

Afghan Treachery.

Sir William Macnaghten and Captain Trevor were treacherously murdered in December, 1846, while engaged in a conference with Akbar Khan near Kabul. On December 17 the Ameer of Afghanistan having complained of discourteous treatment by the British Government, confined two British Agents in prison, so Sir William Macnaghten interviewed Akbar Khan on December 22 in order to deal with the Ameer's grievances. The Envoy had sent back the greater part of his escort a little time before he reached the place of conference, and had with him only ten men, among whom were Captain Trevor, Lawrence, and Mackenzie. The latter, in his account of the incident says: "I observed that a number of men, armed to the teeth, had gradually approached to the scene of the conference, and were drawing round in a sort of circle. Lawrence and myself pointed this out to some of the chief men, who affected to drive them off with whips, but Mahomed Akbar observed that it was of no consequence, as they were in the secret. I then heard Akbar call out 'Begeer! Begeer!' (seize! seize!) and, turning round I saw him grasp the Envoy's left hand with an expression in his face of the most diabolical ferocity. I think it was Sultan Jan who laid hold of the Envoy's right hand. They dragged him in a stooping position down the hillock: the only words I heard poor Sir William utter being 'Az barae Khoda!' (for God's sake!) I saw his face, however, and it was full of horror and astonishment." At the moment the Envoy was seized, Mackenzie, Trevor and Lawrence were disarmed, and forced away behind different chiefs. Trevor was cut down by Sultan Jan, but Lawrence and Mackenzie succeeded in escaping with their lives. Lawrence said that he saw the Envoy grappling with Akbar, and the latter fire a pistol at him.

Hyde Park's
Gross Past.

An almost unprecedented step was taken recently in closing Hyde Park to the public, so that it might be turned into a great National Food Depot, and thus ensure an adequate milk supply for the babies of Britain during the railway strike.

Not always has a like drastic interference with this famous playground of the people met with such unqualified approval as it received on this occasion.

Some years ago, when the historic Reform agitation was at its height, the then Home Secretary, acting quite illegally, closed the park with a view to preventing the holding of a monster demonstration planned by the Reformers of the Metropolis.

Soldiers Shot at Marble Arch. The most bitter resentment was aroused by this infringement of the immemorial rights and privileges of the people, and a serious riot took place, during which the enraged mob tore down half-a-mile of the iron railings and swarmed over the park, with disastrous results to the shrubs and flower-beds.

A curious chapter in the history of the park, not without interest in these "democratic" days, records an earlier attempt to curtail the right of entry of the populace.

Cromwell's Parliament—an ultra-republican body—actually sold this public possession to a contemporary profiteer, who levied toll on all comers in sixpences and shillings—worth much more, and probably more hardly come by, than the "tanners" and "bobs" of to-day. Fortunately for the people, this preposterous transaction was repudiated by the Government of Charles II., and the park reverted to its proper owners.

But the event which appeals most to the imagination in the annals of the park is the holding there of the great exhibition in the huge building of glass and iron, known as the Crystal Palace, which later found a permanent home on the heights of Sydenham.

How many among the hundreds who daily enter or leave the park at the Marble Arch are aware of the gruesome interest attached to the ground they pass over?

Formerly large numbers of military executions took place within the park, and the bodies were buried at this spot; so that the arch was built, literally, on dead men's bones. Deep in the soil, when the original foundations were being laid, a stone slab was found, bearing the grim and brief inscription: "Here soldiers are shot."

Even less well known, and more gruesome still, is the simple fact that the fair expanse of the park covers a vast graveyard, in which thousands of Londoners who camped here during the Plague, and were overtaken by the terror, lie buried.

America Cup Items.

(Sir Thomas Lipton has once more challenged for the America Cup.)

The mast of Shamrock IV. is hollow, and is the largest of its kind ever made.

The course was originally forty nautical miles in length, but it is now only thirty.

The sails of a boat like the Sham-

rock take ten men a fortnight just to sew the seams.

Each vessel in the race has on board a representative nominated by her competitor.

The Cup was first won by The America in a race round the Isle of Wight on August 22nd, 1851.

A boat which has been defeated for the Cup cannot compete again until

two clear years have elapsed.

Shamrock III. was owned by an Irishman, designed by a Scotsman, and commanded by an Englishman.

If for any reason any one of the series of five races is not completed, it must be sailed again until it is finished.

Nineteen years intervened from the time the Cup crossed the ocean to the

date of the first challenge for it.

Canadian yachts have twice challenged for the Cup, in 1876 and in 1881; but they were hopelessly beaten on both occasions.

The original America cost about £4,000. The sails of many of the modern cup race defenders and challengers alone cost that.

The America Cup originally cost

£100. It is estimated that from four to seven millions have been spent trying to win it back.

Sir Thomas Lipton has been three times beaten for the Cup. The first yacht, Shamrock I., was beaten by the Columbia, which also beat Shamrock II. Shamrock III. was beaten by the Reliance in 1903.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES RHEUMATISM IN COWS.

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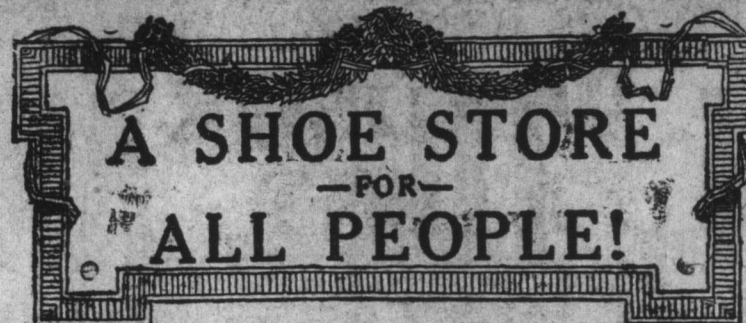
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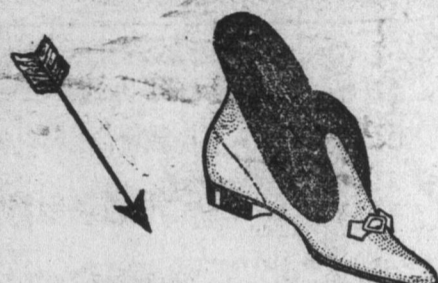
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