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SPANIARD HIDDEN IN SWEETHEARTS' HOME.

An extraordinary story of how a young Spaniard lived for three week's in his sweetheart's house at Wimbledon, without the knowledge of her father, was told at the Old Bailey to Mr. Justice Darling.

The Spanish lover was Joaquin Rodrigo Perez, a student, and he was charged with attempting to shoot Arthur Ernest Weech, the brother of the girl. Prosecuting counsel said that Weech had a sister who acted as lady's maid to a countess in Spain, and while there she met the young Spaniard. She came to her father's house at Wimbledon in May, and a child was born on May 21.

A nurse was hurriedly sent for, and while she was attending to the girl she went to the wardrobe to get something, and on opening the door she found Perez there.

The father was called, and took Perez downstairs, and the son (the prosecutor) pushed him out of the house and shut the door. Late in the day Weech junior saw Perez standing at the corner of Pelham-road, Wimbledon. The Spaniard pointed a revolver at him and pulled the trigger. When a policeman arrested Perez the revolver was found to be defective.

There was no doubt, continued counsel, that the man had been staying in the father's house for three weeks. The father had noticed a great deal of food was being consumed, and as he and his son were away all day there was no doubt Perez was there, and that when the father and son returned he retired to the girl's bedroom and was there kept in hiding.

The Judge (to the interpreter): Ask him if he intends to marry the girl when his punishment is over.

The Interpreter: He says he has to consult with his father about the matter, and that there is a question of his completing his studentship as a mining engineer for two years. If he does that he will not be allowed to marry the girl.

After speaking to the girl in his room, the Judge said the girl had told him she was very fond of the Spaniard, and that he intended to marry her, but that he could not possibly do it if he was to go on with his studentship. If he went on with that he could not possibly marry her, but he was ready to take up another career if his father would allow him. She thought his father would consent to that, and they would then get married. She denied that she had been giving her money to Perez.

He (the Judge) was inclined to adjourn the case until next sessions to see if by that time he would be in a position to marry her and take her back to Spain. No harm had, fortunately, been done to the prosecutor, and the marriage would legitimatise the child.

The case was adjourned until the next sessions.

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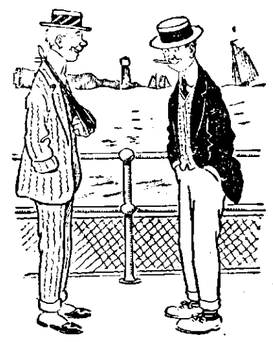

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DERELICT PEARLS TO BE SOLD.

The decision has been given in the Dublin Police-court as to the ownership of fifty-seven derelict pearls, valued at £300. The pearls are to be sold by the Crown after a lapse of six months if the owner is not found in the interval.

In 1905, a man, giving the name of Daniel Donovan, sold to Mr. Weir, a Dublin jeweller, a pearl for £4. Afterwards he brought to the shop fifty-seven pearls, which he said had been given to him by his sister at Killorglin, Co. Kerry, who got them from an aunt who had returned from America. Mr. Weir told his visitor that he could not make him an offer for the pearls until he had them valued by a London expert jeweller.

The man left the pearls, and Mr. Weir wrote to the supposed Donovan in Killorglin and to his supposed sister and aunt. The letters were taken possession of by "Donovan," whose real name was Denis Lyne, and who at one time had been "boots" at an hotel.

This man never claimed the pearls, and the jeweller handed them over to the police.

In accordance with a custom many centuries old, the King has presented a set of service books to the Royal Garrison church at Portsmouth.

The Rev. A. W. Hands, who was inducted to the rectory of Nevendon, Essex, and formerly second architect to the old Metropolitan Board of Works, is an exhibitor of water-colour paintings at the Royal Academy.

HOME HINTS.

Castor oil becomes tasteless if beaten and thoroughly mixed with the white of an egg.

Copper may be beautifully cleaned by rubbing with a lemon (a squeezed one will do) dipped in salt. Rinse well after in boiling water and dry at once.

Remember when frying fish that if the fat in which it is fried is not quite boiling, the fish will be greasy, sodden, and unwholesome. Never put in the fish till a blue smoke is rising from the fat.

Coarse salt sprinkled occasionally on the floor before sweeping is said to be a good preventive of moth.

Silver dress trimmings which have become discoloured may be cleaned by covering them with dry powdered magnesia. Leave it for three hours, then rub it well with flannel, and brush off with a perfectly clean plate brush.

Table-cloths will last much longer if when they are washed they are folded one week in three, and the next in four. If folded exactly the same way each time, the folds will wear into holes while the rest of the cloth is good.

