

A LONDON ABOMINATION.

MRS. PEIRCE OF HOUNSLOW A PROFESSIONAL FLOGGER.

Young Girls and Male Adults Flogged for Eight Shillings and Sixpence Each—Her Advertisement Attracts the Notice of Mr. Labouchere, Who Exposes Her.

In the London Truth of Oct. 12 there is an article exposing the methods of Mrs. Madeline S. Peirce, of Lime Cottage, Lancers road, Hounslow, a suburb of London, who not only made a business of flogging young girls and elderly men, but had the temerity to advertise for customers in the leading London newspapers. The following announcement is clipped from the Standard, where it appeared for several weeks:

A clergyman's daughter, strict disciplinarian, gives lessons to unruly boys, girls, and adults. Advice letter, 5s; home consultation, 10s; corporal punishment from 8s. 6d. Visits all parts: terms according to distance. Rods, &c., supplied, 1s. 6d. each.—Mrs. Peirce, Lime Cottage, Lancers road, Hounslow.

Mr. Labouchere says that as soon as he noticed this advertisement he placed the woman under observation, and later on persuaded one or two ladies and gentlemen, "at considerable violence to their own feelings," to enter into negotiations with her so as to find out exactly what sort of commerce was carried on in the cottage on the Lancers road.

One of these agents wrote to the woman to inquire whether she would undertake the treatment of "an unruly girl of 17," and received the following answer:

Lime Villa, Lancers road, Hounslow, September 8, 1893. MADAM—It is quite an impossibility to answer your questions as I could wish without receiving further details I think I like the Dr. without any and deep read studies how to act in such a case. If you will kindly remit me my fee of 5s. stamped directed envelope for reply stating fully the case and all symptoms then I shall be most happy to send you my letter of advice and how you should act in such a case, I am Madam your obediently, MADLEINE PEIRCE.

The penmanship, punctuation, and indiscriminate use of capitals in this communication proved the woman to be of no education whatever and made her statement that she is the daughter of the Rector of Cranbrook seem absolutely incredible. After the receipt of this letter, a second agent of Mr. Labouchere, a man this time, wrote to Mrs. Peirce, asking her what treatment she would prescribe for his motherless daughter, aged 14. The particulars of the regime at Lime Cottage, as revealed in the woman's reply, are especially interesting in view of such information as is available respecting the appointments of this agreeable household.

Lime Cottage, Lancers Road Hounslow, August 18th, 93. Sir—Thanks for your letter and remittance. Sorry to hear of your unruly child. My advice to you is let her have a good spanking with a severe birching or so. This her being a Girl, you are unable to administer YOURSELF, I will take her in hand, and strange if I do not turn her out an obedient good Girl a comfort instead of a curse, which every spoilt willful and disobedient child is to any parent or guardian.

She must be treated as a Child. Girls of that age now a days fancy they are women and know more than their elders. I don't know how you are situated as regards being able to have her corrected, but I could receive her here for corporal punishment, also I could receive her from one to three weeks residence in an a Wilding Middle aged, without family and only receive one pupil at the time she would be treated with kindness and firmness. Prayers Night and Morning Church on Sundays I should take her for a long walking exercise, daily hours of rising 6:30 am, retiring at 10:30 p. m. her meals being paid second class. Three Meals daily, Breakfast Tea or Coffee, Bread and butter with relish at 1/2 to eight a. m. Dinner 1:30 Tea, Bread, Butter or Cake if wished for, before retiring a piece of Bread and Cheese with a Glass of Milk or Lemonade. The same drink for dinner. I have a long garden. My house is detached one containing 6 rooms, washhouse etc. 5 minutes walk from Hounslow Station Waterloo line or 5 from the District line.

If you think well I could see you here on Monday, after eight in the evening or Tuesday by appointment here, but not on Monday in the day having several engagements I could come up to Town on Tuesday and wait upon you Fee 7/6 at my house, here 5 Railway Fare being paid second class, and omnibus fare being paid one way by you. A Personal interview is most desirable by knowing the girl faults etc. I could better advise you, she being unfortunately Motherless as she is just coming to a very critical age. My system is to cure, not to kill, and turn my Pupils out lovable obedient children a blessing Not a curse to their Parents. I am Sir yours Obediently M. S. PEIRCE.

