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Killed by Mistake___



Strange Story of Marwood, the noted Executioner of England-While in a State of Somnambulism He Strung Up a Prison Ruler.

the last line of this witnesses' answer

The clerk read: "Has your husband

The counsel dismissed the witness,

and now addressing the bench of mag-istrates said: "Your honor, pardon me,

dreading vaguely from the beginning

the possible rehearsal before us of that ghastly midnight scene, the ghostly

light, the dim moon, the devilish mur-

derer calmly looking to the nicest ar-

rangement of his weapon; that help-

less old man changed in an instant to

a swaying corpse, with distended eyes

The counsel approached the presid-

instantly waved his arm to an attend-

misty moonlight. Was it possible that was Marwood standing on the scaffold?

If he slept his attitude at least was

THE THEORY SUSTAINED.

pale face and disheveled clothes, again

stands before the magistrate, this time confronting Marwood. "Your honor,"

he said, "I have pointed out the mur-

derer. Although the testimony of the

prisoner's wife gave me my first clue.

I do not now believe that the murder-

er was asleep, either when he com-

mitted his crime or just now. As to

the question of moral responsibility.

there can be but one voice; the mur-

derer is not morally guilty. But to

me both the prisoner's attitude and the

records of sleep-walking reject the lat-

lies with you."
In the decision which followed the

views of the young counsel were not

supported. He was right, however.

Marwood's training had made him a

machine. He was accustomed to spend

the night on the gallows, not as a

sleep-walker, but with the noose and

death cap in his hand, to wait for a

his rounds to step out from the prison-

Marwood executed him as mechanic-

GHOST HUNTING.

Parish.

been startled by the appearance of a

and carrying sticks and stones, the

pathways and took possession of the

burial ground. Graves and tombstones

were clambered over and recently re-

stored mounds were trampled down. A

potion of the crowd looked upon the

whole affair as a joke, and conse-

quently every few minutes the cry

was raised of "There it goes!" and

immediately the whole crowd rushed in the direction indicated. Others

amused themselves by making the

night hideous with imitations of un-

were requisitioned to clear the place,

that the last few stragglers went away.

The damage to the graves was very

vent, any further demonstration. Many

complaints were made by those pres-

St. James Gazette.

ent of having their pockets picked .-

MATRIMONIAL PHILOSOPHY.

The Small Details That Are Given Un-

necessary Prominence.

There need be few, if any, "ructions"

common sense, and even temper and a

aging small details for herself and

should not unduly bother her husband

about things which she should carry

through alone, because to do that is

all. I am not a bit astonished at the

ridiculous manner in which some peo-

"fearful thraldom and misery thereof,"

detail of their lives to their unfortu-

evil doings of the cook and washer-

woman to the real or supposed social slights they have met with. A man

ple talk about marriage and

certain amount of foresight.

great, and efforts will be made to pre-

crowd climbed the railings from

ally as a carpenter saws his board.

ter theory in the case. The verdica

have little more to say.

and distorted features."

sel.

to my cross-examination.

Witness-Yes.

trates here interposed angry objections. The presiding magistrate, (From the New Science Review.) Marwood, the executioner, of Englines. The presiding magistrate, though showing signs of impatience, a reputation which none of his craft save the desired permission. The counterpolar than the desired permission. enjoyed before him. He had twenty sel again whispered to the clerk, who years' experience at his death, and had called out, "Annie Marwood." "The even delved into the sciences to improve the method of a vocation in which he more than prided himself he felt sure from rivalry, and the English people agreed with him. In June, his sleep?" 1878, however, it became evident that he could no longer claim the first place among hangmen. Early on the morning of the 2nd of that month, there pervaded in the vicinity of the London jail, Marwood's headquarters, rumors of an in common been trying to fathom a crime almost incredible. I have been appalling occurrence which had just been discovered within its walls. The rumors were quickly confirmed. The governor of the jail had been hanged during the night on his own gallows. An officer of the prison, making his rounds just before dawn, as he passed beneath the scaffold, had run against the dangling corpse of his superior. The dawning day threw additional light on this horrible crime. Clearly no being had ever been transferred to eternity with nicer skill. The knot, the noose, the posture of the victim, all showed a master hand. Marwood no longer stood alone. The plan of the London fail is sufficiently peculiar. The original building had been long and narrow, but its boundaries were wide enough to allow room for a single wing, which was biult later at one end of the front face of the prison. Of the addition, the first floor was occupied by the living apartments of the governor, a bachelor, and the hangman, Marwood, and his wife, while the second was taken up completely by one large room for the use of the prison officers. The gallows stood at an opposite corner of the old structure. Two pairs of steps led to it—one immediately from the lower corridor of the jail; the other by a more public approach from the quarters of the governor.

