WHAT I THINK.

By JOHN STRANGE WINTER.

THE IDEAL HOME.

The Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia must have set many people thinking, and those who are old enough to realise the extraordinary change which has come over not only England but the whole world, must be thinking even more earnestly than the younger members of the community, who are accustomed to things as they are.

THE GOOD (?) OLD DAYS.

Looking back to the time when I was a girl—and, after all it is not so very long ago—the word "home" represented quite a different thing from what it does now. I believe that I was exceptionally blessed, both as to lack of severity and also intelligence and comfort. I had as many blankets on my bed as I chose. I had as much to eat as I wished, and let me say that I ate the same things as my father and mother did—a by no means common occurrence at that time of day. I believe that my mother had been brought up on lines then as modern as the lines on which I was brought up, but naturally she, as well as I, had glimpses of other homes. In her day there were many children, even of the upper classes, who were not given meat more than twice or three times a week, who were brought up with a Spartan severity which was wholly unnecessary to the station and circumstances of their lives. And I remember when children were never allowed to go very near a fire, when little girls had bare arms and bare necks all through the most severe winter snow-time, when, starved without and unfortified within, they formed easy prey for the scourge which visited every household in the land, the scourge of consumption or decline. Flannel was unknown for children's use, and although their mothers wore more petticoats and more voluminous draperies than any delicate woman should be asked or permitted to carry, yet the children went about wearing little cotton knickerbockers and little else beside excepting a small cashmere or thin cloth tunic.

ARE WE GETTING CRANKY?

Well, we have altered all that during the last forty years. Our children have been sensibly and reasonably clothed, kept warm, and properly fed. Hygiene has been the order of the day. We worship hygiene. It rules our food, our clothes, our houses, our sanitation, our very existence. And, as is always the case when a movement takes a sudden forward step, we are now in the gravest danger of toppling over on the other side. And before long one part of the community will be afraid to draw breath without having it filtered through a respirator. I hear of the most wonderful devices for avoiding contagion—I say *hear*, for I have never *seen* them. For instance, someone has suggested gloves for wearing in the house, so that one need not touch door-handles which, from frequent use, are suspected of carrying some amount of contagion with them. I hear of paper shields to be put over telephone mouthpieces, so that one can use the telephone without danger of contracting lung complaints. Well, of course I do not know, but I should say that there was more chance of catching anything in a crowded "tube" lift than in all the telephone mouthpieces that ever were manufactured, while to stand, and still worse, to sit, in an absolutely full "tube" carriage must expose one to many chances of deadly disease. Fortunately, when people want to get from Charing-cross to Ealing, they do not wait to consider whether they are likely to catch anything en route or not, and it is the necessity of getting to and fro which just steps in to stop us, as a nation, from becoming afraid almost to go on living.

THE HOME'S INFLUENCES.

Now I take it that this new Ideal Home Exhibition will do much to add to the comforts of home without especially adding to faddiness in that respect, for its most dominant notes are common-sense, beauty, hygiene, and comfort. There is no earthly reason why the home should not be the embodiment of all these good things. To my mind, there is no reason why the child who is one day to be, perhaps, Prime Minister, should start life as a sort of imbecile. There is no reason why a child should, till it has attained full growth, depend entirely upon the will of another in every situation of life. Such a system is wrong. Let the child learn early to be self reliant: that is to say, to use its brains for itself. And in the ideal home that child will be so, just as in a really cultivated home a child begins quite early to use the language which it hears.

OUR LITTLE FOIBLES.

I would advise everybody within reach of London to go and visit the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, if it is still open when these lines appear, and to study well all the wonderful contrivances by which life is made easier and more healthy. Neither men nor women can learn too much of this sort of thing, provided that they keep tight hold upon common-sense during the whole time. Faddists, of course, there will always be. I can look back to the time, when I was a child, when I knew people who regularly put the newspaper on the fender as soon as they came down to breakfast, in order that the family might not get cold from the damp sheets. No fad of the present day can be more ridiculous than that, although there are many rife among us which are infinitely more dangerous. The utmost danger in airing the newspaper was that the newspaper might catch fire. The danger of sending a small child out, clothed in light cotton raiment, hatless, gloveless, and with bare feet, a child who is sitting in a perambulator and has no possible chance of gaining even the small amount of warmth which the exercise of pushing that perambulator gives to the person behind it, must be obvious to the meanest capacity. And doubtless there are many mothers in England, to-day who have wondered dozens of times since last winter what was the fate of the unfortunate baby who was to be seen exposed to the bitter winter wind on Clapham Common, while the smart-looking mother who pushed the pram was herself enveloped in the richest furs.