The house where the woman thus offers to receive a girl of 14 to be "treated with kindness and firmness" is described as a small cottage surrounded by a garden and situated in a lovely part of Lancers road. It is roughly furnished, and occupied apparently by no one but the flogger and an elderly man, who seems to spend his time between digging in the garden and making excursions to a neighboring public house for beer. There is no servant. No stranger is admitted to the house who has not previously shown his bona fides by paying 5s. for a personal interview with the flogger. A gentleman who called unannounced the other day, seeing smoke rising from a chimney, waited about for half an hour, and hummed at the door till he was tired. He then walked round and looked in at the window, and, catching sight of a woman in one room, rapped upon the glass till she answered him. This woman then opened the front door an inch or two, and, on the caller asking for Mrs. Peirce, informed him (while keeping herself carefully out of sight) that Mrs. Peirce was in London, and could only be seen by appointment.

The gentleman who received the letter quoted above sent the five shillings necessary to obtain an interview with Mrs. Peirce, and late one afternoon he called upon her at Lime Cottage. He describes her as a woman of middle age, probably about 50, short, but strongly built, and of unprepossessing features. Her correspondence and speech show her to be illiterate. Her manners are coarse, and her language shamelessly obscene.

After the conversation had proceeded for a short while the visitor was rewarded by the flogger unbosoming herself of all the details of her abominable trade, not only without any show of compunction, but with a brazen defiance of modesty and decency which speaks conclusively as to her character. She stated that she goes about London flogging girls and boys. She uses a birch, which she makes up herself. She has a "tawse" for use if desired, but prefers the birch, as being at once safer and more efficacious. She always, however, commences the operation by "spanking" with her hand. The interviewer having expressed skepticism about the efficacy of "spanking," she invited him to hold out his hand and try it, and gave him a blow which (he disposes) left him no desire for a second. Anxious to complete his knowledge, he next held out his hand for a taste of the birch, and received two blows from the shoulder. "I pity," he says, "the girl who gets one such blow." One, however, is out of the question.

Mrs. Peirce's minimum allowance is given as eight or ten "spanks," followed by sixteen strokes with a birch, which would be increased to eighteen, twenty, or twenty-five at discretion. The modus operandi she described with the most offensive minuteness and relish, telling how young women were forcibly stripped naked and laid on a table, to which they were strapped, sometimes face downward and sometimes on their backs so that the blows might be applied to the front of the body. She stated that she had recently flogged one girl 20 years of age five times in a fortnight. If girls began to scream under the operation she forced into their mouths a woollen pad covered with silk. When asked if girls never resisted, Mrs. Peirce admitted that they frequently did. One sturdy girl of 18 had kicked the flogger in the face and left a mark still visible. The same girl had also kicked her on the ankle and broken it, in consequence of which the flogger walks a little lame to this day. In view of this painful experience the flogger is now equipped with a pair of handcuffs, which hold the victim's wrists, a similar pair of articles for the legs, and a strap which she passes round the body. Thus bound, hand, body, and foot, and with a gag in her mouth, the most "unruly" young woman is warranted to take her twenty or five-and-twenty strokes without inconvenience to anybody but herself. Hysterics occasionally ensue, but a glass of water or lemonade is found by the flogger sufficient for that complaint. It is desirable however, to make the girl stand still in the corner (still bound) for a few minutes in order to counteract the tendency of the punishment to make the blood fly to the head. The flogger has however, a yet more telling sedative than this. "After the whipping," she said, "I give them a good lecture and read them a chapter of the Bible. I always carry my Bible with me for this purpose."

Toward the end of the interview Mrs. Peirce volunteered the information that she not only flogged "unruly boys and girls," but also applied the treatment to grown men, and, with that statement as an introduction, she entered into filthy and obscene disclosures. All this to a man who had ostensibly come to consult her respecting his own daughter, and whose child the woman was actually offering to receive into her house for a course of "indignities and firmness," accompanied by "family prayers" night and morning.

After this interview with Mrs. Peirce, Mr. Labouchere sent another man to see her "in order, if possible," he says, "to obtain against this loathsome creature some evidence which would bring her immediately within the reach of the law." The object was to ascertain whether, besides ministering to cruelty in its most hateful form, she made it her business to pander to yet baser vices. With this second interviewer Mrs. Peirce was even more frank than with the first.

