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DREYFUS'S HOME.

A GREAT TRAGEDY THAT COST NEARLY 12,000 LIVES.

Have Some Verduze Now—How Named—A Cruel Misanthropic Enterprise—How Salvation and Isle du Salut Come to Be So Named.

The island on which Dreyfus was imprisoned, within sight of the South American coast and twenty-seven miles from Cayenne, French Guiana, is known as Devil's Island (Ile du Diable), while the three islands in the little group are known together as the Salvation Islands (Iles du Salut). The contrast between these names is certainly striking, and the way in which they became applied to these little rocks is interesting, and calls to mind one of the greatest tragedies in colonization that ever occurred.

The islands have considerable verdure, but in the early days of French Guiana they had a reputation for sterility which they did not deserve, and on this account no use was made of them. They were named Iles du Diable, and were thought to be of no value until thousands of wretched immigrants from France who were perishing among the pestilential swamps on the Kourou river fled to them in the hope that they might escape death.

It was in 1763 that about 13,000 persons from Alsace, Lorraine and Saint-onge were landed on the banks of the Kourou, France was smarting under the humiliation of having been compelled to cede Canada to England, and the bright idea occurred to some of her public men, to replace the lost territory by dubbing Guiana "Equatorial France" and sending thither fleet after fleet of colonists. A more cruelly mismanaged enterprise was never known. The men who were sent in France enthusiasm for emigration knew nothing whatever of the country to which they invited the poor victims. They recalled that in Canada the French had greatly enjoyed the sport of skating, and was sent with a large supply of skates was sent with the colonists. It was thought, also, that in their leisure hours they would require amusement, and so a company of actors was sent on one of the ships to build a theatre in Equatorial France. Those who provided these means of diversion however forgot to send sufficient food supplies, and no arrangements were made for landing and housing the settlers. The Chevalier de Turgot, who was appointed leader of the expedition, took care to remain in France.

The unhappy victims of this number began to perish by thousands; and they thought that if they could only get away from the plague spot where they had landed they might have a chance to live. They were told that the three islands which they saw off shore were the Iles du Diable, and that they were worth nothing for human uses. "At least," cried the poor unfortunates in their desperation, "they are swept by ocean breezes. There is no poison in the air among those islands. We will call them Iles du Salut, for we may hope that they will save us from utter extinction."

This is how it happened that the three islands came to be known as Salvation Islands and the name has clung to them ever since. As a group they are known by no other name. The immigrants gathered up what was left of the supply of provisions and 2,300 men, women and children, all that were left of the 12,000 who had landed on the neighboring coast, crowded upon the narrow, rocky area which could comfortably hold only about 400 persons. They landed on the islands without shelter of clothing, and being exposed to bad weather and having only the scantiest supply of food their suffering was great and most of them died on the rocks which they had hoped would help to save their lives. A few hundred of them at last succeeded in getting back to the French port from which they had sailed.

The Salvation Islands were not occupied again until 1852, when the transport of convicts to Guiana began. Saint Joseph and the Ile Royal now form the convict station proper. On English maps the three islands are called the Salut Islands, and the name Ile du Diable, originally extended over the group, now applies only to the island on which Dreyfus was a prisoner, and which was occupied only by him and his guards.

A Little Railway Like a Fence.
"The greatest novelty in the way of bicycle railway," observed an official of the naval observatory to a reporter, "runs between Smithfield and Mount Holly, N. J., a distance of about three miles. The fare for the ride is five cents, but each passenger has to work his own transportation. It is simply a one-track road, about the height of the second rail in the ordinary country fence. Indeed, it seems as if one was riding on the top of a fence. Tremendous bursts of speed cannot be made on it for the reason that it is quite dangerous to go as fast as you can, for there are breaks in the rail at a half a dozen places, or at least places where there would be breaks if the gates were not closed. Three or four country roads cross the rail at different points. The bicycle rail is of special build, and besides saving the wheel which takes the rail, as two smaller ones below which run along on either side of the lower rail of the fence, thus keeping the bicycle on the fence rail. There is but one rack, and when parties meet, one has to get off and take his machine over the rail so as to let the other pass."

RUBBER OYSTERS SAVED HIM.

Business Was Bad, So This Genius Invented a Cheap Edible.

"Speaking of oysters," said the major, "puts me in mind of the time I went into the patent oyster business. It was when I was with Smith & Coleman, formerly proprietors of the St. Nicholas and Astor houses, New York, respectively, but at the time running the Metropolitan in Washington. The business was bad and we edged our brains how to build it up without incurring extra expense. Finally they left it to me. I concluded to try a plan that would either make or break business."

"There were some old rubber mats in the store room, and I had them cut wash them thoroughly and then cut them up in pieces about the size of a domino. Taking about two hundred of these pieces, I went to De Mar, the chef of the hotel, and asked him if he fried oysters, and asked him if he could cover the chunks of rubber with butter and brown it without setting the rubber so hot it would smell. He tried it and succeeded beautifully, and when I had placed the patent oysters in a chafing dish behind the bar they looked as appetizing as the real bivalves ever looked when properly fried."

"My first customer was Smith, one of the proprietors. He saw the oysters and said, 'Good heavens, major, we can't stand that. Fried oysters will break us. Why, I know fellows who will stand here and eat a dozen.'"