THE STUPIDITY OF MOTHERS.

Mind, there were stupid people in my young days. I know a lady who is left-handed. She was always left-handed. It comes absolutely wrong to her to use her right hand in preference to her left. Her mother, one of the excellent Spartan type, reproved the child many times for using her left hand, and at last said to her, "Mary, if I have to speak to you again about using your left hand, I shall tie your hand up." "I'm very sorry, mother," said the child, "I can't help using my left hand. I don't know when I do it." "Then I will teach you," said the mother. So the next time she caught the unfortunate little person using her left hand where the ordinary person would have used her right, she tied the child's hand behind her waist. And for three days the poor little girl suffered this—we won't call it punishment, but this system of correction. On the third day, after solemn speeches as to the iniquity and sinfulness of using hands differently from other people, the child was released from her bondage. The arm did not move. "Bring your arm round," said the mother. "I can't," said the child. "Nonsense!" With some difficulty the mother brought the numbed little arm round to its proper position. "Open your hand," she said. "I can't," said the child. And neither could the mother. In fright she sent for the doctor, and, seeing his very grave looks she confessed what she had done and why. The doctor immediately rounded upon her. "Madam," he said, "you have been guilty of the most inhuman torture to your unfortunate child, who cannot help herself in using her hand as she does. I hope," he went on, "that we may be able to avert a paralytic stroke, which is very likely to supervene upon this abominable treatment. And I warn you, if such a thing does happen, I shall hold you, and you alone, entirely to blame." Fortunately, by dint of proper treatment, the threatened calamity was averted, but the lady remains left-handed to this day.

THE ETERNAL CRY.

"WANT OF BLOOD."

A SAD INSTANCE AT BRISTOL CURED BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

On all sides there is painful evidence in the many stooping backs and pale emaciated faces of both sexes that the strife of modern life is robbing men and women of the blood they need to preserve active minds and strong bodies. Want of Blood, for instance, led Mrs. Morrish, of 15, St. Philip's-street, Bristol, to the depths of despair, but the fact that finally she found New, Good Blood and splendid health in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be remembered by the ailing.

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"I had no colour in my cheeks, and I lost so much flesh that my clothes were sizes too large for me. Every doctor I went to told me that

I WAS DANGEROUSLY ANÆMIC.

Many said there was no hope for me. True, they gave me medicine, but none of it seemed to do me any good. So I went on, from Hospitals to Convalescent Homes, and then back to Specialists, but the cry everywhere was "want of Blood," and no medicine could give me any. Any exertion, even that of dressing myself, made me giddy and faint. Painful flutterings troubled my heart. Going up and down stairs I had to rest at every second step for breath.

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FIREARMS IN IRELAND.

In sentencing a man at Dublin, Mr. Justice Johnson said it was an unfortunate thing that life in Ireland appeared to be of so little consequence to those who governed the country, for while in England and Scotland it was necessary to be licensed to carry arms, there was no such restriction in Ireland. Such a state of things, he declared, could hardly exist in any other civilised country.

FIRE RESCUES BY POLICE.

Dashing up a staircase seething with flames, Police-sergeant Hobday and Police-constable Wallis, of Woolwich, rescued from death at Woolwich-road, Charlton, an old man named Theobald and three young children named Junker.

They have now received certificates from the Royal Society for Protection of Life from Fire.

FAMOUS EXPLORER DEAD.

Captain A. J. Mounteney Jephson, of Sandridge House, Ascot, the last surviving of the chief officers of Stanley's Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, has died from heart failure.

Captain Jephson, when a lieutenant in the Royal Irish Rifles, commanded a detachment in the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition. He was sent on by Stanley in command of an advance party to open up communications with Emin Pasha.