At an early stage of the proceedings the visitor suggested that a little liquid refreshment would facilitate negotiations. He produced the money for that purpose, and the "clergyman's daughter" at once disappeared with it, returning presently with a bottle of whiskey and some soda water, of which beverages, particularly the former, she partook liberally. Under this genial influence she became extremely confidential, informing her visitor at the outset that she had better speak plainly and have "no mock modesty," and herself adhering faithfully to this principle throughout the conversation. After a few particulars of her experience in flogging girls, she volunteered an account of her exploits as a man flogger, detailing, with a sickening wealth of detail and utter insensibility to shame, the objects and incidents of this phase of her infamous trade. She alleged that her "adult" clients were chiefly ascetics of a certain school, who it would seem, come to her in order that she may "whip the offending Adam out of them."

The visitor then sounded the flogger as to her willingness to allow a third party to witness one of these chastisements, giving as an excuse that he was desirous of arranging for an elderly friend of his, who had a depraved taste in this direction, to witness the whipping of a young girl under the most sensational circumstances. When it came to this the flogger, notwithstanding the whiskey, was on her guard. She was beset, she said, with such applications from old men and young; but the risks were so great that she preferred to keep to the "legitimate" business. Still, she said, it might perhaps be managed if the old man was willing to pay enough for the entertainment. She thought she could arrange it for £5, but they would have to practise a little deception on the visitor's elderly friend. Mrs. Peirce proposed that she procure a woman of a certain class who would submit to the operation. She would arrange details and accessories so as to satisfy the old gentleman that he was witnessing the whipping of an innocent school-girl. Such was the proposal, and, after promising that he would give it the fullest consideration, the visitor took his leave of Mrs. Peirce.

The editor of Truth then goes on to comment editorially on the story that he has just been telling. He says that the only way to drive her out of the business, is to expose her vile methods. He asserts that Mrs. Peirce showed answers to her advertisements from "parents and guardians" all over London and the immediate neighborhood; letters fixing appointments; letters with reference to cases already under treatment, showing thereby that there is no room for doubt that this flogger of young girls is doing a "roaring trade."

Mr. Labouchere then goes on to scare the managers of the London papers who publish the woman's advertisements, saying that "newspaper proprietor who publishes this infamous announcement consents, for payment of a paltry three or four shillings, to assist in procuring 'boys, girls and adults' to be flogged by this unsexed harridan at eight and sixpence a piece. Not to mention its appearance in a slightly modified form in a leading 'ladies' paper," the advertisement has been lending unusual piquancy to the sanctified columns of the Christian World. If this selection of journals has any significance at all, it means this—that among the ultra-respectable and the ultra-religious the professional flogger of girls and men looks for her most valuable clients. And to all appearance she does not look in vain.

A Modern Possibility.

"Bless us, old fellow, what has happened to you that you smile so much? What is it that is so good?" "Oh, nothing at all; but, you see, one never knows nowadays but somebody may be photographing him with a kodak."

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

When there was a prospect of the Opera House management securing the famous Madame Nordica Company, seats to the value of \$1,000 had to be subscribed for at a higher price than usual, before the engagement of this great singer could be entertained. Now, however, the citizens of St. John will have an opportunity on Nov. 7th and 8th of hearing a singer in the person of Mile. Eugenie Tessier, the gitted blind soprano of Montreal, who will make her first appearance in this city in two grand concerts to be given under the auspices of the St. John A. Club, on the dates mentioned above. The club has made the fullest inquiry into the standing of their artist and are fully convinced that she will not be a disappointment to them or their patrons.

Mr. A. O. Skinner, when in Montreal the other day, asked a theatrical manager the question: "What about your great singer, Miss Tessier?" The reply was: "Oh, she's grand, but you can't afford to take her down there."

Vice-President Harvey was sent on a special mission to Montreal and reports that on all sides this young lady received the greatest commendation. The following array of well known local talent will also take part in the concerts, and would, of themselves, at any ordinary time undoubtedly draw a full house: Miss Tibbitts of Frerdericton, mandolin; Miss Sheppard, elocutionist; Miss Olive, soprano; Messrs. Cole, Starr, Lindsay, Hegan and Smith. Miss Godard, accompanist and Harrison's orchestra.

