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# SUICIDE INCREASES.

MANY TITLED PERSONS INDULGE  
IN IT.

In the English Peerage in the Present Generation—Also in the Continental Aristocracy, and Royal Families—Some Notable Cases.

Suicide is increasing among the aristocracy to such a degree that those unsophisticated people who fondly imagine that to be a lord is the culmination of bliss must have their faith in this respect somewhat shaken.

Among the most notable suicides in the English peerage within the memory of the present generation are those of the Duke of Bedford, probably the richest peer of the British realm, and the Marquis of Londonderry, who was driven to desperation by blackmailers, who preyed upon the infamous vice for which he was noted, Lord Conington, the head of the house of Parnell, took his own life, and so did the Earl of Delaware, Lord Lyttleton, Lord Cloncurry, Viscount Forth, whose son, Lord Drummond, died in New York, a porter in the employ of the New York World, and the Earl of Munster, an illegitimate son of King William IV. There are others to whom the coroner's jury gave the benefit of the doubt in ascribing their death to accident, such as Lord Drumlanrig, eldest son of the Marquis of Queensberry; the late Earl of Lonsdale and the Duke of Hamilton, who is pretty generally known to have blown out his brains while crazed with the pain of gout during a visit to Algiers.

Suicides are also frequent in the Continental aristocracy. There is not a court in Europe the annals of which have not been darkened in recent years by self-inflicted death. Only a few weeks ago was recorded in these columns the suicide at Naples of Prince Pignatelli, to whose lovely wife the Crown Prince of Italy has been so devoted that they have been nicknamed "the inseparables." Then there is the Spanish Duke of San Carlos, principal chamberlain to the little King of Spain, who blew his brains out in a fit of religious mania the other day on returning home from mass, leaving a letter revealing his inability to attain moral perfection. Just about the same time, Prince Corsini, the popular aide-de-camp of the Duke of Aosta, and so well known to American visitors at Florence, shot himself through the heart on account of losses at gambling. At the court of Vienna, Count Stephen Czaki, son of the Hungarian Cabinet Minister of that name and a chamberlain of the Emperor, cut his throat in consequence of financial troubles, and at the court of Berlin, one of the Princes Reuss, who held a high office in the Emperor's household, took his life in the same manner on being taxed by the young monarch with a disgraceful offense.

Even in royal families suicide ends many a life. The most notable case, perhaps, being that of Queen Isabella's son-in-law, Count Urgent, who cut his throat in his wife's presence while in a fit of epilepsy. A member of the house of Bonaparte, Count Cammerata, belonging to the Lucien branch of the family, shot himself through the heart in his apartments in the Tuilleries, in consequence of his inability to pay his losses at the gambling table. The step-father of Queen Marguerite of Italy killed himself in the gardens of the beautiful residence which his wife, the Duchess of Genoa, occupied on the shores of Lake Como. Sultan Abdul Aziz stabbed himself to death with a pair of scissors. Prince Baldwin of Belgium and Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria are known to have committed suicide in consequence of their having become entangled in a situation from which it was impossible that they should extricate themselves without entire loss of honor.

Had the policeman who attacked the coachman of the British Ambassador at Vienna lived in the last century he would long ere this have paid with his life the penalty of his assault. As it is he will be let off with dismissal from the force and a term of imprisonment. And it must be confessed that he well deserves his punishment. It seems that the old English coachman of Sir Edmund Monson got into an altercation about an overcharge on his bill at a restaurant in the Prater. A policeman was called in and took the whole party of waiters, the coachman and his wife, an elderly Englishwoman, off to the police station. The policeman said that on their way thither the Englishman made some threatening movement. Thereupon the policeman drew his sword and inflicted several severe cuts on the old man's head and shoulders until he fell insensible. The wife, who interfered, likewise received a couple of cuts from the policeman's sword. The matter was taken up by the entire Diplomatic Corps, who joined Sir Edmund Monson in demanding exemplary punishment for this gross infraction of their most cherished privileges, namely the immunity of themselves and their servants from interference on the part of the police and civil authorities of the country to which they are accredited.

Swords are far too easily and readily drawn in Germany and Austria. Four young noblemen in military uniform in the streets of Vienna, one of them Count Czaky, son of the statesman of that name, and another, Prince Batthyany, declared that they had been jostled by two Hebrew shopkeepers. To the insulting epithets addressed to them by the officers, the six youths replied in kind. The officers drew their swords and slashed the men until they fell covered with blood. Before a civil trial the officers were acquitted. They were censured, however, by their commanding officer for getting into a quarrel with men whose social status was not such as to permit their according them satisfaction in a duel. The climax of the situation is that the lawyer of the victims, Dr. Rosenfeld, who, during the course of his address at the trial, denounced the attack of the four officers upon two unarmed and defenseless men as cowardly, has just been sentenced to pay a fine of 300 florins for having insulted the army of his imperial and apostolic Majesty, the Emperor.

# Knowledge.

A man may have all the knowledge that this world's life can give him, and yet not be a good man. Knowledge will lift a man higher in this world. Goodness will lift a man higher in any world. Knowledge will give a man power, goodness will give a man direction of power. Knowledge will consecrate a man's intellect to get for himself, goodness consecrates a man's intellect to get in order to give for the uplifting of others.—Rev. Dr. Egbert.