Shortly after he had succeeded in doing so Emin Pasha's people mutinied, and he and Captain Jephson were taken prisoners. They effected their escape, however, and joined Stanley on the shores of Lake Albert.

Captain Jephson was the author of several books, mainly dealing with Africa, among them being "Emin Pasha and the Mutiny at the Equator."

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"Nightriders" in Tennessee, resenting the projected purchase of some land near Reelsfoot Lake, attacked an hotel at night, captured two lawyers concerned in the purchase negotiations, hanged them on trees, and riddled their bodies with bullets.

Notices were issued to the shareholders of the Whitehaven Joint Stock Banking Company, Limited, intimating that a provisional arrangement had been entered into with Parr's Bank, Limited, for the fusion of the business of the two banks.

Judge Rentoul, at the Old Bailey, sent James Smith, thirty-four, to three years' penal servitude for robbing two messenger boys in the streets. The prisoner sent the boys on bogus errands after having obtained possession of what they were carrying and any money on them.

A fire which broke out in the heart of the cabinet making industry in London, and close to the scene of many memorable fires—Charlotte-street, Shoreditch—practically destroyed the five-floored warehouse of Messrs. Sternberg, Wilson, and Co., office furniture manufacturers.

Sir Thomas Brooke, Huddersfield, Chairman of the West Riding Quarter Sessions, left gross estate of £164,030, with net personalty of £133,483. He bequeathed £1,500 to the Huddersfield Tradesmen's Benevolent Society, and £1,500 to increase the living of Armitage Bridge Church.

SUFFRAGISTS SENTENCED.

MISS PANKHURST IN TEARS.

The three Suffragists—Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Mrs. Drummond—who were summoned at Bow-street Police-court to show cause why they should not be bound over to keep the peace for inciting a crowd to "rush" the House of Commons, were on Saturday bound over to keep the peace for twelve months by Mr. Curtis Bennett. The alternative was imprisonment, and that the three declared their desire to undergo. The sentences, therefore, in each case were: Mrs. Pankhurst, three months; Mrs. Drummond, three months; Miss Pankhurst, ten weeks.

When the proceedings were resumed Mr. Curtis Bennett made short work of the suggestion offered at the last hearing that a procession of fifty witnesses for the defence was yet in reserve. He intimated that he would not allow further evidence of the kind he had already heard, or any evidence not strictly relevant. The result of this attitude was the calling of only three more witnesses.

A request for an adjournment followed, in order that the defendants might do themselves "full justice" in their addresses, and a firm refusal drew from Miss Pankhurst the pointed protest that the magistrate was "rushing" the case through the court.

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Miss Pankhurst then addressed the magistrate, and in the course of a vehement passage describing the hopeless position of many who came to the court for "justice," burst into tears. It was dreadful, she said, to think of the horrible injustice inflicted from day to day in that court. As to the "rush," Mr. Chamberlain threatened to march 100,000 men to London. Why was he not prosecuted? John Burns was acquitted at the Old Bailey. If they went there they would be acquitted too.

Mrs. Pankhurst herself made an impassioned appeal, but Mrs. Drummond, on the other hand, was brief and practical, assuring the magistrate that in going to prison they left everything in good working order, so that the agitation would be fully maintained.

LIVING ON A SHILLING A WEEK

A pathetic story of an old woman's struggle to support herself and an invalid son was told at the Westminster Police-court, when the son was charged on remand with attempting to commit suicide.

He is about twenty-eight years old, and is partially paralysed and unable to work at his trade as a cycle maker. About a fortnight ago he swallowed a dose of laudanum in the street, but took too much, and it acted as an emetic.

His mother, who is more than seventy years old, appeared at the court, and declared that if the magistrate would discharge him she would look after him.

The court missionary said that the woman is the widow of a sergeant-instructor in the Royal Artillery. Since her husband's death she has supported herself and her son by charing. Recently, the missionary declared, they have been living on about a shilling a week.

The magistrate discharged the son.

POPLAR SCANDAL.

Calcutt's wife gave evidence at Saturday's hearing at the Thames Police-court of the charges of fraud against seven managers of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylums.

Mrs. Calcutt said that when her husband and some of the defendants were in the King Harry he would come over to the house and get money out of a safe in the bedroom. She also gave her husband money when he went to call on some of the defendants.

