

FAITH NOT SUFFICIENT.

Woman Dead--Husband and Dowileite Preacher Arrested.

Whitby, Ont., Sept. 12.—Marshall Harmon, of the Township of Brock, was found guilty on Saturday, before Judge McIntyre, of criminal neglect of his wife, who died there three months ago. Rev. Ugen Brooks, a Dowileite preacher from Toronto, was brought before Police Magistrate Harper charged with aiding and abetting the criminal neglect of Harmon. Brooke was committed for trial at the December sessions. Brooks was admitted to bail on his own bond of \$800. T. C. Robinette, K. C., of Toronto, who defended both prisoners, will appeal the Harmon case, and in the meantime the sentence will be suspended, and the prisoner was admitted to bail in two sureties of \$400 each. His defence is backed from Zion City.

Harmon embraced Dowileite faith some time ago, and when his wife gave birth to a child about three months since, he neglected to call in proper medical aid. The woman who was with her saw her case was serious, and refused to remain unless a doctor was called in. Harmon claims that he admitted a local doctor once, but he was unable to do anything. He sent to Toronto for Rev. Eugene Brooks, who went down and prayed for the woman two days without avail. Local feeling was intensely indignant, and the authorities had the body exhumed, and an inquest followed, which led to the arrest of both Harmon and Brooks, and Saturday's trial.

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ADVICE FOR KOUROPATKIN.

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Toronto News—This habit of travelling short distances on railways is much more expensive than buying a through ticket without stop-over privilege. General Kouropatkin should consider the wisdom of going straight to St. Petersburg and thus lessening the ultimate cost of transport. No doubt the Manchurian scenery is attractive, and it is exasperating to hurry through without stopping long enough to admire. General Kouropatkin feels probably that he does not wish to be classed with the American tourist who boasted that he saw all the sights of Rome from the train window in twenty minutes. Yet the general should remember the cost. If he will ask the station agent at Makden he will be surprised to find how cheaply he can go right to St. Petersburg at this season when the tourist travel is virtually over and all the visitors to the National Exhibition at Toronto have returned to their homes.

A DREADFUL PEST.

The Cape Sable Horsefly of the Lower Florida Swamps.

A dreadful pest of the lower Florida swamps is the Cape Sable horsefly. Specimens measure an inch and a quarter in length. Their bite draws blood like the thrust of a knife. Imagine a swarm of them darting around one like so many humming birds! Fortunately they are not, at least early in the season, particularly inclined to attack man. The only domestic animal that can live in this country is the mule, and even his tough hide requires a flyproof stable for his protection and a suit of armor when outdoors. One day I engaged a mule and tipcart to save several miles of weary lugging along the strip of prairie before we struck off into the interior to visit a great rookery. When the guide brought the animal, it presented a truly remarkable appearance, clad in a suit of burlap that would have afforded complete protection, save that the legs of the "trousers" had been slit down, as the animal could hardly have been induced to put them on. So the flaps hung dangling about the legs, the ears projected above, and the calm eyes gazed out through the loopholes, surveying the swarm of flies and the stranger. We left him tied to a palm tree for the day. At dusk when we returned the legs of the poor beast were dripping with blood, and he was fairly frantic with pain. We had a stormy experience in harnessing him, having to be very spry to avoid being killed by the flying hoofs.

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THE TERM "BLACKLEG."

It Probably Came From Sporting Men Who Wore Black Top Boots.

The term blackleg, which has come to mean one who systematically tries to win money by cheating in connection with races or with cards, billiards or other games of skill or chance and is used as synonymous with a swindler, a welsher, is of uncertain origin. Some authorities connect it with the black legs of a game cock, so much used by the sporting fraternity for betting purposes.

According to another and more probable view, the expression had no disgraceful sense attached to it at first, but was applied to turf and sporting men because they were often in the habit of wearing black top boots. When blackleg had thus become a current phrase for professional sporting men, it probably passed into use as applied more particularly to those who took an unfair advantage of their opportunities to cheat the unwary.

The derivation of this term was once solemnly argued before the full court of queen's bench upon a motion for a new trial for libel, but that learned tribunal was unable to decide its origin.

QUICKSANDS.

It Is the Presence of Water That Makes Them So Yielding.

Quicksand—i. e., moving or living sand—is ordinary sand so saturated with water that it will not bear any considerable weight. Sand that is dry or not very wet becomes on being pressed closely compacted and less yielding, but where there is sufficient water mixed with it to keep the grains apart it does not cohere and yields to any weight.

Quicksands, then, are sands from which the water is not drained away, either because a constant current passes through them or because there is a dense substratum of clay or rock. They are commonly found near the mouths of large rivers or where there are springs or on flat beaches.

Probably those who fall into quicksands would not be engulfed if they kept quite quiet. As soon as the sand reached their chin they would be supported rather more than if they were in ordinary water, owing to the greater density of the mixture of sand and water which constitutes a quicksand.

The Vivacious One.

"The word 'vivacious,'" said the cynical codger, "is the polite social term for 'gabby.'"

The Cheap Watch Habit.

"When cheap watches first came out," said a jeweler, "a man who carried one was as chary about showing it as he would be about exhibiting a white 'dickey' front to hide a flannel shirt. Now it's different. A man with a nickel watch will walk right up to a chronometer exhibited in a jeweler's window, pull out his timepiece and regulate it with as much pride and earnestness as though it was a Jurgensen. The fact that other men are looking over his shoulder regulating gold watches does not faze him.

"A man came in here with a dollar watch to be repaired. 'It will cost you fifty cents,' I said.

"Oh, go ahead," he replied. 'I'll save fifty cents anyhow. I've got a gold one at my uncle's. Every little while I drop around to take a look at it and pay the interest. I suppose I'll take it out some day. Meanwhile, I've got mightily attached to this one.'"—New York Press.

Trout Poachers.

A favorite method of trout thieves is to take a sack or bag, weight it with stones and place it, mouth up stream, in the narrowest part of the brook. Then one of the rascals comes down stream, wading, poking under the banks with a stick and scaring the trout, who rush down stream into the sack. This sort of thing, varied now and then by exploding dynamite under the water and gathering the dead or stunned fish, which float, has cleaned out some of our public trout waters. In other words, these thieves have robbed the public and have sold the proceeds of the robbery for their own benefit. The game laws are not nearly stringent enough. Fines never deter such rascals from attempting to reimburse themselves. Imprisonment at hard labor is the only antidote.—Harper's Weekly.

A Laudable Ambition.

W. B. Yeats, the Irish poet, tells of a woman who once said to Marion Crawford, the novelist: "Have you ever written anything that will live after you are gone?" "Madam," Crawford replied, "what I am trying to do is to write something that will enable me to live while I am here."

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History Ancient and Modern.

First Yorkshireman (apropos of statue recently unveiled at Leeds)—You see we've got the Black Prince up at last. Second Yorkshireman—Ranjitsinhji! What's he doin' here. He plays for Sussex! Where's Lord Hawke?—Punch.

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