Homesteading seems to be the one requisite to elegance in these days. Pillowcases and sheets of fine cotton as well as cases of linen are befitted. These are comparatively cheap and the woman who watches bargain counters intelligently sometimes finds full-sized, fine hemstitched sheets selling for 60 or 75 cents a piece.

# AGED 13 AND A PREACHER.

A Wonderful Boy-Evangelist Who Makes Many Converts.

During a remarkable series of revival meetings held at Pertle Springs, near Warrensburg, Mo., this summer, a lad of thirteen years was the central figure.

He was Master Ray York, the boy revivalist, who has been regularly licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Warrensburg and is one of the most successful Christian workers in the state. He was converted at the age of six in the Baptist Sunday-school, and since that time has evinced deep and earnest interest in religion, coupled with an astonishing maturity of thought and command of language. On Nov. 27, 1893, Ray formally united with the Church, and since that time has been active in evangelistic work.

On Feb. 6, 1894, when not quite twelve years of age, he preached his first sermon, which electrified his audience, and which was, Ray says, as much a surprise to him as to his friends. During last summer's school vacation he did a good deal of gospel work under the direction of his pastor, and in the fall assisted the Rev. R. L. Kirkland in a series of revival meetings at St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Kirkland pronounced the boy the best helper he ever had. The lad is a hard student and as soon as he finishes his high school course he will attend a theological seminary. He is slightly built and weighs only about seventy-five pounds. He still wears knee-breeches and a broad boy's collar. He has brown hair and eyes. His voice retains its childish treble, but is clear and strong. His manner is simple, earnest and impressive. In his work at Pertle Springs this gifted youth will be assisted by another distinguished boy preacher, the Rev. Ervin F. Leake, aged seventeen years, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mount Carmel, Ill., the youngest regularly ordained pastor in the United States.

# Little Breeches and the Telephone.

Little Breeches was five years old last week. His five years of mortal experience have included a daily acquaintance with the telephone and, from what happened a day or two after his completing his fifth year, he must be a close observer. Little Breeches has very recently joined a kindergarten. His mother generally calls to take him home at dinner hour, but on this particular day she sent word that he would have to make the homeward journey of one square and a half by himself, as she was obliged to go somewhere else. He formed his own conclusion on general grounds as to where "somewhere else" was, so as soon as he found himself at home and a little lonesome, he got a chair and put it in front of the telephone.

When Exchange heard the call she asked, as usual, "Number?" But Little Breeches wanted no number in particular, so the answer Exchange got was, "Please tell my mamma to come home. She's at Fourth avenue, two doors from the corner." Exchange at once perceived that it was a five-year-old voice, and her general information helped her to help Little Breeches. She knew the number of the telephone from which the little voice came, and she also knew of a big house on Fourth avenue, "two doors from the corner," where the mistress of the telephone often visited. The natural conclusion was that "my mamma" was at that very house, and that house is also furnished with a telephone. So Exchange rang up that house and gave the message.

Little Breeches, confident that he had done enough to establish communications with his absent mamma, quietly hung up the receiver and climbed down off his chair. Just then the front door opened and "my mamma" walked in. Her son thought she must be a very obedient mamma to come so quickly but as she entered the room the telephone bell rang again, and, answering the ring, she got from Exchange the message, "Your mamma has gone home already, Mr. Little Breeches."

Of course, this rather puzzled mamma, but explanations followed from Exchange, supplemented by her son's own statement of the case.

"Didn't you get my message, mamma?" he asked in a disappointed tone.

# A Talk-Meter Wanted.

The man who wishes to take a short cut to fame and fortune has now the chance of his life before him. The crying need in the telephone business is a talk-meter, an automatic arrangement by which languages can be measured off and recorded in specific lengths. The telephone exchange people say that the garrulity of some of their subscribers is appalling, and that the trouble is not confined to one sex. The sound of their voices in the telephone transmitter has for some people a great fascination, and they will be ringing up "central" all day if they find the most trivial pretext. The telephone companies say that in this way a large amount of work is unduly thrown on the exchange employees. They hold that the fault is with the system, and that if the people could be made to pay according to the number and lengths of their calls, they would make more temperate and legitimate use of the instrument. Philadelphia is approaching the idea. The Bell Telephone Company there gives what is called a measured service, the "measurement" being determined by the number of calls or connections, each five minutes' conversation or fraction thereof being counted as a call. This gives subscribers rates in proportion to the use of their instrument. Some such method as this will have to come into general use if the abuse of the telephone is to be arrested. Seven hundred and fifty million telephone messages were sent over the wires last year, averaging about ten messages to every man, woman and child in the United States. Telegrams never exceeded one per head per year.

# Hair Dressing in Africa.

In some sections of the Dark Continent great stress is laid upon the proper style of hair-dressing. As it must answer for months, no wonder that careful attention should be given to the process. Women demanding such service must compose themselves full length upon a mass of reeds or rushes; the attendant, sitting at the head of the subject, combs with a long pin the matted locks that have not been under treatment for months, now and then snipping off an offending lock, to be a little later used in some form of original ornamentation quite unknown in nature's comely modelling.

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