Just before her husband's release Peacock called at her sister's house at East Ham. Mrs. Calcutt said that at that meeting she mentioned that they were going to Poplar, and told Peacock to open out. Peacock said he would set the place alight. She told him to do it and save himself.

Mrs. Calcutt said that on several occasions she had suggested to her husband that he should have nothing to do either with the Mile-End or Poplar Guardians.

POST-OFFICE ON FIRE.

A fire broke out on the third floor of the post-office at Brussels, where the telegraph instruments are situated. In a few moments the flames had spread considerably. The telegraph wires of the international service melted and fell into the court, creating a panic among the enormous crowds of people who assembled to watch the fire.

The fire was caused by a short circuit, and was discovered at one of the transmission tables of the foreign service. An employee immediately gave the alarm, and the night staff on duty fled.

In a short time the flames leaped up through the roof, which fell in with a loud crash.

BEQUEST TO BIBLE SOCIETY.

Mr. Thomas White, J.P., of Bromsgrove, who died in September at the age of eighty-three, leaving estate valued at £68,000, bequeathed £500 each to the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Church Missionary Society, and the Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews.

On the death of his only surviving sister the residue of the testator's property goes to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Taking investments at their present valuation, this benefaction to the British and Foreign Bible Society will amount to not less than £20,000.

WOMAN'S MANY CONVICTIONS.

Jane Mourice was found guilty at the Middlesex Sessions on Saturday of stealing a penny from a collecting-box, the property of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Chelsea. It was stated that there were fifteen previous convictions against her, extending over the past twenty years, for frauds upon charitable institutions.

Sir Ralph Littler sentenced her to five years' penal servitude and two years' police supervision, remarking that she had been living on the charitable for twenty-four years.

BETRAYED BY FINGER-PRINT.

A man named O'Brien was sent to prison for a year at Clonmel for breaking into the residence of Mr. Rochfort, a land agent at Cahir, and stealing 2s. worth of stamps.

The chief evidence against him was a finger-print found on the stamp box, and the fact that he was seen in the town on the night of the robbery with a man named Ryan, since convicted of burglary at General Sir William Butler's residence, Bansha Castle.

ROYAL GIFT STOLEN.

Burglars who broke into the residence of the Rev. Hornby Steer, vicar of St. Phillip's, Lambeth, at Kennington Park-road, early on Saturday, stole, amongst other things, an inkstand inscribed: "Presented to Lord Mayor Vaughan Morgan by his Majesty King Edward VII., September 7, 1906."

The inkstand, which was mounted in silver on the foot of a deer, was given to Mrs. Hornby Steer by her uncle, Sir Vaughan Morgan.

Mr. Arabindo Ghose and a number of other Bangalis, arrested at the time of the great bomb discoveries in the suburbs of Calcutta, are being tried at the Alipur Sessions for conspiracy to overthrow the Government.

NO PROMOTION

FOR FAT FIREMEN.

Much feeling has been aroused amongst the men of the London Fire Brigade in view of the action which it is proposed to take in regard to certain men coming forward for promotion. The rule in the force has always been promotion by seniority; and as vacancies have occurred in the list of officers they have been filled by the men next in seniority, provided that these men have good characters and are fitted to perform the duties of officers.

Captain Hamilton, the Chief Officer, however, has announced a new line of policy. Three assistant officers, who were next in order for promotion, and who were duly recommended for three vacancies, have been informed by Captain Hamilton that they were too fat or too big-framed men for the position of officers, and that consequently he would not take them before the Fire Brigade Committee for promotion. They were also informed that in the alternative they could resign their position or appeal to the Committee, and they all intend to take the latter course.

The men have all been in the service of the brigade for over twenty years. The decision of the Fire Brigade Committee on the matter is anxiously awaited.

COULD IMPROVE ON IT.

"I don't believe a single word of your tale!"
"Don't you reely, sir? Well, wait 'arf a minute, sir, and I'll tell 'yer a much better one!"

ARGONAUT TO BLAME.

In the Admiralty Court Sir Gorell Barnes found that the pleasure yacht Argonaut was solely to blame for the collision in the Channel with the Kingswell, in which the yacht was sunk.

