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## CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Now, the questions arise: Are we Their Punishment and Reformation improving or otherwise. Have we

By OBSERVATOR. SOME FAMOUS FEMALE OFFEN- | REMOVING HUSBANDS AND CHILD- ments, missioning, Salvation Armying, 3 REN.

By their nature, of course, women and seldom get rid of their victims by "peculiarly attractive method" of com- ask these questions, much as a pasobserves:--- "Very sly, slow things, to suffer for poisoning her baby, one takes soundings from time to time with circumspective eyes, are women, month old, that she had already poi- to ascertain whether the pumps are and when they take to homicide, it is soned 7 other children; Cresham, imi- gaining on the water or the water on usually by way of poison. As a matter tating the harridans who invented and the pumps. The answer of the Judiof fact, poisoning is a crime peculiar- sold Aqua Tofana, confessed that she cial statistics is, that slowly and stead It is worthy of note just here that our ness in removing husbands, both her water, but there has been nothing like ly attractive to the female offenders." criminal records for the past century own and others. Catherine Wilson the diminution of crime which superfior more contain only two cases of was a wholesale poisoner whose foul cial observers have been led to infer homicide in which women were im- practices were in all cases inspired from external appearances. plicated. The first to whom I refer by greed. Fanny Oliver used prussic was that of Catherine Snow, who suf- acid to get rid of a husband who was fered the extreme penalty on the 21st insured in a burial Society; and Madday of July, 1834. She, with Tobias ame Lafarge, whose case, being en-Manderville and Arthur Spring, her veloped in much mawkish sentimentaaccomplices, had been convicted and lity, attracted world-wide attention at sentenced to death in the preceding the time, did her husband to death with January, and the two were executed. 'arsenic, the true "bungler's" or "be-But her sentence was not then carried ginner's" weapon, and its symptoms out, owing to the state of her health. And the traces it leaves are so easily She was; later on, hanged from the detected. window of the Old Court House where THE GREATEST POISONER OF ALL. the building now occupied by the De-Works stands.

## JUDGE BOULTON AND THE JURY.

Judge Boulton, was Chief Justice at the present century. Twanziger was pathy, that exhausts itself on the guilprelate of Toronto. Judge Boulton, led her into evil courses at an early yer, committed the unpardonable greatest poverty, friendless, and at her crime of stopping the bottles at the wit's end to live. Bishop's table. The latter, it is said, THE POWER TO GRATIFY EVERY stood it for a few minutes; then he

INCLINATION. called out in his broad Scotch:-"Hen-Her attachment to poison was based ry John, pass the bottles; ye're nae upon the proud consciousness that it in yer own hoose noo, mon." How- gave her the power to break through ever, the following are the names of every restraint, to attain every object, as possible, and to so habituate the the jury who convicted the woman to gratify every inclination. She could Thomas Buckingham, John deal out death or sickness

Mr. J. L. Garvin, in commenting Bottomley's case, says :- "Notoriety England, Hannah Dobbs, angled a lodger and dragged her may love the historic permanence of dy downstairs to bury it among the fame, and Mr. Bottomley will always be regarded as a monarch of humin a disused cellar. Dixbane, the French cook, who murdered Mad- bugs. In colossal charlatanism we ame Riel in Park Lane, did much the question whether he ever had his same. Female cruelty of a still more equal in real tife. For parallels we have revolting kind was displayed by Mrs. to turn to literature, where, however, Brownrigg and the two Metcyards; no single character expressed him the first of whom flogged her parish He combined the hard soul of Tartuffe apprentices to death, having first star- with some of the human fascination ved and shamefully illused them. The of Falstaff. He could squeeze his viclatter were milliners who tortured their tim dry and lift champagne over a employees under the most disgusting mass of human misery. He could excircumstances, killing them with re- ploit the very trenches and invoke fined cruelty and afterwards chopping | both God and the Bible for the destheir bodies to pieces. But the crimes ecration of both life and death. He just referred to were, for the most could be a cruel bully towards man part, committed in days gone by. We and woman. Yet at other times his seldom hear of such revolting deeds humor and indulgence, the most perilin "our more enlightened times," at ous of all his gifts, softened public any rate, on this side of the Atlantic. judgment, and his composure had a ARE WE IMPROVING OR OTHER. | classic stability."

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PUNISHMENT.