On old potato, washed, peeled, and then cut in half, can be used to clean oil-paintings. The surface should then be wiped with a damp cloth, rubbed with dry cotton-wool, and finally polished with a silk handkerchief. An old-fashioned cleanser for oil-paintings consists of warm beer.

Loops for hanging garments are always wearing out and breaking, particularly with children's cloaks and coats. To make a durable loop, cut a strip of kid from an old glove, roll into it a piece of coarse string, and sew the edges of kid neatly together. This loop, fastened securely to a garment, will stand any amount of pulling without wearing or breaking.

Coal dust is wasted unless the mistress sees that it is burned, and yet it makes beautiful fires. Have a galvanised iron scuttle for the purpose. Add sufficient water to the coal to make it moist. When a fire is burning brightly, bank it up with this wet dust, and you will have a clear fire which will last for hours.

HINTS ABOUT CANDLES.

Candles should be purchased some months before they are used, and should be stored in a cool, dry place and kept covered, so as to prevent them becoming soiled. When candles become soiled and discoloured from being kept long in a candlestick, they can be cleaned by rubbing them with a piece of flannel dipped in methylated spirit. Fluted candles should never be carried about, as they gutter much more than those which are plainly moulded. Economy in the matter of candles can be effected by providing each candlestick with a save-all, so that the candles may burn to the end. If this is not done, there is no need to waste odds and ends of candles. The small pieces should be scraped and shredded, and a teaspoonful of the candle-flakes added to each bowl of boiled starch to give a gloss and prevent the iron sticking. Yet another use may be made by melting the small pieces and pouring the liquid fat into pill boxes, and when nearly set placing a night-light float (such as can be purchased at twopence halfpenny per hundred) in the middle of the surface of each.

TO IMPROVE HANDKERCHIEFS.

Delicate handkerchiefs can be washed easily at home, and careful handling causes them to wear much better. Wet them, rub each gently over with good, white soap, and soak in tepid water over-night. Squeeze out (do not wring), put them in a small enamelled pan, cover with cold water and half a teaspoonful of powdered borax. Boil slowly, pour into a basin, add cold water, and squeeze out all soap. Next immerse them in clear tepid water, rinse about in this, then plunge into cold water, tinged with blue. Leave in this for half an hour, squeeze, and dip in a slight stiffening (one teaspoonful of cornflour to a cupful of boiling water). Squeeze and roll carefully each handkerchief in a towel, and iron with a moderately hot iron. For ordinary handkerchiefs it is a good rule to drop them before washing into cold water to which has been added a little borax and plenty of soap. Boil thoroughly. Rinse in two waters. They will be white as snow and perfectly clean. To whiten handkerchiefs which have become discoloured through careless washing, dissolve some pipe-clay in warm water and leave them to soak in the solution all night. Next day wash and boil the handkerchiefs in the usual manner, and they will be wonderfully improved in appearance.

A NOVEL IDEA.

To keep mats in place at bedroom doors, try this plan. Sew a small brass ring at each corner of the mat, and put two tiny rounded cup-hooks into the corners of the doorway close to the floor. Slip the rings over the hooks and the mats will be held in place: and, as there are rings at each of the four corners, the mats may be turned frequently, so as to wear evenly. The hooks must be very small and rounded, or dresses will catch on them.

SOME USEFUL RECIPES.

CARROT SOUP.—Make a stock with some beef bones flavoured with vegetables. Boil carrots in the stock, and when done rub them through a colander, and thicken the carrot with flour, adding the stock gradually till all is amalgamated. Season with salt and cayenne.

VEAL CUTLETS.—Cut the veal from a fillet of veal about a half inch thick, hack each with a knife, and cover every other slice with forcemeat. Place upon this a slice of veal, then lard the two pieces together with fat bacon; dip each into breadcrumbs. Dip each cutlet into heated butter, then wrap into butter paper and cook in a good oven, or better still, in a Dutch oven before the fire.

VEGETABLE SALAD.—Cut cooked cold potatoes into neat slices, also carrot, turnip, or beetroot, add cooked haricot beans or peas to these, and toss them in the following dressing, then lift them lightly with two spoons into the salad bowl. Mix in a basin a tablespoonful of tarragon vinegar, a saltspoonful of salt, and one of coarsely-ground black pepper. Then add, by degrees, three table spoonfuls of good salad oil.

LEMON PUDDING.—Take half a pound each of breadcrumbs, suet, and sugar, the grated rinds of two lemons, and three well-beaten eggs. Mix all together and steam for one hour and a half. Serve with lemon sauce.

