lodgings that afternoon and was ascending the stairs to his sitting room. When she remembered, fear [illegible] at her heart for the first time. Suppose she should find Beatrice there! What if he had married her after all? She had never heard of it. But she were not there, suppose he did not want her sympathy? Thoughts like these tortured her as she dared to knock at the door.

When she did so he bade her enter. He was sitting before the fire, his head bowed, and his attitude brought the tears to her eyes. She crossed the room swiftly, saying his name in tender accents.

He rose to his feet and [illegible] way toward her. "Lucy," he [illegible] gladly, reaching out his hand to her.

"I came as soon as I heard," she said gently.

"Dear noble girl," he murmured. "I might have known you would. It's so like you. You don't know how I have longed to see you to ask your forgiveness."

"I forgave you long ago, Gerald," she interposed. "And you're not to think of it again. But you [illegible] friends; there's Beatrice to comfort you."

"Beatrice," he repeated sorrowfully. "I haven't seen her since I was taken sick."

"You don't mean that she has not been to see you," cried Lucy. "I [illegible] understand such a thing."

"But it's true, Lucy. She only cared for me as long as I could take her to places and make things pleasant for her. The moment I needed a friend she deserted me. But I don't regret it. I never really cared for her. I've only loved one girl and I don't need to say who it is. But it's too late now. You don't care."

Lucy's eyes were shining with happiness. "It's not too late," she broke in. "I have never changed, Gerald."

"You mean that you love me still?" he said, almost breathlessly. "Dear, how could you marry a man who was blind?"

"Yes, I do. I could," she answered.

"Heaven bless you, dear," he murmured. "I knew you would say that. I knew if you loved me that the other would make no difference, but I was afraid you had left off caring. But it won't be as bad as you heard, Lucy. I saw a specialist yesterday. It's a question of a delicate operation. There's not a doubt but that it will be successful," he said. "But best of everything is the thought that you would love me anyway."

He put his arms around her and drew her to him, kissing her reverently.—PRISCILLA CAMPBELL.

DEATH IS PAINLESS.

Comes as Naturally and Is as Welcome as Sleep.

The fear of death, which has been enormously exploited in dramatic literature sacred and otherwise, is [illegible] to be almost without existence in illness. Most patients have lost it completely by the time they become seriously ill.

Death and sleep are both painless according to Dr. Woods Hutchinson in the American Magazine and cause neither fear nor anxiety by their approach. It is one of the most merciful things in nature that the overwhelming majority of the poisons which destroy [illegible] whether they are those of infectious diseases or those which are elaborated from the body's own waste products, act as narcotics and abolish consciousness long before the end comes.

While death is not in any sense analogous to sleep it resembles it to an extent that [illegible] in the vast majority of instances [illegible] not only painful but [illegible] racked and fevered [illegible] patients long for death as [illegible] wearied [illegible] longs for sleep.

While [illegible] of the processes which lead to [illegible] are painful, death itself is painless, natural, like the fading of a flower [illegible] the falling of a leaf [illegible] drifting out on the ebbing tide [illegible] without fear, without pain, without regret save for those they leave behind. When death comes [illegible] so that we can see the [illegible] face [illegible] twin brother, sleep.

Bought His Own Work

[illegible]

[illegible] a German reproduction of an article of his own [illegible] as much for the translation as he had received for the original article.

He Lost

The other day a [illegible] said to a countryman:

"I'll bet you anything you like you cannot spell three simple words that I shall give you within forty seconds."

"I'll take that on. Now then, what are they?" said the countryman.

"Well, here goes," said the Londoner as he pulled out his watch. "London."

"London."

"Watch."

"Watching."

"Wrong," said the Londoner.

"What?" exclaimed the countryman in surprised tones. "I've spelled the words you gave me [illegible]"

[illegible]

What Circus Life Meant

[illegible]

big parade.

As to Venison.

"We live and sometimes learn," George Crawford, a distant relative of the novelist, recently arrived from a tour of Europe. "We had a good time," he said to friends at the New York Yacht Club where he was a guest. "I am a great lover of venison and when in season eat all I can get of it. In London at the Hotel Cecil I saw it on the bill of fare and ordered a portion. What do you suppose they brought me? A ragout of grouse, pheasants and Belgian hares. When I complained of the error the waiter apologized, saying it was the best he could do. I called for the majordomo, who explained that while in America the word venison means exclusively the flesh of deer, in England it is applied to deer, hares and certain game birds. All news to me."

Very Old Painting.

What is believed to be the oldest European painting in existence has been found in Crete by the Italian archaeological mission. It is on a sarcophagus, and is supposed to have been produced about 2,000 B. C.

Becoming Pikers.

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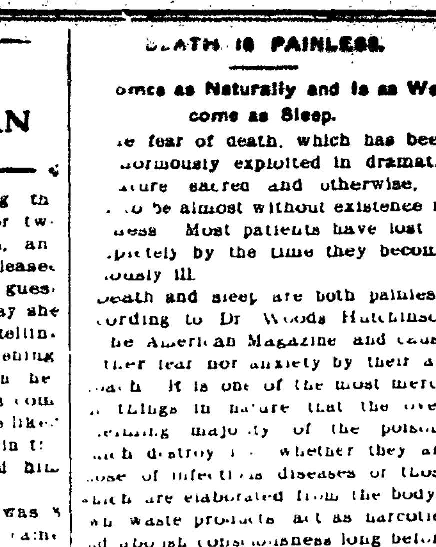

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