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THE DIME NOVEL  
It is perfectly natural that a man who by his own unworthy conduct in past years attained certain notoriety, should now in his life of honest endeavor to avoid in so far as is possible any attention on the part of the public. This is the fact that the writer of an article which appears on the first page of this paper is reluctant about permitting the publication of his name should not detract from the value and importance of the statements he makes. This correspondent deals with the dime novel habit from the standpoint of one who has suffered by experience, and the personal evidence which he furnishes should open the eyes of St. John people to the extent to which this evil is prevalent. Yet there is more in this article than is apparent at first glance. Reading between the lines some idea is given of prison life, and of the very unenviable conditions to which grateful offenders are exposed. This man in his earlier days went astray—he was not merely one who made a single mistake, but lived in crime for years. That he is now, and has been, since before his release, an honest, upright man, is due wholly to his own effort, his own mind, and not to any aid given by society toward his reformation. And this is the more to be remarked because of the fact that the temptations by which, under our present penal system, he was surrounded were such as tend strongly against reform. As a matter of fact, from the standpoint of the prisoner, it is evident the punishment is the first and most important and sought in our system, and that the efforts to reclaim those who have fallen are secondary of value. One who has been in prison, and who has seen the inside of a prison, and who has seen the efforts to overcome his own tendencies but by surrounding the obstacles placed in his way by society. However, referring to the dime novel question, it will surprise many who are acquainted with the habits of the prisoner, to be told that the habit is general among young boys. The prevailing opinion has been that only a few lads, those in whose intellects there may be a twist, devote themselves to this class of reading.

Such ignorance of true conditions is due solely to the lack of observation, but now that the matter has been brought to attention it may be expected that some little notices will be taken of a condition which involves such serious results. Without going into statistics, it may be stated that, as is generally known, there are a fairly large number of bad boys in St. John. How many of these lads, it would be interesting to know, clean their desks, or "vote of lit" it. It means that I will never, never see you again, dear saire.

PETROSIMOS REMAINS SHIPPED TO NEW YORK  
PALMERS, Mar. 19.—Draped with the stars and stripes and covered with flowers, the coffin containing the body of Joseph Petrosimos, head of the Italian branch of the New York city detective service was placed on board the Cunard line steamer Albatross this evening for conveyance to New York. Mr. Bishop, the American consul, the civil and military authorities and all classes of the citizens of Palmers joined in a procession which started from the church in which the casket had lain for a time today and wended its way through the streets of the city to the steamship dock.

BARK LADYSMITH FLOATED LAST NIGHT  
NEW LONDON, Conn., March 19.—The British bark Ladysmith, which went on shore off Fisher's Island March 19, was hauled off tonight by tugs and towed to this port. The bark is not damaged to any great extent and will be immediately repaired. She was bound from St. John, N. B., for New York.

THE MYRKLIE HARDER CO.  
The American Gentleman, as produced last night, proved to be one of the most enjoyable performances that the popular Myrklie-Harder Company has thus far given. When the curtain rose on the first act the stage resembled a fairy land with Chinese lanterns gaily festooned in a way that formed a very pleasing picture. Taken in conjunction with the pretty costumes, the gay colored Gypsy garments, it made a sight long to be remembered. Never in the history of the Opera House has the climax of an act been so well received with such hearty approval and such spontaneous applause as was the climax of act two of the play last night. The second week of the engagement will open with what is considered to be the prettiest play of the large repertoire of this company. 'A Gentleman from the South,' and aside from that all vaudeville artists connected with the company will change their acts. Capacity business is still the rule and bids fair to remain so throughout the engagement.

have signified their intention of nominating can be regarded as any improvement. It is impossible to take a man by the throat and tell him he must run.

HIS BANK ACCOUNT  
McDoodie had a bank account. In far off Dinkysville. And though it's not the same amount, McDoodie has it still. He brought his wife to New York town. And leased a pretty flat. When in the bank they write it down, His balance looked like this: 40,000.

The city was a splendid place on this day. As in a happy, glad some pace they gratified each need. But as the years and came to light, A shadow marred their bliss. The bank account—oh, woe!—light—stared forth at them like this: 111.

Another year went swiftly by. And in a cheaper street They live and watch the money fly. And try both ends to meet. Sometimes they drag the bank book out, Wherein wealth used to grow, And ponder o'er the past in doubt, For now it mocks them so: 6.00.

Duty to your children requires that they be given the advantage of living in a good neighborhood. If the place where you are living is not to your liking, advertise for a home elsewhere.