MILK CAKES.—Take one pound of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, two ounces of butter, one egg, and half an ounce of yeast. Mix all together with enough warm milk to make a nice light dough. Let it stand for two hours in a warm place to rise; make it into cakes of the size you prefer. Just glaze on the top by brushing over with milk, and bake for twenty minutes in a quick oven. Currants or carraway seeds may be added, if liked.

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EPIDEMIC OF FIRES.

A strange series of fires has occurred in a shop and house at York-road, Wandsworth, occupied by a picture-frame maker and his family.

According to the official reports of Lieut. Sladen, R.N., the Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade, the firemen were called to the premises on three separate occasions in one day. In the early morning, when it was necessary to rescue four members of the family from the second-floor windows by means of the motor fire-escape, it was found that four separate fires had broken out in the lower part of the building—one in the basement, one in the front shop, and two in a store in the back part of the first floor, the premises being greatly damaged.

On the same night two more fires broke out in the place, the fire brigade being called out on each occasion.

These six outbreaks were preceded in May last by a similar series of fires in the same building. They occurred on May 1, May 8—when there were, according to the official report, three separate outbreaks—and on May 9. On the last-named date the fire actually broke out while the officials of the London Salvage Corps were in the building.

The official report describes the cause of the fires as "doubtful," and adds that the occupant is not insured.

TRADESTON BY-ELECTION RESULT.

By a majority of 1,086, on a greatly reduced poll, the Liberal candidate has been returned for the Tradeston Division of Glasgow. The figures are:

Mr. J. Dundas White (L.).....	3,869
Mr. J. H. Watts (C.).....	2,783
Liberal majority	1,086

The election was the result of Mr. A. Cameron Corbett's elevation to the peerage in the Coronation Honours List. As Liberal Unionist from 1885, and as Liberal since the January election of 1910, Mr. Corbett held Tradeston without a break. In 1900 his Unionist majority was 1,604, and in 1906 it was 353.

For the last two elections his figures, as a Liberal, were as follows:—

January, 1910.

A. Cameron Corbett (L.)...	2,966
A. P. Main (L. U.).....	2,773—193
D. M. Mason (L.).....	2,673

December, 1910.

A. Cameron Corbett (L.)...	4,811
A. P. Main (L. U.).....	3,137
Liberal majority.....	1,674

The total figures of the present poll are 1,296 below those of last December—6,652, compared with 7,948.

QUEST FOR A DAUGHTER.

A remarkable story of an eight years' search for a daughter was told to the Willesden magistrate by a well-dressed, gentlemanly man, who described himself as a Russian.

"While I was in South Africa eight years ago," he said, "my wife died, and I placed my daughter in an orphanage, paying £5 a month. When I went to claim her some months afterwards I found that one of the subscribers to the orphanage had taken her away.

"Since then I have travelled nearly all over the world in search of her. I heard that she was in Australia, but failed to find her there. Then I heard that she was in England, and after another search I met her in the street.

"Of course, she did not know me, and refused to accept the statement that I was her father, for the man who took her from the orphanage had led her to believe that he was her father. I called on the man at his large house, but he turned me away, and refused to allow me to see my own daughter."

"As she is fifteen years of age she can please herself," said the magistrate. "If she likes to leave her present home and go to you she can do so, but I cannot compel her.

"The only thing you can do is to make an application in the High Court."

The annual return of Essex justices shows that nineteen have served between forty and fifty-nine years. The latter record is held by Mr. Edgar Jones, of Great Burstead, who is now in his 102nd year.

The Secretary for Scotland announces that during their Majesties' visit to Scotland they will give a garden party at Holyrood Palace on the afternoon of Thursday, July 20. Their Majesties have accordingly been obliged, with regret, to abandon their intention of visiting Linlithgow Palace.

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CHRISTENING MAORI BABY.

Very picturesque was the scene at the Maori Village in the White City when a baby born in the village was formally named with all due ceremony in accordance with old Maori custom.

All the men and women of the village were in attendance when the baby, a fine boy about a month old, was carried in the arms of his godmother Maggie Papukura into an open space in the centre. Then the fine old chief, Peppotoka, who looked very regal in his huge feather cloak and with a wooden spear in his hand, addressed the crowd of visitors in Maori. He welcomed them to see this great ceremony, for this was the first Maori baby ever born out of New Zealand. They all felt great joy that the child had been born in England, which was the home of kings and queens.

The chief then greeted the baby, saying, "Little child, grow and thrive; follow the footsteps of your forefathers. Trust in God and He will guide you through life." The baby was then solemnly named, under the lynx eyes of about a score of cameras, "Karanei-chana," which means Coronation. Then, as a reward, which he fully deserved, for he had been most wonderfully good and patient throughout the proceedings, he was sung to sleep by "Iwa the Beautiful" with a Maori slumber song.

