

GENERAL NEWS.

Among romances in real life may be mentioned a recent marriage in London. A young man of good birth and education, but without fortune, was out shooting, when a stray shot entered his eye, extinguishing the sight. He was taken to his lodgings in London, where he lay suffering for weeks. A wealthy and handsome widow, near whose estate the accident occurred, took her abode in the same house, that she might nurse him. Her care was extended through several weeks, but the other eye sympathized with that which had been put out, and the youth and scholar was left hopelessly and totally blind at the age of twenty-three. The pretty widow was thirty; but she proposed marriage to him. The result was seen in a fashionable church—a beautiful dance, attended by her two little children, leading a blind youth to the altar, there to endow him with all her extensive worldly goods.

A curious experiment with a magnet was lately tried in London. A boy had broken a needle in the calf of his leg, and before resorting to surgical instruments it was decided to try the effect of a powerful magnet in withdrawing the steel. After a number of experiments in different positions the needle was drawn near the surface on the opposite side of the leg from which it entered, and was easily extracted.

The eloquent band of Jesuit missionaries, under Father Maguire, S. J., have changed their headquarters from Holy Cross College, Worcester, to St. Mary's Parochial Residence, Cooper Street, Boston.

The Catholic Centennial Fountain, in Fairmount Park, was formally transferred to the City of Philadelphia on the 4th of July, in trust for the free use of the American people. Governor John Lee Carroll, of Maryland, and Governor John F. Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, delivered addresses upon the occasion. The fountain is adorned with colonial marble statues of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Rev. John Carroll, Commodore Barry, Father Mathew, and Moses.

A Statue of Archbishop Darboy, of Paris, who was murdered by the Communists, has been placed in the Cathedral of Notre Dame.

In Dunedin, New Zealand, the Davenport Brothers accepted a challenge from a Captain Barry, who offered them £200 if they could unloose themselves from his knots. In 20 minutes after they had been tied by him they stood before the audience with the ropes in their hands, and then the captain told how he tied them. He says: "I started with a tom-fool's knot over the shoulders and round the neck; followed this with a slip-knot, and then a knot that I fastened them down with a noose, and there must have been an agency or something outside assisting them to get out of that lot."

A tramp who had a man in for throwing stones at trains, when arrested and tried before Judge Sanford in the Superior Court at Bridgeport, Conn., said that he had been stoning trains for the last six or seven years in the hope of striking a certain doctor, who was his evil genius, and made his life miserable by appearing to him in visions and tormenting him by the devices of witchcraft and other underhand means. When asked if he considered himself insane, he returned a decided negative. He was sent to the insane asylum.

George Parker, a restaurant keeper, of Brooklyn, died on the 10th of February last leaving a fortune of \$25,000. Sarah C. Parker, wife of the deceased, possessed a slender interest therein. On the 1st of May last she died. By her will she bequeathed her property to her relatives—Laura Breese, Ann Unton and Lydia Kenwood, sisters of Mr. Parker, began preliminary action in the Kings County Surrogate's Court yesterday, to contest this will, on the ground that Mrs. Parker was not of sound mind when the will was made; that she was kept under restraint, and that her signature to the will was obtained by undue influence. The case was adjourned until July 8, when a full discussion of its merits will take place.

John S. Smith reported at the Twelfth police precinct station house, Brooklyn, that he had found a bullet on the floor of his apartment, at No. 140 West 42nd street. But upon investigation had discovered a hole made by the bullet, through one of the windows. Mrs. King, who resides on the first floor, states that she heard the report of a pistol about midnight, although Mr. Smith says that he did not. Mr. Smith who is employed at the Kings County Penitentiary shoe shop, as instructor, states that he is not aware he has enemies who have designs upon his life.

A sleep-walking young lady in Cottonwood, Cal., while passing through her father's sleeping chamber was awakened by his hand on her shoulder. She dropped down dead.

The schooner A. Heaton, of New York, arrived lately at Philadelphia from Bilboa, Spain and one of her seamen, a colored man named Stephen Burrell was at once given into custody, charged with the murder on the high seas of J. B. Jones, the first mate of the vessel. It is stated that early on the morning of June 23 the prisoner and deceased quarrelled and the latter threatened the former with a slingshot. They were separated, but shortly after blows were struck and Burrell plunged a sheath knife into the breast of Jones, who died in a short while. The victim was a resident of York.

A medical restaurant has been lately established in London on the principle that diseases can generally be cured by a special system of diet, and that they are caused chiefly by improper food. On the entrance of a visitor, a physician asks him regarding his ailments. His meal is then prescribed, and he is not allowed to eat any more than is prescribed to him. At the close he is dismissed to smoke a medicated cigar and to sip coffee, camomile tea, or whatever other beverage may be considered advisable.