AN UNFATHOMABLE MYSTERY. Only a few days of the investigation passed before all hope to trace the criminal disappeared. The closest inquiries were made by the subordinate sitting magistrates and the superior magistrate who had been sent to preside over the deliberations, but to no avail. The magistrates' meetings, which naturally took place in the large sec-ond-floor room, were about to be discontinued. The detectives were the first

to despair. One who stops to consider the character of the ordinary detective has already foreseen this. The vocation, as practiced, demands a mind of no usual power. The detective learns to track crime as the machinist learns to become a master of his tools, by experience. Here experience deserted them at the outset. A murder occurs. One must look for footprints, for the possible whereabouts of the assassin before and after the deed. But one can only look for traces where a natural flows around the site, not within the methodical domains of justice itseir. One must drag struggling witnesses

to the ordeal of examination. this case the investigators were baffled by testimony voluntarily given. Witnesses flocked to give their depo-The prison guard, a body of sitions. men paid to carry out the decrees of law, swore that the cells were left double locked, as the coroner found them upon his arival. Moreover, it was absurd to suspect a prisoner, a manacled wretch in a cell awaiting his death, to calmly execute his jailer on the gallows which gaped upon himself. On June 16 it was announced that

the investigating magistrates would hold their final session. The general belief that a verdict of death by an unknown hand would be rendered turned out well founded. The superior magistrate had assured a friend that such was the decision of himself and his professional brethren. The detectives, ill at ease, awaited their exon-eration. Meanwhile, Marwood showed little interest in the continual excitement around him. All could see that he was naturally a grave man. What RAND CENTRAL HOTEL (FORMERLY | would one expect? He knew nothing Goslin House)—Corner King and Ridout | bo did nothing but his professione he did nothing, but his professional duty; that he did that well with Marwood went without saying.

A BOY SAW THE DEED The hour for the verdict at last arrived, delayed by various circumstances until near midnight. Amid intense silence the presiding magistrate arose to make known the result of the investigation. Before he had begun to speak, however, a high voice interrupted him from a corner of the room. All eyes were turned in that direction. The examining counsel, a man of tall, slender figure, with a dark complexion and piercing eye, had now risen, and was about to speak. "Your honor," he said, "I desire the permission of the magistrates to call two new witnesses before the investigation be closed." The permission was reluctantly given. The counsel whispered to the clerk, who rose and called out "Joseph Jens." A short and stout workman of in search of it. the lower class rose, left a seat at side of the room and came forward. The questioning then proceeded. "Where do you live?"

"In the two garret rooms of No. - street. "Are the gallows visible from either of vour rooms?" "The room in which I and my children sleep looks out upon the jail-

"Was your attention ever attracted to anything peculiar about the gallows scaffolding?" "On the 10th of last month, on the

night after a hanging, my boy Johnnie called to me from the sleeping room that he saw a man on the gallows. I thought it was only his imagination, after seeing the hanging so often, and whipped him. and told him not to look at any hanging again." "Was that the only thing that occur-

"No; on the night of the murder, just after dark. I was reading the paper in the front room, when I heard ohnnie give a kind of scream from the sleeping-room. I ran, but he was sound asleep. I thought he must have called out in his sleep.'