The owners of the Kingswell were sued by the owners, the master, officers, and crew of the Argonaut for the loss of the vessel and the crew's effects. His lordship said that while on the one hand the Argonaut was admittedly at fault, it was not established—indeed, the contrary was established—that the Kingswell was to blame.

ASYLUM INMATE'S SUICIDE.

A patient at the Essex Lunatic Asylum, Brentwood, named Julia Longbottom, aged 45, was found dead. An hour previously she was seen to be all right by the night nurse, but the day nurse found the bedstead standing on its head and deceased hanging from one of the bottom legs, which was about six feet from the floor. The deceased had torn up a sheet from her bed to make the rope with which she was hanged.

THE JUDGE'S LITTLE JOKE.

Mr. Justice Grantham, in charging the grand jury at Norwich Assize, said he was sorry not to be able to meet them in the old and historic Guildhall. It was fortunate that the local authorities found out what happened to the Guildhall before he came; if they had put one of his Majesty's justices in a building which collapsed soon afterwards, owing to the weight of the grand jury or the prisoners, or anybody else, it would have been rather bad for the Mayor and Corporation of Norwich. The compensation they would have had to pay would have been rather difficult to assess.

PENSIONS FOR CLERGY.

The Bishop of Truro, in an address on church finance to the Truro Diocesan Conference, deplored that the Church of England, although the richest in the world, did not adequately support her clergy or give pensions. The church's income from voluntary contributions last year was seven and a half million pounds, but contributions for pensions only amounted to £17,000. The disproportion was surely pathetic. It was not too much to say that due provision of retiring pensions would help to solve half of their contemporary church problems.

ONLY A RUMOUR.

"I've walked many miles to see you, sir," began the tramp, "because people told me you was very kind to poor chaps like me."

"Indeed? And you are going back the same way?"

"Yes, sir."

"Ah. Well, just contradict that rumour as you go, will you? Good-morning."

FATAL FALL FROM TRAIN.

A girl, apparently about 20 years of age, well-dressed, and believed to be English, fell out of a train between Lausanne and Montreux, near Cully. A letter to her mother, written in English, but bearing no signature or address, was found on the body announcing her intention of committing suicide.

Her clothes were marked H. E. Mackintosh. There is reason to suppose that she was labouring under some mental trouble.

Salterley Grange Sanatorium for the open-air treatment of consumption, erected near Cheltenham by the Birmingham City Council, has just been opened. The institution is the first of its kind in England entirely owned and managed by a municipality. The Health Committee will keep patients under supervision at least two years after leaving the sanatorium.

CHARGE AGAINST AN M.P.

MR. WILL THORNE BOUND OVER.

Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., who was charged at Bow-street on Friday with conduct likely to provoke a riot by advising the unemployed "to rush every baker's shop in London rather than starve," was bound over in the sum of £200, in one surety of £100 and two of £50, to be of good behaviour for twelve months, or six months' imprisonment in default.

Mr. Thorne said he had advised people to refrain from rushing the House of Commons, and could not, in face of that, be charged with inciting to riot. He still thought it was not a crime for a starving man to go and help himself to bread.

If Mr. Thorne's advice had been taken by his audience, said Mr. Curtis Bennett, there would have been a most serious breach of the peace. If this kind of thing was not checked, the streets of the metropolis would be made unsafe for law-abiding citizens.

MIDNIGHT COLLISION.

HEROES OF THE ENGINE ROOM.

The cargo steamer Cramlington, of West Hartlepool, with coal and coke, from Newcastle to Seville, was run into just outside the Humber, at midnight, by an unknown steamer. The Cramlington was cut into amidships, and water began to flow into the engine-room, but the firemen and engineers worked waist deep in water to keep the fires in and the engine pumps going until the water put the fires out.

An outbound steamer from Grimsby stood by and took off fourteen of the crew. Later the Cramlington was blown on the Haill Sands, just inside the Humber, and later the tug Kinsman took the fourteen men off the attending steamer, and the captain and the remaining eight of the crew off the Cramlington, and brought them into Grimsby.