In 1868 British India had hardly begun the cultivation of tea for export. In that year but 1,500,000 pounds were exported. Now India sends out about 40,000,000 pounds annually.

A lad named O'Callahan, six years of age residing at No. 283 Garden street, Holoken, was badly wounded on Sunday evening by an explosion of a cartridge, and it is feared he will die. Some youthful companions, it appears, were discharging pistol cartridges by placing them on the ground and lighting fuses upon them. One of the boys had a pistol in his possession at the time of the occurrence, but it could not be learned whether it had been discharged by him. He denied having shot his companion.

June 30, the Caxton celebration was opened at the Horticultural Gardens, Kensington, by Gladstone. The collection of early printing was very remarkable, comprising the oldest existing English newspaper, some dating as far back as 1667; the wonderful Stevens collection of Bibles, and the finest collection of music in the world. Among the oldest works is "Charles I., a copy of Shakespeare, lent by the Queen. In the Caxton room are 190 volumes from Caxton's press, including "Pictes and Sayings of the Philosophers, 1477," the first book issued from Caxton's press; also the "Recuyell of the Histories of Troye, 1474," the first book ever printed in English, and having in 1812 for editor, The Emperor and Empress of Brazil were among these present.

TEMPERANCE. In 1873 the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America comprised 200 societies; now it has grown to a membership of nearly 600 societies.

In a recent publication His Eminence Cardinal Manning uses these remarkable words: "Now my dear friends, listen! I will go to my grave without tasting intoxicating liquors; but I repeat distinctly that any man who should say that the use of wine or any thing is sinful when it does not lead to drunkenness, that man is a heretic, condemned by the Catholic Church. With that man I will never work. Now I desire to promote total abstinence in every way that I can. I will encourage all societies of total abstinence. But the moment I see men not clear, do not belong to the total abstinence, from that moment I will not work with those men. I would have two kinds of pledge: one for the mortified, who never taste drink, and the other for the temperate who never abuse it. If I can make these two classes work together I will work in the midst of them. If I cannot get them to work together I will work with both of them, separately."

Marriage Maxims. A good wife is the greatest earthly blessing. A man is what his wife makes him. It is the mother who moulds the character and destiny of the child. Never talk to one another, either alone or in company. Never speak aloud to one another, unless the house is on fire. Never reflect in a just action, which was done with a good motive and with the best judgment at the time. Let each one strive to yield oftentimes to the wishes of the other. Never fight fairly, unless it is perfectly certain that a fault has been committed, and even then begin with a kiss, and love. Never quarrel with a past mistake. Suggest the whole world beside, rather than one another.

Some men can never take a joke. There was an old doctor, who when asked what was good for rheumatism, would say, "How do you suppose I can tell unless I know what ails the mosquito?"

VARIOUS MATTERS.

A gentleman who lives at a fourth-rate boarding-house, says the little dried-up biscuits remind him of the old song, "Tis but a little faded flour."

"My dear," said an affectionate wife to her husband, as she looked out of the window, "do you notice how green and beautiful the grass looks on the neighboring hills?" "Well," was the unpoetic response, "what other color would you have it at this time of the year?"

A Wet Sheet.—A delinquent subscriber secured his Times in Whitehall last week, in a very damp condition. "What makes this so wet?" he asked of his clerk. "Guess it laid out over night," said the clerk, "for there appears to be considerable dew on it."

A strong-minded woman was heard to remark the other day, that she would marry a man who had plenty of money, though he was so ugly she had to groan every time she looked at him.

A man who lately committed suicide in Dulague, left a memorandum for his wife, saying, "Good-by, you old, scolding, red-headed lioness!" On reading it, the widow was heard to mutter, "I should just like to have got hold of him for one minute!"

SUNK AT THE SEASIDE.—Booth (with sad, love-struck air)—"O, wilt thou not be mine, my own dear bride? I love you deeply, fondly, passionately, wildly! I cannot live without you! Say, O, say thou wilt be mine!"

Madam (with downcast eyes)—"Adolphus is there anything the matter with my dress? I saw the Smith girls just now look at me curiously. Does my hair rest all right?" Adolphus discontinues his love-making.

One of the most beautiful characteristics of woman is the unswerving confidence she places in her husband. But we have observed that when a married man goes home with a light deposit of pearl powder on his left shoulder, it is merely prudence to observe that he stopped on the way up to play a game of checkers at the florist-store on the corner.

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