The clerk now called out "John Jenkins." A slight, sickely boy rose up. The counsel turned toward him. "You have heard the testimony of your father. Was it in your sleep that you called out on the night of the murder

"What made you call out " "I saw a man on the gallows again could not help calling out. But then I remembered the whipping I got and pretended to be asleep. ow could you see the gallows at night?"

"There was a little moon both "Was the man you say you saw standing up?" "Yes." "Both nights?"

A STARTLING EXPLANATION.

edge a snubbing acknowledges one's great an acreage as they could till. own smallness in a singularly frank

and open manner.

But if a woman feverishly dwells on these things it maddens a man altogether, and I, therefore, advise the woman who is not emancipated, and who doesn't think about marriage in the imbecile way all too many people fancy they do nowadays, to arrange her home and her life so as to have as little friction as possible, and to avoid all the small carelessness and forgetfulness from which so many silly little disagreeables all too often spring, resulting sooner or later in the grave quarrels which may undermine a household and bring the whole "es clerk will read," the counsel went on, tate of matrimony" into undeserved contempt. Men are impatient creatures, and must be recognized as such, and they are also very much more ever been in the habit of walking in resentful of small discomforts than women are.-Gentlewoman.

THE ARID WEST.

Irrigation of the Dry Lands Discussed by an Authority.

A Topic in Which Residents in Some larts of Canada Are Deeply Interested.

To the country west of the 100th ing magistrate and whispered in his meridian the problem of irrigation is ear, then, returning to his former position in front of the great window, he highly important, and perhaps nowhere asked that the lights in the room be in that great area is it felt to be of put out for a few minutes. The judge more consequence than on our southwestern borders. As a former Governant, and the room was plunged in darkness. The counsel went on in a or of New Mexico, therefore, the Hon. lower tone: "I said, your honor, that Edmund G. Ross, in discussing this I dreaded the recalling of that awful subject in the North American Re- In the first place, Latin is a more exscene, but my duty now makes me bid view, talks of needs and possibilities | you see it. Look, then!" He pointed out of the window and left the room. The turning of all eyes in the directhat have become familiar to him by personal observation. And it is this tion indicated covered the action of the observation that convinces him that presiding magistrate, who followed the simpler and more effective methods of they have in the pharmocopoeia the counsel from the room on the instant. irrigation ought to be devised than same names that they have in botany The gallows was now plainly visible before the magistrate, bathed in the

are now generally known in the region It is a curious fact recorded by Mr. Ross that a native New Mexican needs one of expectation. Remaining immovable just to the left of the steps heading from the lower corridor, he laying out an irrigation ditch. "Given a known quantity of water supply, seemed to wait for a victim. And in his hand—was that a moose and death exactly determine the course required cap, or were the creations of is to insure uniform flow of water at any wavering lights? He waits no longer; desired force, and far more quickly, the well-known figure of the examinthan can the trained engineer with the most perfect instruments." This ing counsel comes up the prison stairs and passes him! The death cap! Dia skill, it appears, has become part of the counsel expect such strength, such his nature, as the inheritance of cenquickness, in so much smaller a man? The counsel's cries are muffled and turies in a country that depends upon artificial irrigation. Our settlers the noose binds his throat, another who pushed on from Kansas to New minute the trap will be sprung. But Mexico, years ago, "found in all the a vigorous form rushes on the gallows. principal valleys adequate irregation Marwood is thrown down and the preworks and abundant and unfailing siding magistrate has freed the councrops," although the engineering was of a primitive form. Five minutes after the counsel, with