## "HIS PEN SWAYED THE VULGAR."

"He had in speaking the irrational powers-a wonderful calm of voice more crime or less crime in proportion and easy weight of gesture. These to our population? As the result of all rare accomopaniments of incredible our education, Church extension move- platitude could make purple, men full of dinner, rock with enthusiasm or and the like, have we been able to become moistened with pathos. In As I have already said, in England make any appreciable diminution in writing, his pen like no other swayed are less physically powerful than men, and elsewhere poisoning used to be a the number of crimes committed? I the vulgar by sentimental commonplace. He made John Bull the oracle force. In this connection an eminent mitting homicide. Rebecca Smith senger on board a vessel which has of the trenches, and the friend of a American authority on criminology confessed on a scaffold, when about sprung a leak runs to the officer who million homes. The Sunday Pictorial promised from week to week "another powerful article from Mr. Bottomley. He was the biggest man that even dared to be his own lawyer. When his vogue was at its height towards had for years carried on a large busi- ily, the pumps are gaining on the the end of 1916, even serious men asked whther he might not become the dictator of Britain if the war went worse. In the end, like all Napoleons, he did for himself by the

A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO PROPER sheer madness of foolishness in rapacious adventure. The droll and grim, That the adminstration of justice, the debasing and fantastic story has as it relates to trials for crime, needs come to an end more sorrowful and marked amendment is certainly manichastening than death.'

fest. The Court, before sentence of WHAT IS CALLED INHERENT/ DEthose convicted, should be required PRAVITY.

to investigate, if possible, the history. antecedents, and surroundings of the Let me say here that there is a accused. Then the sentence should be class of convicts of the Bottomley adapted to the ascertained character type in almost every community that of the guilty. The growing humanimust attract the earnest consideration However, the typical female poison- tarianism, or, as some are pleased to of society. The inherited cause of partments of Justice and Public er, was Anna Tywanziger or Anna call it, benevolence, is too often a run- crime, or what is called "inherent de-Schouleben, known as the German mad sympathy. No more serious obpravity." for want of a thoroughly Brinvillers, whose crimes were com- stacle to the proper punishment of critical analysis, produces results mitted about the commencement of criminals exists than excessive sym- that seriously imperil society. Reconvictions of adult violators of the the time. His name was Henry John, of small stature, thin, deformed, her ty, and never considers the suffering, law seem to have no influence to preand he came here from Canada. By sallow, meagre face deeply furrowed injury affliction, and devastation the vent them from committing crime the way, a good story is told of his by passion as well as by age. Mock criminal has inflicted in the act for over and over again without even a inhospitality by a friend of the late sensibility and weak moral sense and which he is tried and convicted. He semblance of regret. They are without Bishop Strachan, the fine old Anglican an undoubted taste for dissipation, is the sole object for pity. He who moral force to restrain themselves; effusively pities or manifests this they are unable to resist. Crime is a in a hot argument with a young law- age, and left her at fifty reduced to the sympathy is rarely other than a vocation they follow without considthoughtless or an unconscious apoloering the consequeunces. They seem to be insensible to imprisonment. It

gist of crime. PRISON DISCIPLINE AND REFORpresents no deterrent influences MATORY INFLUENCE. When they come back to the Peniten-The discipline of the prison in re- tiary, it is looked upon by them as cent years has been such as to make a matter of course. They regard it as the reformatory influences as potent an incident of their persistent adherconvicts to a life of industry and ence to their business in life.

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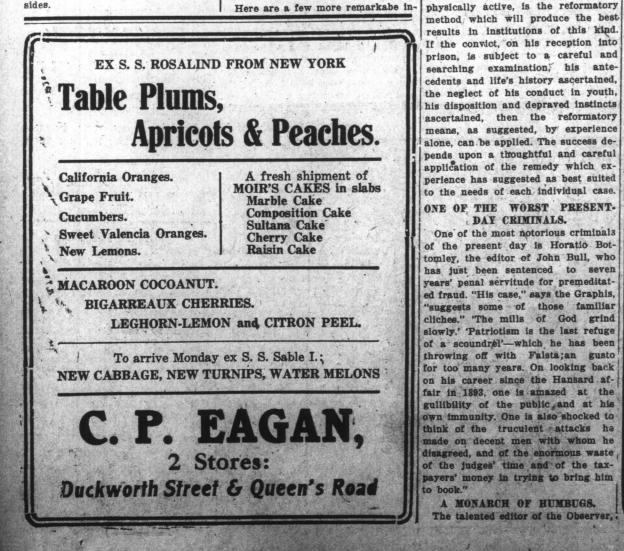
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Lang, Thomas Edstrom, George Lewis, | pleased, torture all who offended her, Patrick Byrne, William Buckley, Jas. or stood in her way. As time went Tubrid, Patrick Maher, Richard Treon she became an expert toxicologist, legan, Robert Rudford, Valentine Mermixing and giving poison was her conchant and Arthur Stewart-all then stant occupation. When sentenced to prominent citizens of St. John's. Capital punishment she told the Judge that her death was fortunate for man-THE OTHER CASE MENTIONED. kind, as it would have been impossible

