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MONDAY—

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"The Great Moment"

By Elinor Glyn.

The Death Penalty.

Murderer Who Escaped the Gallows.

BYRON'S REMINISCENCES.

Execution of Edith Thompson. Bywaters for the murder of her husband at Hford has raised the controversy as to whether she should be hanged. Well, if she is a murderer, or has been, she would say in Scotland, "airt and airt" in the crime. I don't see why she shouldn't. And I am very glad to see that Mr. Bridgeman, the Home Secretary, seems to endorse my opinion. It is certainly a long time since a woman was hanged in this country, except on the modern chair. I am just afraid that the leniency shown to criminals in past years has led to an increase in crimes of the nature of the Hford one, and that the "be" seem to have arrived at the conclusion that a "be" must be made of this sort of crime is to be avoided. For some time past, I have been a bit too lenient with these "rampires," and I think that has arrived when we should be serious, make "the punishment fit the crime."

Perhaps after due reflection, you admit that the Hford woman deserved her fate. Then, however, you ask, "Why hang a 'boy'?" Again I say, "Why not?" I know that the present generation imagines itself to be centuries ahead of its grandfathers in all that pertains to brain and action. The present generation seems to think it has its fathers and grandfathers, and that it is a long time since it was a mistake, and others of the present generation suffer from such delusions as to believe that, while they are in the modern ideas, to "do as they please" is a modern idea, and that the power in this country who were the old-fashioned dictum, "Thou shalt not kill," and back up their opinion by taking a life for a life, as in the Hford case, even for one.

Of course, you say, "Well, admit that these people deserved their punishment, but a horrible thing to hang a man and a boy." You say the executioner must be a man of heart, nerve, and sentiment. In fact, that goes towards the essence of a butcher. You're

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had ceased twitching, then rush "hell for leather" from the prison as if the "spooks" of all the criminals he had ever hanged were after him. Would you say he had no nerves?

CRYING FOR HIS MOTHER.

Talking of Bywaters reminds me of a conversation I had with the late James Berry, who was perhaps one of the most famous hangmen this country ever had. He had in his time executed more people than even he, modest fellow that he was, cared to recall. The talk on one occasion turned upon the execution of youngsters. "Yes," said Berry, "I was once called in to 'operate' upon a boy of nineteen in Strangeways Jail, Manchester. Of course I never saw a condemned man before the night of the execution, when I had to 'weigh him up' for the drop. At that time I used to have a look at them through the 'peep-holes' in the cell door. On this occasion I had a squint through the little aperture, but could not see my man. So I got the warden to open the door. When I entered the cell the poor boy was leaning against the wall in a corner, sobbing wildly, and, between his sobs, shouting 'Mother, oh mother.'"

Berry's eyes became moist as he recalled the scene. "It nearly broke my heart," he said, "but what could I do? I pacified him as well as I could, but I didn't feel at all well when I 'let him down' next morning."

HANGING WOMEN.

I asked Berry on the same occasion about his experiences in hanging women. "I never 'like it,'" he said emphatically, "but wait a minute." He went over to a small trunk near the window, opened it, and brought out a long, snaky coil of rope, which he fondled quite affectionately. "Here," he said, "is the rope with which I hanged Mrs. Peasey, the notorious baby farmer. Isn't it a beauty? Almost like silk!"

I shuddered as I fingered the horrible thing, but I felt compelled to agree with him. "I had no trouble at all with Mrs. Peasey," he continued. "She was a great big woman. Whenever I saw her in the cell I said to myself, 'Six feet five' (of a drop). She was very cool, and shook hands with me when I went to pin her in the morning."

"MOST HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE."

I knew that Berry had been engaged in the case of Lee, the Babbalogue butcher, who had murdered the lady with whom he was employed, and who had been reprieved after a third attempt had been made to execute him. Berry, I could see, did not wish to "reminis" on the affair. But I drew him on and he told me all about it.

"Yes," he said, "that was in '85. It was my most horrible experience. I don't know what went wrong. Nobody knows till this day. The man was perfectly cool when we put him on the drop. I had tested the platform the night before. Everything seemed to be all right. I pulled the lever and expected the platform to fall. It held fast. It was the first time I had had a hitch. I tried the lever again. No use. I thought the wood had become affected by damp or something of that sort, and I signed to two of the wardens to stamp on the platform. They did so. It was no use. That platform would not fall. So we took the poor fellow, with the rope still round his neck, back a bit and tried to rectify matters. Five minutes later we brought him back. I put him on the position and pulled the lever again. Still the drop held. Then I took Lee off once more, and this time we took the rope off his neck and marched him back to his cell. Then the warden sawed off the edges of the platform, and I tried the drop and was satisfied that everything was all right at last. The condemned man was again brought back. God knows how he felt as we put him on the drop for the third time, but I was sorry for him. Thinking all was well now, I pulled the lever again. To my horror, the platform still held fast. Then I realized that poor Lee had collapsed—little wonder. I got hold of him, took the rope from his neck, and, with assistance, carried him back to his cell. The Sheriff then intervened and communicated with the Home Office. An immediate reply was received. It was to the effect that 'the prisoner having three times undergone the pangs of imminent death,' the Home Secretary had obtained the consent of the Queen to a respite."—The Pointer in Glasgow Weekly Herald.