The steamer Garthdee, from Aberdeen to Fraserburgh, ran ashore on North Head, Peterhead. A very high sea was running, but the life-saving brigade landed the crew of fourteen men. Several of the sailors were severely injured by being dashed against the rocks.

"FIT" IN THE DOCK.

At the Derby Borough Sessions Thomas Cooper who was charged with wilfully breaking a large plate-glass window, pleaded that he knew nothing about the occurrence and that he was subject to epileptic fits.

Immediately after making this statement he apparently had a fit, and greatly alarmed the Court. A doctor in court, however, said that prisoner was only shamming.

Accused was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

15 MONTHS FOR OLD MAN.

Charles Burdett, who is now seventy, is stated to have been sentenced at the Old Bailey in 1889 to penal servitude for life for burglary and shooting a man. After serving nearly twenty years he was released on licence. At the Old Bailey, he has been sentenced to fifteen months' hard labour for dog stealing. It was stated that a number of valuable dogs were found at his house, seven of them with collars from which the addresses had been obliterated.

CHARGE AGAINST A RESERVIST

At Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, a coroner's jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder" against George Arthur Wilkinson, Army reservist, 29 years of age. He was at a house where his sweetheart lived when he attacked her sister, Evelyn Adelaide Buddle, with a poker, inflicting severe injuries on her head, from which she expired the same night. He walked into the police station smoking a cigarette and gave himself up.

POLICEMAN FOUND SHOT.

An inquest was held at Liverpool concerning the death of Police Superintendent Foden, who was found shot through the heart in the pavilion of the Police Athletic Ground. He had been practising with a miniature rifle, and arranged with an attendant to have it cleaned. He sat down in the pavilion to read a newspaper with the loaded rifle beside him, but there was no evidence to show how it was fired. An open verdict was returned.

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RAILWAY ARCHES EXPLOSION.

"Accidental death" was the verdict at an inquest on George Garrett, a horsekeeper, who died from heart failure, accelerated by the shock of an explosion at the railway arches near his home in Peacock-street, Bethnal-green.

Seeing smoke coming from the arches, said his widow, he went in search of his little son, and was thrown to the ground by the explosion. Gelatening was carried on in the arches.

The Coroner said it was necessary that a railway company, in the public interest, should not let arches for the carrying on of a business in which an explosion might occur. Trains were constantly passing over the arches, and if the whole of the arch had been blown away as a train was going along a catastrophe would have occurred.

THE BEST GROCER.

Mr. W. F. Tupman, of Cardiff, has been awarded the first prize of a fully-stocked shop, valued at £500, in connection with the first national examination of grocery and provision assistants in September.

Mr. Tupman is 43 years of age, is a bachelor, and has spent his whole life behind the counter, starting as an apprentice with Mr. S. L. Port, of Bristol. Not content with merely weighing up tea, putting up butter, and cutting rashers, he determined to supplement his superficial knowledge concerning the commodities he sold, and to learn the technical side of the trade. With that end in view he attended the grocery classes at the Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol.

Bishop Thornton, of Blackburn, a former rector of St. George's, Birmingham, denied that idols made in that city were sent abroad, and brought home again for sale to collectors. "Common fairness demands that this offensive commonplace of the missionary platform should never be repeated," he declared.

George Edward Boxall was remanded at the South-Western Police-court on a charge of obtaining money by threatening Mr. J. Brown in a carriage of a train travelling from Kew-bridge to Waterloo. It was stated that he presented a pipe-case at Mr. Brown, pretending it was a revolver, and cried, "Hands up!"

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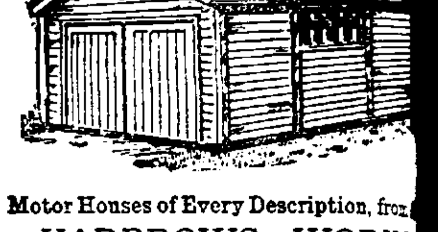

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WIDOW GETS FIVE YEARS

At the West Kent Quarter Sessions ... Joyce, alias Graham, a stylishly-dressed, educated, middle-aged woman, pleaded ... to stealing a large quantity of jewellery and other articles, the property of six ... house keepers at Tunbridge Wells, with whom she had lodged.