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TWO YEARS OF THE MOST INTENSE SUFFERING.

Mrs. John W. Cope, of Port Stanley, Sufferer From Malarial Fever Followed by Ulcers—Her Friends Despaired of Her Recovery—A Cure Found After Doctors Declared There Was No Hope.

(From the St. Thomas Journal.)

One of the happiest couples in the county of Elgin are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cope, who live in the house at the tollgate, on the London and Port Stanley road. The cause of their joint happiness is that Mrs. Cope, who for three years past has been a great sufferer, and whose recovery was not believed to be possible, has been completely cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, after a number of physicians and many remedies had failed. The many reports of the marvellous cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in different places are so well authenticated as to leave no doubt as to the absolute truth of all that has been claimed for them. It, however, further proof is wanted, it is afforded by the wonderful, almost miraculous cure of Mrs. Margaret Cope. Hearing of this remarkable case a Journal representative was detailed to investigate it. The lady who is sixty-four years of age, was found engaged in her home work, evidently as well as she had ever been and as active as many women not half her age.

"Yes, I was completely cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," said Mrs. Cope, in reply to the reporter's query, "and I will be pleased to give you all the facts in regard to the case, in hope that it may be the means of inducing some other sufferer to try these wonderful Pink Pills and find relief. In August or September, 1890, when we were living in Tilsonburg, I was taken ill with malarial fever. After I recovered from the fever my legs began to swell. They continued to swell for nearly a year. Two years ago red, sore spots, the size of a big penny, broke out on each ankle. A Tilsonburg physician was called in and attended me for more than three months, but I grew worse and worse. These spots itung and burned and caused me the most intense pain. He finally told me that nothing could be done for me as my age was against me, and that I could not live long. Then I tried medicines given me by a Tilsonburg druggist, but to no avail. A year ago last fall we moved to the tollgate here. The sores kept growing more and more painful and kept getting larger. I tried everything that anyone recommended, but nothing did me any good, and every one who saw me was of the opinion that I could not get better. A physician, formerly practising at Port Stanley, was then called in and treated me for about four months. He said he had never seen anything like my case in the whole course of his practice, and said the sores were ulcers. At this time the sores formed a complete ring around my ankle and up for about four inches. The effusion from the sores was like water, and three or four heavy cloths rolled around them would soon get wet, and the water would run down into my slippers. The burning, stinging and twitching was sometimes unbearable and I could not sleep at night from the intense pain, and could not keep the bed clothes on my limbs because of the burning sensation. The longer the physician attended me the worse I seemed to become. Then my son sent for another doctor. He did not say what was the matter, but that I could not be cured. At this time my husband strongly urged me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although utterly discouraged I began taking them in Nov. 1892. After I had taken four boxes the stinging pains in the sores began to stop and the effusion of water ceased. I continued taking the Pink Pills until I had taken twelve boxes, and as you now see, I am entirely cured. I have not taken any pills since last April and my health was never better than it is now. I can stand work better than I could for years before I was taken ill, and feel like a new woman. I sent down to Tilsonburg on a visit recently and my children and old friends and neighbors could hardly credit that I was cured, but it is a joyful fact nevertheless."

Mr. Cope was present during the interview with his wife and said: "I know that every word my wife has said is true, and both of us are prepared to make affidavits to its truth at any time. She suffered so much with the sores that I thought she would go crazy and had little hope that she would ever be cured. You may be certain that we are profoundly grateful for