Afterwards all the Maoris joined their voices in a fine chorus, their "Song of Praise," and then gave a splendid stirring war-cry, "Kamate Kamate Kaora, Kaora," which sounded magnificent.

READY FOR THE STORM.

Employer (parting with his typist): "Well, good-bye, Miss Scott. I hope you have made provision for a rainy day."

Miss Scott: "Oh, yes, sir. I'm going to marry a man named Mackintosh."

CIVIL LIST PENSIONS.

There has just been issued the list of pensions granted during the year ended March 31, 1911, under the provisions of the Civil List Act. It will be seen that the list contains several well-known names, those, for example, of Lady Huggins, widow of the astronomer; Mrs. Davidson, widow of the poet; Mr. W. B. Yeats, and Mr. Joseph Conrad. The daughters of Mr. Frederic Greenwood, the journalist, of the old "St. James's Gazette," receive £100 jointly, and a particularly noteworthy pension is that of £50 to Mrs. A. A. Gore Fysh, daughter of the late Dr. George Gore, F.R.S., "in consideration of the circumstances in which she has been placed by her disposal of his fortune for the furtherance of science."

The following is the complete list:—

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Mr. William Butler Yeats.....	150
Mr. Joseph Conrad	100
Margaret, Lady Huggins.....	100
Miss Kate Greenwood and Miss Jessie Greenwood, jointly and to the survivor of them	100
Mrs. E. E. Sharpe, Miss E. M. Sharpe, Miss A. L. Sharpe, and Miss E. A. Sharpe, jointly and to the survivors or survivor of them	90
In consideration of the valuable contributions to ornithology made by Dr. Richard Bowdler Sharpe, F.L.S., F.Z.S.	
Mrs. Myra Conder	75
Mrs. Margaret Davidson	75
Mr. Charles Crawford	60
Mrs. Alice Augusta Gore Fysh.....	50
Professor William Angus Knight, LL.D....	50
Miss Fanny Hind. Miss Flora Hind. Miss Emma Hind, jointly and to the survivors or survivor of them.....	60
Mr. Thomas Kirkup, LL.D.....	50
Mr. Frederick Rogers.....	50
Mr. William H. Davies.....	50
Mrs. Mabel Bode	50
Dr. Charles Creighton, M.D.....	45
Mr. Thomas Whittaker	30
Mrs. Kate Scott	15
In recognition of the services of her father, the late Dr. Sullivan, President of Queen's College, Cork, to literature.	

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In addition to the new fortnightly service to West Africa from Dover by the Woermann Line, says the "African World," a fortnightly service round Africa, both by way of the Cape route and the Suez Canal, will be inaugurated at the end of the year by the German East African Line.

Jewellery to the value of £350 has been stolen from the premises of Messrs. Lawson, Ward, and Gammage (Limited), manufacturing jewellers, of Clerkenwell-road, E.C. The police have the matter in hand.

According to a United States Consular report, there is not a single pawnbroker in Quebec, the last person in that business having died about thirty years ago.

The Japanese Consul at Kirin denies the alleged detention and arrest of a Chinese steamer by the Japanese authorities on the Tumen River, says a message from Pekin. The vessel has been warned that she must not take in cargo at unopened ports in Korean territory.

President Taft has authorised the withdrawal of four regiments from the "manœuvre division" now at San Antonio (Texas). Several regiments will be left in Texas, probably all the summer.

Prince Golitzin head of the Pulkovo observatory, near St. Petersburg, Prof. Levitzky, and M. Orloff, the well-known professor of astronomy, will represent the Russian Academy of Sciences at the forthcoming Seismological Congress in Manchester.

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Captain Charles Lux, the French officer who was indicted at Leipzig for treason has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment in a fortress.

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Dr. Carlos F. Dardano, who is said to be allied with ex-President Alfaro, has been arrested on a charge of complicity in a message from San Salvador. Arms, ammunition, and materials for making bombs were discovered in his house.

After twenty-two years' active service as Canon and Archdeacon of London, Dr. Sinclair becomes rector of a small village in Sussex—his native county.

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BIBLE STUDIES

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PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY.

The Week's Lesson: II. Chron. xxxiii., 1-20.

Manasseh, the central figure of this study, was the son of the good King Hezekiah. Manasseh succeeded to the throne of Judah in his twelfth year—the bad son of a good father. This matter of good fathers and evil sons, and evil fathers and good sons was probably due, frequently, to the good or evil character of the mothers, as well as to the fact that the king, occupied with the affairs of state, could not give proper attention to the cultivation of his own children. Doubtless, there are exceptions to every rule, but it is impossible to avoid a certain amount of reflection against the parents in respect to every scape-grace child.