The prisoner, it was stated, was the ... of a former governor of the Cork ... Some years ago she was convicted of ... at Bournemouth rings valued at £265 ... over to come up for judgment. She subsequently committed a series of robberies at F... and the magistrate sent her to an ... home for three years.

On being released from this home she ... to Tunbridge Wells, where she committed the robberies which formed the subject of the present charge.

Prisoner was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

FINGERS' EARNING VALUE

In a case at Dumbarton, in which a ... sued the Singer Sewing Machine Company ... injury to his little finger, a doctor said the earning capacity of the labourer's little finger was 12 per cent, as compared ... 15 per cent. for the thumb.

Sheriff Blair: What is the capacity ... hand?

The Witness: 30 to 35 per cent.

During further examination the doctor expressed the opinion that an eye is of ... to a limb.

CRUSHED BY LINER

While the White Star liner ... was approaching the Liverpool landing-stage to ... bark passengers, the tide carried her ... the stage, smashing the casing of ... floating bridges, and doing other damage. A small boat between the bow of the liner and ... stage was crushed like matchwood, and ... men in it, who were handling the moorings, just had time to catch the chain at the ... of the stage and scramble to safety.

No fewer than 36 scholars in the C... schools at Wood-green have qualified for ... medals awarded to those who have not ... absent or late for three years, and three gold medals given for similar records for ... years.

Numerous previous convictions of ... were proved at the Surrey Quarter ... against Marion Gething, formerly a well... opera singer under the name of Marion S... and she was sentenced to twelve months' ... labour.

The Nore Division of the Home F... which all the newest warships are being ... was further strengthened by the commission ... at Chatham Dockyard of the new arm... cruiser Inflexible, which has been built ... cost of £1,000,000 by Messrs. John Brown ... Co., of Glasgow.

It is only necessary to address a ... the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 46, Ho... viaduct, London, for all sufferers from An... (or Bloodlessness) to learn important facts ... cerning their ailment.

No game is preserved or shot in ... Park. Mr. Harcourt stated, though ... coverts are closed to encourage the wild ... "one of the most charming features ... park."

[T]O OBVIATE UNEMPLOY[MENT]

RELIEF WORK NO GOOD.

Mr. John Burns attended the cere[mony of] ...ing the first sod of the new reser[voir of] ...don at Island Barn, Molesey, on ... afternoon. The new reservoir will ... nearly a thousand million gallons ... which will be taken from the Thames, ... a water area of about 120 acres. ... men will be engaged on the work ... will take three years to complete. ... new engine-house at Walton, the ... be over a quarter of a million pou[nds]. That work, said the President of th[e Local] Government Board, symptomised, so f[ar as] ... concerned, a new spirit in Great ... municipal bodies. It was the begi[nning] ... he hoped would be the conscious ... civic society of its industrial aid and ... organised adaptation of public works to ... depression.

CONTRACTS FOR SLACK SEASONS.

For three years he had been trying to ... the local authorities throughout ... Wales to adapt the execution of th[eir] ... times of slackness and depressio[n] ... no reason, he contended, why wo[rks] ... voirs, tramways, electric light, to[wn] ... aries, baths, recreation grounds, ... streets and drainage utilities an[d] ... which could wait and be carried ou[t] ... ity with the general condition of th[e] ... et should not be either deferred ... to suit the general industrial and ... conditions of the country. ... relief works, as relief works, were ... all. They did nothing more or ... stereotype in modern industry and pub[lic] ... evils of casual employment that they ... cure.

SHIPBUILDING SCHEME

At a recent conference at West Hartl[epool] ... Christopher Furness, the chairman of ... ...thy, and Company, Limited, expla[ined] ... details of a co-partnership scheme to ... ...ves of the trade unions and others i[n] the shipbuilding industry carried ...

The main condition of the scheme ... employees should become holders o[f] ... shares in the capital of the company, ... these shares by agreeing to a deduc[tion] ... cent. from their earnings until t[he] ... amount of the shares was covered.

At the close of the Conference it was ... a meeting of the trade union ... should be held to consider Sir Christop[her] ... 's proposals.