PEDIGREE OF THE SHIRT.  
Why does the being we call a "gentleman" wear around his neck a band of spotless whiteness and unbearable stiffness, at his wrists similar instrument of torture, and before his chest a rightly stretched linen piece? No one outside of a madhouse would call these articles of apparel agreeable. There is for the custom no reason at all drawn from comfort, hygiene, or usefulness. There is, however, the ghost of a dead man upon a time "gentleman" was presumed to do no work, and he dressed to show this by putting on these visible signs that he never soiled his hands, sweated his neck or bent his noble back. It matters not that we no longer believe in this delusion; it once; its ghost rules on. No man is bold enough to appear in society without this impossible harness. Only a professional humorist, like Mark Twain, or some one who has been a head in a madhouse, dare rebel. Addison said that the man who would clothe himself according to common sense would find himself in jail within a week.

CONCEIT BIT.  
Mr. Serpillet had finished his holiday in England and had the exorbitant bill. His heart was sad, yet his native courtesy was as perfect as ever. "Send me something to me," he said to the waiter, and presently mine host entered. Immediately Serpillet was all beaming smiles. "Ah, let me embrace you! Let me kiss you!" he cried in an ecstasy of welcome. "But why do you want to embrace me? I don't understand." "Ah, saire, but look at your face!" "Your bill? Yes, but what of it?" "Your bill? Yes, it means that I will never, never see you again, dear saire."

NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 19.—Johnny Glover, of Boston, easily defeated Yank Schwartz, of Philadelphia, in a round bout at the Olympic Athletic Club here tonight. The boys fought at 115 pounds.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 19.—Jim Flynn got the decision over Bill Pappas in a ten round fight tonight.

SAMPLED BOTH, PERHAPS.  
After a party a night or two ago at Brentwood. The Dear Girl—He had the impudence to say "Friend—The idea! What cheek!" The Dear Girl (flushing)—He wasn't particular which.

TORONTO, Mar. 20.—Eighteen year old Agatha Johnson, a colored woman from Jamaica, was sentenced to one month in jail by Judge Winchester, in session, for shooting at Edmund Jackson, with intent to kill, on the 7th of north. Judge Winchester said: "I think you should not be hardly dealt with, Jackson is a blackguard of the greatest kind. He was living with you and another woman at the same time, and was probably living with a third. He is the man who caused you to see like human pinner, as he says. He deserves no sympathy. I regret the law makes no provision for punishing such crimes, but legislation may be put through in the near future. You are guilty of this crime, however, any I sentence you to one month in jail."

SATURDAY SERMONETTE  
SPENDING MONEY BEFORE YOU GET IT.

I knew a farmer once who thought he could be a lumberman without learning the trade, just as I have known men about town who thought they could be farmers without learning the trade. "That is another story."

This particular farmer that I knew had a good farm, well stocked with cows, horses and sheep, and if he had no money in the bank, was not in debt.

To get supplies for his lumbering he had, for security, to give a bill of sale of all his stock and movable goods.

When he went to the large general store for his supplies, his wife and grown up daughters went with him; and they bought dresses and furs and carpets, and while he had his doubts about the trade, his wife and daughters were easily persuaded to let him buy what they pleased, for the bills were not to be paid until spring when the lumber was in the woods.

As the farmer-lumberman had to pay two prices for his supplies, and his lumbering would have to be more successful than his farming, he had been, the chances of keeping his stock after the bills were paid, were just about as bright as the gambler's who count their chickens before they are hatched.

The winter that the new lumberman was getting his first year's work, the hardest lumberman had ever known. There was too much snow, then there was not enough, and the driving had never been known to be so bad. Many drivers were "hung up," and logs that were to be pay for carpets and furs and dresses were left many miles in the woods.

But the cows were at home, and they were driven away to help pay the bills. All that happened many years ago, but it is, with variations, happening all the time.

I have known many men to buy clothes they have never paid for. They intended to pay for them as soon as they had the money, but as they had their jobs they have never had the money.

I have known many who have been buying furniture and dresses they knew they ought not to buy for they had to go into debt for them.

I knew a young fellow who got drunk to celebrate his getting a good position. But he never went to work in that office for his drunkenness was reported, and he was discharged before he got paid.

There are people miles away from easy street because they have spent money before they have the money. I have known young men who have been squandering their father's money for years before they had a cent.

The man who lets his boys grow up in idleness because there is no need for the boys to work, "Pain and pleasure," he did not know whether a wise man or a fool was to come after him, for the man who lets his children grow up waiting for dead men's shoes ought to know that wisdom will never stand in his shoes.

Assuming he pursued his triumphal way across the square, bowing right and left, throwing up his hands and generally making the bluff good.

When the real shak appeared on his way back to the exhibition building, and some of the good people were left to wonder over the identity of the mysterious stranger who acknowledged their applause so gracefully.