SACREDNESS OF PARENTHOOD.

Parentage is undoubtedly the highest and most important function of human life. Yet how few realise the sacredness of parental responsibilities! The Prophet inquires, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" While admitting the influence that none of our race can possibly be perfect, we must admit also that in the parents reside great possibilities respecting the good or evil of their children. This responsibility should be felt in mating—before marriage. We are not urging that marriage the finer sentiments should be disregarded; but we do claim that the spirit of a sound mind should be sought in connection with the most important contract of life, affecting not only the destiny and happiness of the pair, but also of their offspring. Surely all parents of reasonable discernment would lay proper foundations for character in their children—foundations upon which, subsequently, they would build carefully, and lovingly develop in their children along the lines of the highest standards of righteousness, and the beauty of holiness and loyalty to the Creator! But while this should be the endeavour of all, when could we hope ever to bring the world into a condition to desire and strive for such results? Never! Hope for the world would die were it not based upon the sure Word of the Lord, which promises mankind help from on High in the glorious Kingdom of Messiah.

SIN AND PUNISHMENT.

King Manasseh re-introduced idolatry, built altars for the worship of Baal in the courts of the Temple, used enchantments, communicated with evil spirits. The Lord permitted him to take this course and apparently the majority of the nation were influenced either to good or evil by the example of their kings. Thus the people were encouraged to err. The punishment for this was followed. The king of Assyria was permitted of the Lord to be the executioner of the punishment. He captured the city and took the king prisoner. The punishment for idolatry was not eternal torment, as we noted. Surely it is a gross slander upon a God of infinite wisdom, love and power to claim that He ever entrusted to fallen human parents the power to bring into existence sin-blighted and sin-cursed human creatures such as we see the race to be; and then to make their eternal happiness dependent upon a superhuman resistance of the evils of their environment, and of their depraved constitutions!

"IS IT ANY WONDER?"

Is it any wonder that our childish hearts were filled with *fear* rather than with love towards our Creator and towards His revelation, the Bible? Is it any wonder that we acquired all kinds of frightening with our very sense to believe as we were taught, that God *lovingly* predestinated all the human family should suffer eternally, except a saintly few, because He pleased to have it so?—because He ordained that it must be so!—because man was a great place called Hell before God made the earth, and made it large enough to hold the majority of mankind! He would not shudder to have such an outrage of evil design charged against Him or against his *earthly* parents? Who is begotten of the Holy Spirit is not even to think of such a charge being made against his Heavenly Father, "the God of all grace!" Thank God, that to us, our day, the lamp of truth is trimmed, up the mistakes of these blasphemous errors of the past, which have so long hidden all the precious truths of God's Word! Thank God, that our Bible is becoming a new book to us. That our eyes are opened more and more opening to the lengths and breadths, and heights and depths, of the love of God, which it declares.

THE VALLEY OF HUMOUR.

In connection with the king's idolatrous practices, it is recorded in verse six that he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of Hinnom." That valley was outside the city of Jerusalem, to the south. It is now considerably filled up and covered with orchards. In olden times it was a deep valley, and was used for refuse at one time. A great brass image, erected there, the body of which was hollow, constituted a flue for the fires built beneath. The image had outstretched arms, which became heated, and upon these the children were sometimes offered in sacrifice to the false deities, wholly contrary to everything authorised by the Lord.

Even, this valley of Hinnom was polluted that it might never again be used as a place of worship. It was used as a symbol for the destruction of the offal of the city of Jerusalem—dead cats and rats and other vermin were thrown there and fire and brimstone burned therein for the destruction of the carcases and foul gases. The thought is that the vilest criminals might *after*, when they be thrown into this valley as a figure, indicating no hope of future life for them.

The New Testament, written in Greek, uses the valley of the son of Hinnom" is called *Gehinnom*, or, later, *Gehenna*. Our Lord at various times used this valley in illustrating the Second Death—the hopelessness of those who would wilfully, intelligently and persistently refuse the grace of God.

LEARN TO DO WELL.

The text from Isaiah, is the Lord's admonition: "Cease to do evil: learn to do well." It represents God's general attitude toward our race. He does not chide us for sinners, for He Himself explains that we are born in sin and (mis)-shapen in iniquity, in sin did our mothers conceive us. The Lord desires in us is, that realising the wrong condition, we shall *turn* from it, and to the best of our ability do right. We shall not be able to effect this transformation in ourselves more than just as a right *will* and a pure heart, or