"I told him I didn't think they would, and as he wanted to try one I passed it out on a plate with the regulation fork. He chewed on it a while and then took it out of his mouth and looked at it. Just what he said doesn't matter, but he went out and sent Coleman in for an oyster. In an hour or two the run had commenced; every fellow that got an oyster went to get a victim. General O'Brien brought in Frank Turk, John Chamberlain introduced Chester A. Arthur to the dish. Sunset Cox, Sam Randall, Allen G. Thurman and a host of others were brought in only to say, 'Don't give me away, I want so and so to have an oyster, and they'd go and get them.'"

"Teddy Quinn came to me, and says he 'Major, I want a dozen of your oysters put up in a box for my friend Flannigan of Troy, N. Y., to take with him for lunch on his journey home tomorrow. Flannigan had his wife with him, and they did not open the oysters until they got to Wilmington, and there Flannigan went out to get some coffee for her while his wife opened the lunch.'"

"She, good kind soul, asked several ladies sitting near to help her eat the oysters, and in truth she needed help to eat them. When Flannigan came back with the coffee there was a coach load of about as angry women as can be imagined. Flannigan tried an oyster to see what the trouble was, and when he got home he wrote me a letter. But the patent oysters boomed the business, and I was known for many a day as the rubber oyster man."

—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

GOOD SHORT STORIES.

General Butler was one of a commission to examine young applicants for admission to the bar, and before him came a youth who failed miserably on all that pertained to jurisprudence, case law, summary law, unwritten law and due process of law. Finally Butler asked: "What would you like to be examined in? You have failed in everything we have suggested." The reply came: "Try me on the statutes; I'm up on them." Butler shook his head solemnly. "My young friend," he said, "I'm afraid you won't do. You may be ever so familiar with the statutes, but what is to prevent a fool legislature from repealing all you know?"

An amusing anecdote is told of the bride the empress of Austria took in her magnificent chestnut tresses, which fell down to her ankles. She used to have her hair brushed for hours every day. Her majesty was particularly anxious that the dresser who brushed her long braids should avoid pulling out a single hair. This, of course, was an impossibility, and the unfortunate maid concealed carefully in the pocket of her apron any hair which became entangled in the brush. One day the empress, happening to glance into the looking-glass before which she sat, caught sight of the maid concealing a small roll of hair in the above-described fashion. Jumping up from her rocking chair her majesty grasped her attendant's hand, exclaiming: "I have caught you at last! You are ruining my hair!"

With a presence of mind which would have done honor to an export diplomat the maid replied, unhesitatingly:

"I implore your majesty to forgive me; it never happened before. I only wished to have some of my sovereign's hair to put in the locket which my literary friend wears around her neck as a talisman."

Whether the empress believed this clever invention or not I do not know, but shrugging her shapely shoulders she resumed her seat, laughing heartily, and the next day she presented her maid with a locket enriched with diamonds, saying, with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes:

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A NEW INDUSTRY.

It is the business of Making Haunted Houses Habitable.

In the 'canny north of England' is a man who gets his living by the pursuit of a very peculiar profession, says Tit-Bits. He styles himself an "exorciser," or "curer of haunted houses." He makes it his business in various houses and estate agents inquire as to the houses of ghostly reputation they have upon their catalogues. Then for an arranged fee, ranging from £2 to £5 according to the circumstances of the case, he undertakes to rid the premises of their visionary residents, which function he invariably fulfills to the salient satisfaction of all concerned.

His methods are a mystery to all but himself, for he is engaged ejecting the phantoms from their favorite promenades. One of this gentleman's enemies, one of his detractors avers that he has dealings with the powers of evil. All that is known of him in the locality where he resides is that his religious convictions are decidedly unorthodox, and that he is an enthusiastic patron of the spiritualistic sciences. Indeed, he will readily travel a score of miles to be present at one of these performances.

Fully aware of the stigma attaching to a haunted house, and its consequent depreciation in value, agents having such tenements upon their books are only too glad to secure the services of this extraordinary exorcist. Nearly every district in Great Britain has its haunted houses, so that business is usually brisk with this uncanny individual.

He has, however, been heard to remark that when all the historical ghosts in the kingdom are laid it will be comparatively easy to raise more by judicious converse with country folk, most of whom are incurably superstitious. He asserts that he has no fear of anything supernatural and he will often spend successive nights alone in houses which most folk carefully avoid. At present this exorciser is earning at least £200 a year by his weird art. He says that he will confide his secret to his son, who will succeed him in his unique calling.

Bald-Headed Soldiers.

"When the Tenth Regiment came home from the Philippines the people of Western Pennsylvania must be prepared to welcome an aggregation of bald-headed heroes."

These were the words of Corporal John J. McKnight, who arrived in Pittsburgh the other morning after a fifty-four day trip from Manila, where he secured a discharge from Col. Hawkins' regiment while on the firing line. The soldier is going to his home in Greensburg, and while taking off his hat to some old friends who greeted him at the Rush house made the above remark about the bald-headed heroes. His own hair was disappearing and he hastened to assure his visitors that he was not alone in his affliction.

"Yes," he said, replacing his headgear, "the heat in the country occupied by our troops between Manila and Malolos is intense enough to literally singe your hair. Of course, we keep our hats on. Death by sunstroke was the fate of those who went bareheaded, and we suffered constantly during the day. Much complaint was made against our heavy campaign hats, but we received no re-issue and made the best of it. I am not exaggerating the conditions when I say that more than 50 per cent. of the American soldiers in the Philippines are destined to become bald. When the boys come back you will find that they had been recruited from the front rows of the theatre."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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