

Suicide During Sleep?

Remarkable Story at Inquest on Hunchback.

"It is possible that this man might have been in a state of somnambulism and was guided by some sixth sense," said Mr. H. R. Oswald, when holding an inquest at Paddington, London, on a man who committed suicide by cutting his throat, after making an attack on his sister.

The man, William Bond, aged 40, a painter's labourer, of 38 Kilravock Street, Paddington, was a hunchback of a very nervous disposition, who had suffered from shock due to air raids. His sister, Annie Bond, said that on Saturday he dozed off to sleep in his chair after dinner, and while she was reading she suddenly felt several heavy blows on the head. Looking round she was amazed to see her brother standing by with a mallet in his hand.

"His Eyes Were Closed."

"He was undoubtedly asleep," she said, "for his eyes were closed and he never spoke to me." He followed her down the passage, and she ran into the street, screaming for assistance, but the passers-by would take no notice of her. Returning to the kitchen she found her brother again sitting in his chair, apparently fast asleep. She slapped his face and endeavoured to wake him up, but without success. She left the room for a few moments, and on returning found her brother lying on the floor with his throat cut.

Miss Bond added that her brother had never shown signs of insanity, but used to walk in his sleep. He was once stopped in a state of somnambulism when attempting to get out of a window.

First Case Among Thousands.

A doctor stated that he could not understand how Bond could have seen to have hit his sister if his eyes were closed. The wound in the man's throat was the largest wound ever seen in such a case; death must have been practically instantaneous.

Recording a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind," the Coroner said it was a very peculiar case, and he had not had one like it among the thousands he had had during the course of a long career. There was no doubt the man was not accountable for his action.

Russia's Child Criminals.

BOYS AND GIRLS' SECRET SERVICE AS AN ANTIDOTE.

A Riga telegram says that in an effort to fight "the plague of children in Moscow," the "Cheka" has announced the organization of a special branch, which will be known as "The Children's Cheka." All members of this new department of the dreaded Soviet Secret Service will be children, the oldest members being boys and girls of 16 years of age.

Russia enjoys the sad fame of having more orphans than any other country in the world, declares the "Moscow Pravda." From every portion of Russia they flock into the cities, and from every city they beg and steal their way into Moscow. Fourteen and fifteen year old boys murder and rob. There are no criminal statistics for Moscow or other Russian cities at present, but if such statistics were compiled the total number of murders, disappearances without trace, robberies and hold-ups would be terrifying. And the children are responsible for many of these.

The illegal drug and liquor traffic carried on by these children is enormous and, as a result of its investigations, the Moscow-Soviet has asked the All-Russian Central Executive Committee to take immediate measures to combat this peril. The Committee has ordered the Extraordinary Commission to form a special children's "Cheka," to fight this class of infant criminals.—Liverpool Post.

One Fish a Season.

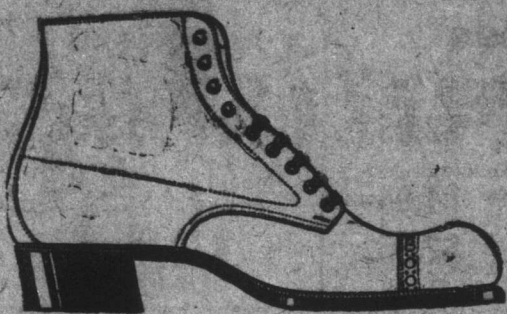
Swordfishing for broadbill swordfish with rod and reel no doubt heads the list of the most strenuous kinds of angling. This remarkable form of sport has been practised for a number of years on the Pacific Coast in the neighbourhood of Santa Catalina Island and to a less extent, and more recently along the Atlantic seaboard. In many respects it is the most fascinating of all forms of fishing. C.K. Sullivan writes in the Health Builder.