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Oxford Shopkeeper Discommoded.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1762, a legal action against a tradesman of Oxford City having been tried in the judicial court of the Vice-Chancellor of its University, it was decided that the defendant should be publicly discommoded. This sentence, solemnly prohibits all members of the University from further dealings with the condemned person, and it was ordered to be printed and made public. This word "discommoded" has ever since A.D. 1830, been in print with such meaning, though now it is scarcely known, except in Oxford and Cambridge, where it has also been used when townspeople lose their license to lodge undergraduates, through allowing them to stay out at night without reporting them to the University authorities; and also when an undergraduate for some offence has been deprived of his commons or daily rations of food, supplied from his college buttery. From the fifteenth until the seventeenth century, the term was also employed to describe excommunication or exclusion from the Holy Communion and some other Christian rites; or depriving a person of citizenship, including his vote at elections, a penalty generally called disfranchisement. And till the nineteenth century it has continued to be applied when what has been previous ly common or grass land open and free to the public of some place has been enclosed or become private property. This discommoding of tradesmen, or especially excluding fields of opportunity open otherwise to all of them in general, has continued till

the present time to be inflicted in certain cases. For example during 1899 an Oxford tailor was thus punished for touting or soliciting customers amongst members of its University.

A Super Universe.

On any clear, moonless night early in the New Year there is visible, high up in the south-west, one of the greatest marvels of the firmament. Andromeda is its name.

What is particularly interesting about this grand object just now is that it has at last come to be regarded by astronomers as a giant universe of stars placed many thousands of "light years" beyond the confines of our universe. (A "light year" corresponds to the distance which light travels in a year.)

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Andromeda is the island-universe in the ocean of space. Look out for its illuminated oval high in the south-west to-night—if clear and moonless—and know that you are looking at one of the most wonderful of creation's wonders.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.—oct.6/2005

The Decorative Hem.

A feature of many new gowns and suits shows a much decorated hem. On simple, rather plain toilettes special attention is drawn to the hem line on account of its color and novel treatment.

Most striking of all is the banded hem on suits. A suit of dark blue woolen velvet exhibited by a famous London house had a checkerboard pattern in blue bugles on the hem; another noticeable toilette composed of softest white cloth showed a border at the skirt edge of thin strips of blue ribbon held at intervals by small jet plaques.

Hems of fur reach half-way up the back of evening frocks. A well known English designer in using these very wide fur hems makes the top edge of the hem follow striking scroll designs to break up the rather frigid line that would otherwise occur where the fur joins the material. A distinctive touch is given to a fur wrap or long coat of jacquard cloth by a brilliant border painted in a garment that is lined with a quiet toned, unpatterned material. New skirts which have no seams and are open down one side have a decorative plaque or clasp on the hem.

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New Millinery.

A feature of the newest millinery is the decorative brim. The brim of a very attractive velour hat resembles a pie-dish trim, the velour being cut in very narrow strips and doubled under. Another model made of moleskin has a brim composed of loops of fur; the top of each loop being drawn tightly to one side to reveal a lining of emerald brocade. Brims are slashed at the back and sides; into the aperture are sewn short, stiff feathers or enormous bows. Distinctive models show brims made entirely of stiffened ostrich feathers, which stand out in a rigid halo from a crown of rolled velour.

Small toques are made entirely of ribbon intricately plaited and twisted. In such trims as fuchsia, plum, and rust-red these toques are ideal for wearing with big fur collars, which are now so fashionable. Very smart women are wearing the new Venetian veils, which snugly wrap the shoulders like a cape and fall to the knees in front.

Very decorative hats are composed of a material resembling plaster encrusted with stones. A single strap of this type would be sufficient trimming for a small black velour or velvet hat.

Gems of Thought.

Adversity expiates fools. Defects towards, draws out the faculties of the wise and industrious, puts the modest to the necessity of trying their skill, awes the opulent and makes the idle industrious.—Aron.

To cultivate sympathy you must be amongst living beings and thinking about them; to cultivate admiration, among beautiful things and looking at them.—Baskin.

Anger is the most impotent of passions—it affects nothing it goes about, and hurts the one who is possessed by it more than the one against whom it is directed.—Clementon.

The best school of discipline is home—family life is God's own method of training the young; and homes are very much what women make them.—Smiles.

Calumny would soon starve and die of itself if nobody took it in and gave it a lodging.—Leighton.

The fire you kindle for your enemy often burns yourself more than him.—Chicaneau Provenc.

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The vessel strikes an iceberg and Jean Jacques is the hero of the hour. When the craft sinks, he is about to perish, but Carmen comes to his assistance and they get to the shore. He marries Carmen and takes her

and her indolent father to his home. A daughter, Zoe, is born. After some years, because of Jean Jacques' unintentional neglect, Carmen becomes restless, and falls in love with George Masson, a carpenter, who comes to mend the mill flume. Jean Jacques overhears them plotting to elope, and the next day almost takes Masson's life, but at the latter's pleading, spares him.

Carmen goes to Masson who refuses to betray Jean Jacques, whereupon Carmen goes to Montreal to earn her living as a chorus girl. The manager insults her and she takes refuge in a convent. Zoe, Jean Jacques' daughter, now falls in love with Gerard Fynes against her father's will, elopes with him and they take up their abode in the west.

Sebastian Dolores, while smoking in the mill, sets it on fire and it burns down. Jean Jacques mortgages his farm for funds to rebuild the mill, but Dolores steals the money and returns to Spain. Ruined and broken in spirit, Jean Jacques sells everything at auction and taking Carmen's bird and cage he begins a search for his wife. He finally discovers her and their reconciliation follows.

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