

THE EPIDEMIC OF CRIME.

Whence comes this epidemic of suicides and murders? Recent discussions have named several causes. Hon. C. H. Reeve, of Indiana, charges it to infidel teachings—holding that hopelessness of a future state cripples fortitude for bearing life's ills.

Free-thinkers have committed suicide, but so have orthodox churchmen. Financial straits have beset many, but the wealthy have also taken their life.

Insanity and dissipation have preceded suicides and family murders.

One feature common to almost every such crime challenges attention. Well nigh every report of suicide and family murder mentions the perpetrator as having "for some time been subject to melancholy."

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ACTIONS rare and sudden do commonly Proceed from fierce necessity,

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"ACTION is eloquence," says Shakspeare. We knew it. A mule is not eloquent when he pours forth his soul in vocalization, but when he begins an action with his suffixes he wins every time.

"BRIGGS," said a lawyer to his young clerk, "why weren't you at the office earlier this morning?" "Beg pardon, sir, but I am a reformer. I believe that the office should seek the man, not the man the office."

A WISE PRECAUTION.—During the Summer and Fall people are liable to sudden attacks of bowel complaints, and with no prompt remedy or medical aid at hand, life may be in danger.

JUDGE: "John Henry, do you take this woman to be your wedded wife?" Bride: "So you ask him if he takes me to be his wife? I guess you had better ask me if I take him. He is only an editor, and I've got \$47 laid up."

HENRY ROGERS tells of a deaf old Scotchman who was so fond of disputation that, though he could not hear a word, yet whenever he saw any one making a positive affirmation was always ready with: "I'm na sae sure o' that."

"How things do grow this weather," said the deacon to Brother Amos. "Yes, they do," replied the brother. "Last night I heard you say you caught forty fish, and this morning I heard you tell Mr. Smith it was one hundred and fifty."

SOMEBODY is quoted as having said to Travers, the New York wit, "It seems to me you stutter more since you have lived in New York than you did when you lived in Baltimore."

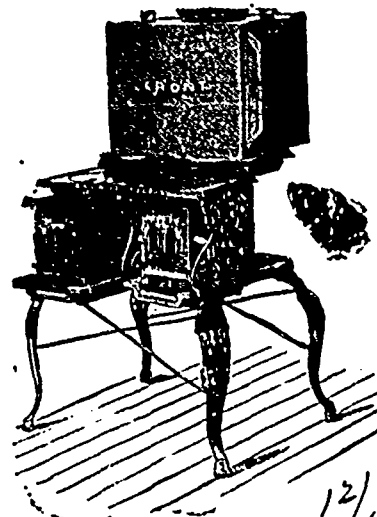
DOCTOR: "You see, my dear, I have pulled my patient through, after all—a very critical case, I can tell you!" His wife: "Yes, dear; but then you are so clever in your profession. Ah, if I had only known you five years earlier, I feel certain my first husband—my poor Thomas—would have been saved!"

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"Cup yo' help me er little dis mawnin, boss?" inquired a limping old darkey. "I see de eriginal Uncle Tom in Mistah Hennerly Wa'd Beechah's story, entitled 'Dat Little Ole Log Cabin in de Lane.' My name is Harris, sah; Geo'ge Harris. I se tryin' ter raise money enough to get obber ter Brooklyn." "No," smiled the gentleman impertuned, "I don't believe I can do anything for you to-day, Uncle Tom."

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