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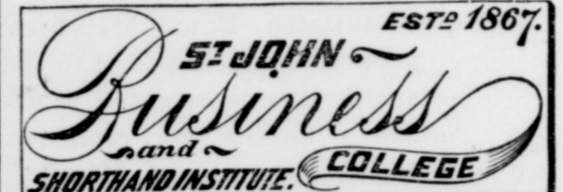
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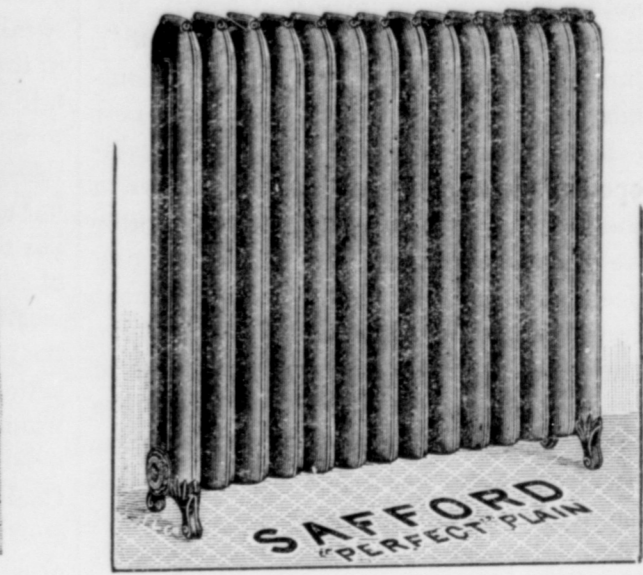
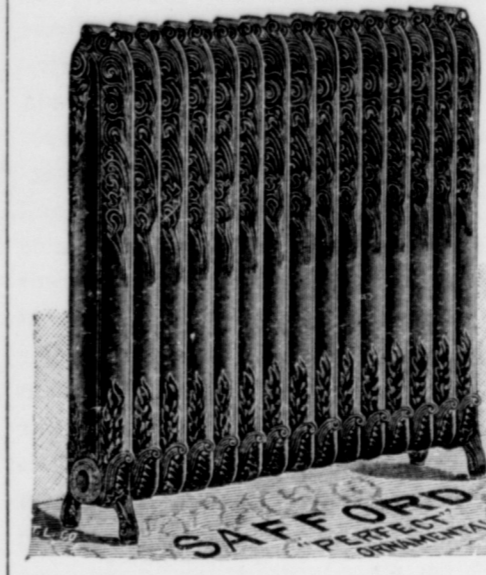
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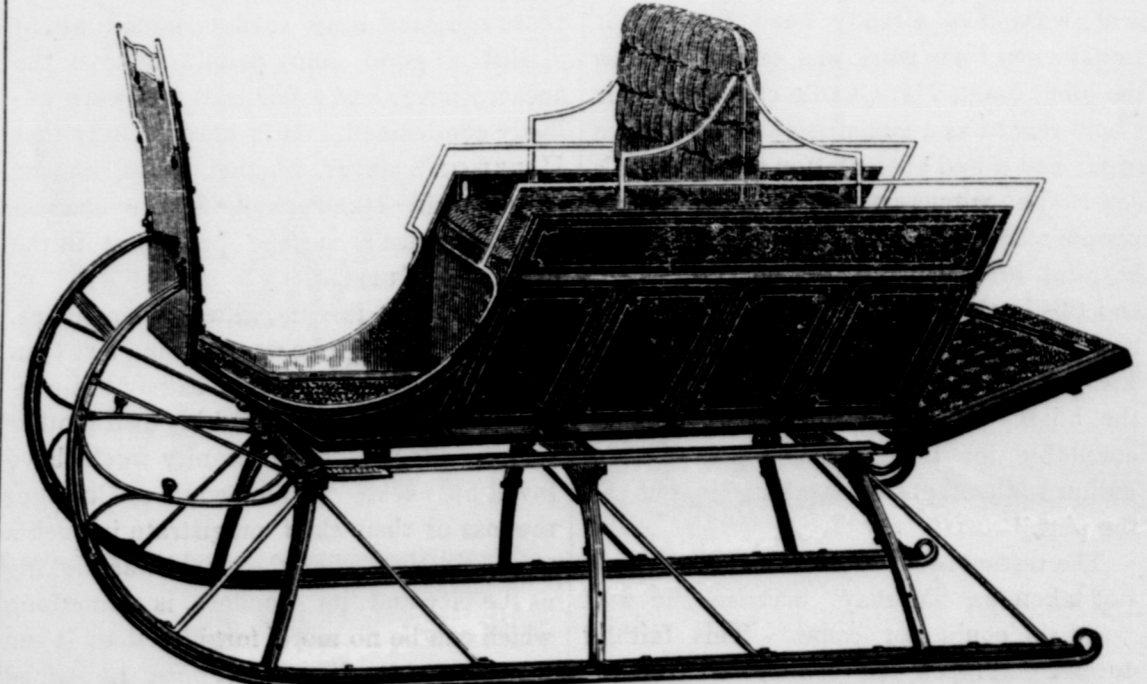
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