Although he never, before or since, received such an ovation, Mr. Girardot retained the memory of his trip to the different European exhibitions, and is enthusiastic over the success of the Canadian exhibition in Liege, Milan, Dublin and London.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 19.—The investigation conducted by her is said to have sustained charges that the sister had been guilty of indecent exposure in respect to an address of the community and the soldiers of the United States. The hearing at which the action was taken in regard to Elder Pick was held last Wednesday before Sister M. Katherine Allen, bishop of the central ministry of the Shakers. Sister Allen had immediate spiritual oversight of the community at Mount Lebanon and Waterbury, N. Y., Hancock, Mass., and Enfield, Conn., and in addition has some authority over all the Shaker societies of the United States. The investigation conducted by her is said to have sustained charges that the sister had been guilty of indecent exposure in respect to an address of the community and the soldiers of the United States.

CANADIAN POSED AS PERSIAN SHAH  
Dominion Commissioner Found Way to Pass Street Barriers

Misaken for the Royal Guest, Soldiers and Civilians Vied in Paying Him High Honors.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 20.—Two hundred thousand persons craned their necks and stared, handkerchiefs and hats waved in the cheer-shattered air, as the Canadian government as commissioner on the exhibition branch of the Department of Agriculture, drove through the streets of Liege during the Liege exposition.

The story of how the Canadian commissioner came to play the part of an Eastern potentate for a few brief minutes is one of a set of reminiscences M. Girardot brought back with him after spending some time in the lace making town of Liege.

Mr. Girardot undertook to act as escort for two young women who were to see the exhibition. A school where lace making is taught, and it happened that the visit was timed for an afternoon on which the Shah of Persia, then a guest of the city, was expected to pass along the streets.

After spending some time in the lace making institution, the Canadian commissioner started to drive back in his carriage to the royal route. He found himself hemmed in an immense crowd, which had gathered to see the Shah of Persia. He was roped off and guarded by soldiers. His return to the exposition was effectively barred along the royal route.

On the occasion of his return he had an important engagement. In his dilemma he appealed to a soldier, expressed his admiration for the occasion. There was an ordinance, he recalled, regarding barriers in such cases to be lifted for travelers who were on their way to railway stations.

There was a happy suggestion and Mr. Girardot took to his heels. A few minutes later he was in the command of an officer—a soldier, mounted as a guard of honor, pointed to let him pass. A few moments and they entered a large square where more lines of soldiers, backed by great crowds of civilians, were waiting to see the Shah.

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BALFOUR WANTS EIGHT INSTEAD OF FOUR WARSHIPS  
Will Move Vote of Censure on Grounds That Provisions for New Dreadnaughts are Not Sufficient

LONDON, Mar. 19.—A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons has decided to take the vote of censure on the government's proposals for the purchase of four Dreadnaughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme. He has given notice to move a vote of censure of the government on the purchase of four Dreadnaughts should be definitely included in this year's naval programme.

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SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST SIR ROBERT BOND  
Morris Administration Accuses Him of Using Government Funds to Pay for Private Telegrams

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 19.—Charges that Sir Robert Bond had his personal telegraph messages which he sent and received during the last election campaign paid for out of the government funds, were made today by the ministry of Sir Edward Morris. The Morris administration published a series of deciphered political messages dated last October and addressed to or signed by Premier Bond. The messages relate to the conduct of the government's campaign.

The Bond leaders claim that the messages were private property and should not have been published. The Morris ministry declared that they were public property as they had been paid for out of the public funds.

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COURT ST. JOHN, No. 476—Orange Hall, German street, 1st Friday in month.  
COURT UNION JACK, No. 546—Orange Hall, German street, 4th Wednesday.  
COURT NORTH END, No. 567—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.  
COURT YUKON, No. 733—Orange Hall, Main street, 7th Wednesday.COURT HIAWATHA, No. 763—Temperance Hall, Market Building, 1st Wednesday.Officers of the order: PALMERS' CHAMBERS, 44 Princess Street. R. W. WIGMORE, District Deputy. D. R. KENNEDY, District Organizer.

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MARRIAGES  
SHAW-SHAW—At the Baptist parsonage, on the 17th March, by Rev. C. W. Phillips, D. D., Millard D. Shaw of East Brighton, Car. Co., and Miss Lavinia I. Shaw of Brighton, Car. Co.

DEATHS  
STAPLES—On the 19th inst., at Pleasant Point, Robert Staples, aged 76 years and 10 months. Funeral Sunday, at 2:30 p. m., from the residence of his son-in-law William H. Codner, Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

FUNERAL NOTICE  
Officers and members of Peerless Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., will meet in Oddfellows Hall, Simons street, at 1 p. m. sharp, Sunday, to attend the funeral of their late brother, Robert Staples. Dress: Black suit, silk hat, white tie and white gloves. Members of sister Lodges invited to attend. By order of A. B. Thorne, N. G. Chas. Ledford, Secretary.

\$500 PENALTY FOR TAKING LIQUOR ORDERS  
CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., March 19.—The budget debate is finished and the House is now in supply. A bill prohibiting local and outside agents from soliciting orders for liquor within the province under \$500 penalty, was passed today unanimously.

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