The delegates have passed a resolu[tion] ... ...ing of the principle of the co-par[tnership] ... scheme, and recommending its accept[ance] ... local branches of the various trad[es] ... an experimental period of twelve ... decision to be subject to the final ... ...t of the executives concerned. The ... branches are to be taken.

JUDGE AND HIS CRITIC[S]

In opening the Middlesex Sessions o[n] ... Sir Ralph Littler, the Chairman, ... criticisms which had been passe[d] ... ...e of Commons concerning his sen[tence] ... ...e years' penal servitude on a ma[n] ... ...man for stealing apples.

"It is possible for everyone to ma[ke] ...," he declared, "but if ever I co... made a mistake of any kind I rect... ...rt sessions. I cannot but say, ...ly, that it is a pity questions sh[ould] ... ...ed in the House of Commons unle[ss] ... ...ious inquiry has been made.

The sentence on Freeman has alre[ady been] ... ...ed to eighteen months, and it will ... ...st; but at the end of six months ... ...rt will be made on the man's condi[tion] ... ...on as it is shown that imprisonment ... ...forming effect upon him I shall ... ...mend the Home Secretary to ..."

BLACKMAILERS SENTENC[ED]

...eo. Sims, a labourer, was sentence[d at the Cen]tral Criminal Court to seven year[s' penal ser]vitude for having sent letters de[manding money] ... from Dr. Bates, of Highgate.

...r. Oliver, who prosecuted, said the ... written by the prisoner from ... ...e, Newington-butts. Sims had ... ...rgone three years' penal servitud[e for a si]...lar crime. In addition to writing ... ...s, he had sent threatening letters ... money to various people in North ... ..., in one instance, he sent a lette[r to a gentle]...man's wife saying that if he did ... money he had demanded her husban[d would pay] ... the penalty, so beware."

...s offered no defence.

...a second case Charles Birch, a ... ...b man, was sentenced to twelve ... ...risonment for having demanded mo[ney with menaces] from Ernest Berridge Challis, ...men, of Buckhurst-hill, Essex.

[A]RREST OF A BANK MANA[GER]

...r. Alfred William Bentham, man[ager of the] Piccadilly branch of the Manches[ter and County] Bank at Manchester, was arrest[ed] ... at West Didsbury on Saturday ... Manchester police, the charge agai[nst him being] ... that of stealing £50 in money, ... of the bank.

...e announcement caused a great s[ensation in Ma]nchester, for Mr. Bentham was w[ell known not] only in banking circles, but for ... he took in helping all philanthro[pic] ...ions. He held the position of hon. ... Manchester branch of the Royal ... ...oat Institution, and of the Lifeboa[t] Fund in Manchester, was hon. trea[surer of the] Crimean and Indian Mutiny Veteran[s] ... and hon. treasurer of the Ma... Salford Street Children's Mission. ... ...ham was also interested in the orga[nisation of the] Naval Volunteers for Manchester.

FATAL FLANNELETTE.

...inquest was held at St. Pancras C[oroner's Court] ... on Saturday on a three-year-ol[d child] ... Joan Margery Salmond. The ... ...of a trooper of the Horse Guards ... that when she returned to the room ... minutes' absence she found the ... ...s. She died immediately after. ... flannelette clothing, which was enti[rely] ...d.

...C. Evans, Hampstead, said fla[nnelette was] a most dangerous material for chil[dren] ..., because if it did take fire it so[on flared] up.

...e coroner said it was another of the ... taught its own lesson as to the u[se of fire]guards and the dangers of flannel[ette] ... verdict of "Accidental death" was r[eturned].

...Carnegie has suggested that Ja... and Thomas Morris, of Abram, th[e] Colliery disaster heroes, should rec[eive] from the £1,400 which he has co[ntributed to the] Abram fund, and the men have c... gold watches and chains instead ...

Founder's Day at St Mary's ... ...on, a school founded in 1836 for t[he education] of 100 daughters of clergymen, a[nd] held in St. Mark's Church, at wh[ich the Bishop] of the diocese preached. The C... ...cester distributed the prizes.

London visitors at Cromer made ... of codling, landing 120 fish in fou[r hours. The] weight of the fish ranged from 1lb. ... the total was well over 2½cwt. Th[ey] had all he could do to open mussels ... to meet the demand for bait.