The other case was that of Johanna for her to discontinue her trade of Hamilton, She and Patrick Geehan poisoning. There can be no question were sentenced to be hanged on the that Twanziger fully fills up the type 1st July, 1872, for the murder of Geeof "born" criminal. Of female crimihan's wife and wife's brother (Garrett nals it may be remarked, as it was once Sears) at Harbor Grace on Nov. 21st, said of the British Infantry by their of the previous year. The execution French antagonists: "They are the of Geehan took place in accordance best in the world, but, thank God, there with the decision of the Court; but, are very few of them!" The female for obvious reasons, Hamilton's excriminal may not exactly deserve to ecution was deferred and her sentenhe called "the best", but she is cerce subsequently commuted to imprison tainly entitled to the foremost place ment for life. She finally obtained in the gallery of crime. her release and left for the United A FEW MORE REMAKABLE INSTAN-States, where, it is said, she still re-CES.



regularity that they may yet be some service to themselves and the country in general. I do not believe in the ultra reformatory ideas of those people who are manifestly incompetent to discuss such matters, by means of lack of contact and practical association with prison management; nor that morbid philanthropy which prescrices for the lifelong hardened criminal a long-ifeie neighbor-as-yourself doctrine that would treat the convict with flowers, ice-cream, music and light literature as a means of reformation.

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DAY CRIMINALS.

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PORK-Family Mess, very DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO SOLVE. of these persons, for they feel that, ion in the case of nine young men best, per lb. PORK-Fat Back, per lb. they will not be required to obey the the neighborhood who, after many How to treat these individuals is a PORK-Jowls, small lean, regulations of the discipline: rather, complaints had been lodged against difficult problem to solve. Harshness per lb. that they will secure the kind con- them, were arrested and charged with in their discipline is objected to by sideration that is given to the most disorderly conduct. It was explained PORK-Hocks, picnic, per the philanthropist. If a severe aldeserving prisoners. And so this that they had stood on the street lb. though most reasonable application of prisoner comes again and again for corners, disturbing the passers-by and SPARE RIBS--New. Der punishment should be adopted, then BEEF-Best Family, per insulting young women. Their ages crimes perpetrated against innocent cruelty is charged. The excessive huvaried from sixteen to twenty-six BEEF-Boneless, per lb. people and the safety of society. manitarians accept the charge as After hearing the officers' statement BEEF — Our Best, specia IMPRISONMENT ONLY WHEN ABpositive proof. Sympathy is aroused the magistrate instructed the proba cut, per lb. . . . . . SOLUTELY NECESSARY. without any information on the subtion officer of the court to see that. BEEF-Cuttings, per lb. ject, this vague and reiterated asser-Whenever and wherever possible I during the coming six months, each BOLOGNA-Pickled, per tion is made, till the question arises would suggest that a fine or suspend- of these young men went to church BACON-Choice, per lb. whether the convict is to be subject ed sentence be substituted for im- every Sunday morning; that they HAM-Finest Cured, per to a justly merited discipline, or prisonment. To send men to prison is should read good useful books from COOKED LUNCH TONGUE, whether such a method is to be re-, ordinarily to make criminals of the public library, and that they 1's jected. To relax the merited treat- those who come for the first term. should remain at home evenings ex- COOKED CORNED BEEF, ment is a premium on reconvictions The infamy incurred by coming to cept when permitted to go out by the prison, the awful sense of evil which probation officer, and then only on a TURNIP TOPS, is prevalent in the prison of which strict time schedule. This arrange CABBAGE. the convicted man becomes a part, ment was fully explained to the acthe banishment from society, which cused, with the additional informa in a certain painful sense is to be tion that any dereliction on their ST. JOH perpetual-all go to destroy one's part would result in arrest and punsense of susceptibility and to create ishment. If obedient to the order of despair. the Court, at the end of the six DUCKWORTH STREET months' probation they would be CRIMINALS NOT CRIMINALS AT LeMARCHANT ROAD. brought again before the magistrate HEART. and discharged. They were mean We still have another class in the USE while on good behavior. Penitentiary, who are not wilful A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE. criminals, who have committed crime in an unguarded moment, some in the It is hardly necessary to add that this worthy magistrate has set heat of passion, others by taking funds that did not belong to them. good example-I had almost said They fully expected to pay the taken the Solomonic model in dealing amount without the matter being with these young offenders. He has AMMONIA found out; but circumstances unfore- given them a chance to make good seen prevented them from carrying and to avoid the stain of incarcera out their original intentions. This tion. Their offense is one altogether class of criminals are not criminals too common, not only in the crowder at heart; they confess the wrong done. | city, but in outport towns and settleand are patiently serving out their ments. It would be an excellent thin sentences, anxiously looking forward to the day of release, when they can have an opportunity to prove to the people by good works that they are criminals by nature, but victims of circumstances. For this class of criminals no special influences are olds. easy to use and necessary to induce them to reform; their reformation had commenced long before entering the prison. TOOTON'S. A HINT TO THE GENIAL JUDGE Sold by MORRIS. a hint or suggestion-call i The Kodak Store, 309 Water Street. what you will-to the genial Judge **PHONE 131.** Morris, of our Central 'District Court,

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