There is considerable difficulty in finding the prospective victims as they swim or float solitary near the surface of the sea and more yet when found, in persuading them to bite. Once hooked, the swordfish is a very resourceful antagonist and hard to keep on the line. The angler never knows what is going to happen next and is never entirely free from apprehension that the fish may attack his boat. No fishing is more productive of super thrills and of grievous disappointments. To the swordfish angler the landing of one fish is a season's triumph.

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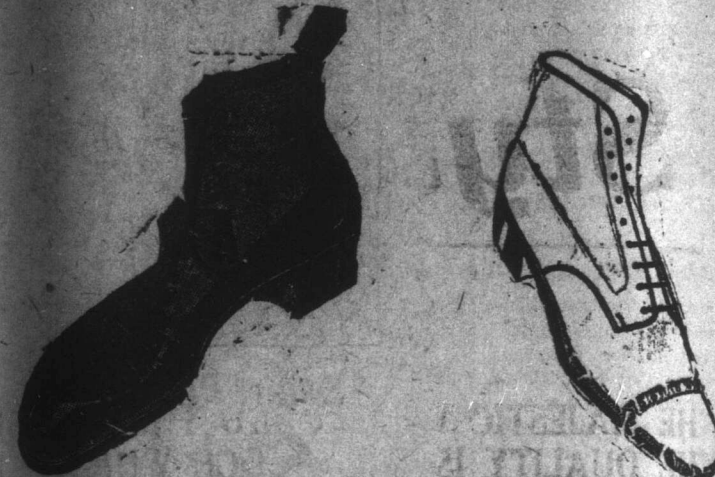
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LONDON, April 28.—The bank in which Samuel Pepys kept an account—which remained overdrawn when he died—has just celebrated its 260th anniversary. It is one of the three oldest banks in London, and goes by the name of Messrs. Hoare & Co. Since the beginning it has been ruled by the Hoare family, eldest son succeeding eldest son as head of the firm.

Time has not changed many of the customs begun by the founders. To this day a member of the house of Hoare sleeps every night in one of the quiet bedrooms overlooking a peaceful garden in the rear of the banking house, which is in Fleet Street.

Every morning at 9 o'clock he unlocks the big front door with a huge key. This tradition began in the seventeenth century. In those days coaches could not be depended upon to get one down to business on time, so one of the partners was assigned to sleep in the bank.

In the old days a leather black-jack hung outside the door, the bank being at the sign of "Ye Olde Leather Bottell." The black-jack is still a part of the bank, and so is a fine old Georgian stove, and quill pens. Adding machines have not noted their way into the business.

A staircase leads to handsome family apartments, where every day the partners still lunch around a gleaming mahogany table, using an old sand sprinkler for a pepper pot. The chairs about the table were made by Chippendale especially for the room, and around the walls hang portraits of the generations of oldest sons who have ruled the bank.

Pepys' account is to be seen in the earliest of the surviving ledgers. It records that he deposited 200 pounds in 1680—long after the diary stops. Pepys soon overdraw the account by thirteen pounds, and it never thereafter balanced. Later, Cromwell did business at the bank, but his account did not slip into the red.

"Why should New Year's Day be a legal holiday?" inquires an exchange. "There only one advantage in it, that we can see, and that is that the banks are closed and they won't present a fellow with a sight draft on that day."

MINARD'S LIVERY FOR THE

Japan Says Loan to China Impossible.

TOKIO—Opinion among high financial authorities here is that a large foreign loan to China at this time is out of the question.

Manoche Omdirdi, of the Yokohama Specie Bank, and Japanese representative on the international consortium for China, declares that Japan would be unable to make a substantial loan because of the fact that China already has borrowed vast sums from Japan and so far has paid neither principal nor interest, leaving no prospect for marketing the securities in Japan when once issued. The new loan, authorized by the Washington Conference, will supply security for floating foreign loans to China, but no loans are likely to be entertained until the outstanding floating foreign obligations have been consolidated and an effort made towards liquidation. The attitude of the Japanese Banker coincides with that of F. A. Stevens, American representative of the consortium, who is satisfied that nothing worth while can be done by the consortium under present conditions.

Trouble Feared Over Wireless Contract.

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