But this ancient system of trrigation is confined mainly to the larger river valleys, and there are great areas along the smaller streams and in the mountains that are not developed. These tains that are not developed. These streams, lying usually at the foot of nally, and which had since been streams, lying usually at the foot of stamped by druggists in London, might in many cases be made catchment basins for water storage. The soils of the great treeless. waterless plains and mountain valleys of arid west are suited for the produc-tion of crops, provided they can get water, but enormous areas are far distant from large running streams. In the more northerly latitudes the snow and rain fall reduce the difficulty of the problem; but in New Mexico an Arizona the Rocky Mountains fall. away into great mesas or elevated plateaus along the Mexican borders. The Rio Grande, the Pecos, the Gila the Salt, and other rivers are found there, but aridity is the general rule. One striking distinction between Gov. Ross and others who have discussed

victim. On the night of the 1st of this question of irrigation is that he June, 1878, the governor happened in is strongly opposed to the appropria-tion of public money for the establish-ment of any system. The Government, er's corridor upon the scaffolding, and he holds, has no constitutional right to devote public money to local private benefit, such as is involved in irrigation; and it ought not to possess any such power. He therefore rejects any recourse to the system of pater-nalism for this purpose. And equally The Sport That Amused a London does he reject another favorite plan, An extraordinary scene was witthat of securing irrigation through the nessed during the early hours of this efforts of great capitalized companies morning in the churchyard of the parmorning in the churchyard of the parthat corporations have already been ish church of St. John, at Hackney, allowed to acquire land at the west to an extent that threatens a European when fully 1,000 men and women turn-

ed from their houses in the neighborcondition of landlordism and tenantry hood to hunt for a supposed ghost. there For some time people passing through the churchyard late at night have ghost. Women have fainted with Ross replies that limited lecal, fright and the local newspapers have and independent irrigation is possible, published accounts of the strange afand that it would also cost less than any of the larger schemes. In the case Between 10 and 11 o'clock last night of New Mexico he would begin by giving to that territory, upon its ad- in the world. Every morning 2,000 mission to the Union as a State, all male and 600 female scavengers, dia mixed crowd began to assemble at the rear of the church, where the ghost was supposed to be and where, in the usual way, scarcely any one ditioned on its beginning a system of perform the toilet of the capital. reclaiming them by irrigation, and up- men work from 4 in the morning till passed after about 11 o'clock at night. A long wait until midnight, and then, settlers in tracts of not more than 40 for meals, or 10 hours a day. The woacres to each. This would be a submen are engaged in the morning only. as no ghost appeared, the crowd went stitute for asking the general Govern-Armed with lanterns and candles, ment to expend the public revenues for

the benefit of a specified locality. Then, instead of damming he would aim at irrigation by a different method. Almost every dam thus far constructed, he says, has been destroyed by flood, and, even were it possible to construct a permanent dam in these streams, the basin thus created would soon fill up with the sand and sediment carried down from the mountains in every flood, and the waters thereby be forced out and over adjoining farms, to their fatal earthly cries, and, although the police injury." He would rather take a lesson from the practice of the native it was not until the verge of daylight

"All that is needed is to adopt and improve upon their methods, which is not by damming, but simply placing an obstruction in the stream, so as to divide the current and divert the desired proportion of its waters into a previously constructed acequia, or irrigating canal. By this canal the water is carried across and distributed over the fields under cultivation. The system thus suggested is admirable in its simplicity. Taking the Mexican acequia as a basis, there should be built in the center of the stream from which water for irrigation is to be taken a pier high enough to divert a portion of the flood in a house the mistress of which has or surplus water into a lateral canal certain amount of foresight. How-ever, she should be capable of mancommencing at the pier, and thence conducted into a reservoir at some point in the foothills lower down the stream, and of sufficient elevation to irrigate the lands between it and the stream. This operation should be repeated at different points along the one of the reasons why she exists at stream as often as the needs of cultivation may require and the topography of the valley will permit-the surplus waters that flow down all the streams and arroyos in torrents from when I have seen the idiotic way in one to three times every year being stowed away and held for distribuwhich some women behave, and the manner in which they take every little tion when needed by the growing nate spouses to legislate for, from the

There is not a running stream or arrcyo, he holds, whose flood waters cannot be thus impounded and used No. 606.

