

LONDON "TOUGH GUYS" ARE NOW MOLLYCODDLES

Has Been Standardized Out of Existence by Civilization.

"BILL THE Basher" ONLY A MEMORY

Present Condition an Improvement, Yet Many Mourn His Departure.

By THOMAS BURKE.
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London, December 22.—I have lately made a collection of the names of the "tough guys" of the London underworld. I have found that the names of the "tough guys" of the London underworld are now "mollycoddles". I have found that the names of the "tough guys" of the London underworld are now "mollycoddles". I have found that the names of the "tough guys" of the London underworld are now "mollycoddles".

Everything Quiet.
What are things coming to? One would have thought that the turmoil of the last five years would have left the young men of these quarters more pacific, more docile, more ready for dreadful deeds than before. One would have expected to find a cautious cultivation of more scientific methods of bashing. But no; all is quiet.

Where are the songs of Spring Onions that master ballad-mongers, now deceased, and the blows of yesterday? Where are the boys of the old brigade? Where all the rich vagabonds, the day-drunk nights of oaks and ale?

Standardized, I fear, out of existence. The horrid leveling process is everywhere in operation. It is tending down high color and rounding the emphatic angles of character. High spirits are frowned upon by the best young men of these parts. Instead, they turn their minds to studying the form of impenetrable for the next big race and methods of peaceful penetration. If you want to lose your gold which it is a waste of time to hang about Long-lane or Little Montague Street or Bell-yard; you will get a quicker result in Stratford Avenue or Haymarket.

Sasher is Passing.
Fifteen years ago the costermonger passed away and was succeeded by Bill the Basher. Now he, too, is passing. The lads of Bethnal Green and Hoxton stand about at street corners in groups more orderly than most vestry meetings. They display no sock-and-bottle activity. They have exchanged their cauliflower ears for high-brows. They no longer change hats. They no longer "roast". They leave that to medical students.

In the public places of Spitalfields and the Borough gentility and decorum prevail. What a change from a few years back, when public places were settings for rough-and-tumble, and the bar men kept a furtive eye on the door for the entrance of a bruiser in full war-paint, which meant trouble, pressed down and running over. No doubt the present democracy of the East End youth is an improvement on that of the last generation. No doubt it marks a state of progress. And yet—

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.
Persean women are generally short and stout.

The British railways employ 10,000 female clerks.
There are two women immigrants to every one man.

Statistics show that girls stick to jobs longer than boys.
Married women are going to work more in Japan than in any other country.

More than 12,000 women are members of the International Maritime Union.
It is estimated that it costs \$1,000 to produce a profitable telephone girl.
Milwaukee women use approximately 400 barrels of talcum powder each week.

To please the South Sea Islanders a girl must be tattooed sky blue and wear a nose-ring.
More than 2,000 women are enrolled as students in the University of Pennsylvania.

MEN AND BUSINESS

(By Richard Spillane)

As the 25th anniversary of the founding of the corporation was approached, the president began to think of a fitting way in which to celebrate it. He still was undecided when the matter was taken out of his hands.

This is how it happened:
The board and all of the officers and directors of the corporation got invitations from the men and women employees to be their guests at dinner on the night of the anniversary day.

"What does this mean?" asked the boss.
"Search me," replied one of his assistants. "I got an invitation, too, and when I asked what was doing the dinner, I was told to come and see."

The officers and directors went to the dinner. It was a beautiful meal, one so far as foodstuffs were concerned. It was better with what the book was a raised seat in the center of the officers and directors' table. On the other side of the table was the symbol of the company, "A. P." On the cover of the book itself was an illuminated legend, "Presented by the Employees of the American Pulley Company in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary."

Facing the speaker was again the symbol "A. P." in various colors. On another page were the pictures of the three men who had been president of the company. Then came the names of the officers and directors, and a greeting in part as follows:
"We, your employees, whose names appear on these pages, have thought this 25th anniversary date a fitting occasion to express to you our appreciation of the manner in which the administration end of the business is being conducted."

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FRENCH PROFITEERS REALIZED FORTUNES

Critics Claim Govt. Has Only Punished Small Dealers, Allowing Big Ones Free.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The life history of a French war profiteer was told this afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies by a former minister who was impeaching the Government on the failure to deal with this species. This man, said the deputy, was at the beginning of the war an employee of a coal-mining company with a salary of 250 francs a month. With borrowed money he began at the outset of the war to speculate on coal prices and by the time the war finished he had realized a fortune which enabled him to keep four horses, three private automobiles and a racing stable.

When profiteering began he was among those whom officers of justice began to inquire about. Prosecution was begun, and the profiteer with some of his assistants was arrested. By a curious coincidence his offices and all books and accounts were the same day burned to the ground. The same day one of his race horses, which rejoiced in the name "Evolution," won a race. After a few days in prison the profiteer was set at liberty with a caution which was unnecessary, as having made his fortune, he was retiring from business which was no longer profitable.

The deputy complained that legal action was taken only against small profiteers and the big ones escaped, always with the caution.

In reply, M. L'Herpierre, the Minister of Justice, said that over 14,000 speculators and profiteers had been jailed in court and in most cases punished with fines and imprisonment. Several deputies interrupted that all these punished were small shopkeepers and that the big men had escaped, but a vote of confidence that the Government would continue the good work of jailing out the profiteers was carried.

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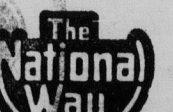
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