The counsel dismissed both witnessex and turned to the presiding magisis wise who can manage her own donorth as he has only the latest style
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who can be snubbed, and to acknowl- actual settlers, who would receive as Ex-Governor Ross, however, does not mention that under the Carey law, enacted by the last Congress, may acquire 1,000,000 acres each of arid land within their respective borders for reclamation. Some such demands, indeed, have already been made, the first three coming from Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, while Washington followed. It is probable that on proof of a proper use of the first grants, others would be made by Congress, and it would be only an extension of the principle to give to each State or Territory all the arid lands within its limits, under suitable provisions that they should be

USE OF LATIN BY DOCTORS.

Some Reasons Why Prescriptions Are Written in the Dead Language.

"I don't see," said the man who was leaning against the drug store counter, "why a doctor can't write his prescriptions in English instead of Latin. Sup, pose I need some whisky on one of these Roosevelt Sundays. Suppose my system absolutely requires whisky; that my health and future usefulness to society depend upon it. Well, I go to my doctor and get a prescription. It calls for spiritus frumenti. Now, that ain't what I want; I want whisky. Why can't he come out flat-footed and say so? But I suppose he thinks that would be giving the game away. I suppose he would rather I'd take his wisdom with a grain of chloride of sodium than with a grain of salt. Isn't that it?"

The druggist smiled and said: You've got the same idea most people have. You think, I suppose, that the doctor writes his prescription in Latin so it can't be read so easily—so the layman can't steal his trade and learn what he is giving him. But that's all wrong. act and concise language than English. and, being a dead language, does not change, as all living languages do.

"Then, again, since a very large part of all the drugs in use are botanical, -the scientific names. Two-thirds of such drugs haven't any English names and so couldn't be written in English.

"But suppose a doctor did write a no instrument for securing levels in prescription in English for an uneducated patient. The patient reads it. thinks he remembers it, and so tries he can, with his practiced eye, by to get it filled from memory the secsimply walking over the ground, as ond time. Suppose, for instance, it called for lodide of potassium, and he got it confused with cyanide of potassium. He could safely take ten grains of the first, but one grain of the second would kill him as dead as a mackerel. That's an exaggerated case, but it will serve for an illustration. Don't you see how the Latin is a protection and a safeguard to the patient? Prescriptions in Latin he can't read, and

consequently does not try to remember. "Now for a final reason. Latin is a language that is used by scientific men the world over, and no other language You can get a Latin prescription filled in any country on the face of the earth where there is a drug store. had a prescription come in here the other day which we had put up origi-Paris, Berlin, Constantinopie, Cairo and Calcutta. What good would an English prescription be in St. Petersburg."

"Got any good tooth powder?" asked the man leaning against the counter .-New York Herald.

ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Among the latest inventions in London is a machine which blacks boots. Last year the University of Chicago had 157 professors and 1,587 students. The number of eggs annually import-

ed into Great Britain exceeds 500,000,-In Switzerland a society has long been formed for the preservation of

"The Wearing of the Green" existed in several forms and versions. The best known one was written by Dion Boucicault, the dramatist. It is sung by Shaun, the post, in "Arran-na-Pogue."

In weight the Scotch take the first place, 165.3 pounds, the Welsh second 158.3 pounds; the English third, 155.0 pounds; and the Irish last, 154.1 pounds. For each inch of stature a Scotchman weighs 2.406 pounds, a Weishman 2 375 pounds, an Englishman 2.301 bounds and an Irishman 2.270.

Experiments indicate that spiders here.

To the suggestion that a coherent always possible to tell, however. system of irrigation is impossible in whether the lower animals perceive by large areas of the mountain States, sight or hearing or by the action air Mr. Ross replies that limited level, in motion has on their bodies. It is said that mice are sensitive to motions of the air which to human ears create

no sound whatever. Paris is said to be the cleanest city the public lands within its limits, con- vided into 149 brigades, turn out to on its selling reclaimed lands to actual 4 in the evening, less two hours off

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