

EARL SHAFTESBURY'S SUICIDE.

Saw a Nobleman End his Life in a Leap.

From the London Standard, April 18.

The Earl of Shaftesbury committed suicide in London yesterday afternoon by shooting himself with a revolver while riding in a cab in Regent street. He was in the upper part of Regent street shortly after 4 o'clock and directed the cabman to drive down the street. The driver did so, and on reaching the lower end of the street was told by the Earl to turn. This the man did, and when the upper end of the street was reached the Earl again directed the cab to be turned round. This was done several times, and when the cab was near Oxford street, about 4.30 o'clock, the driver heard a shot. He jumped down, and the Earl, who was unknown to him, said: "It's all right, cabman; drive on." The man replied: "Yes, I know it's all right, but what is this?" pointing to a bullet hole in the front part of the cab, near the glass pane, on the left side, and adding, "But I value my life too much to drive on." He was, however, about to mount the box again, when a second report was heard, and this time the unfortunate man shot himself in the left temple. At this moment a policeman, who had heard the first report, came up and told the cabman to drive round the vehicle, but the Earl was not recognized until the policeman was within a few minutes afterwards. The cab carried the Earl, who was alive, into the entrance of the fatal wound showed the position of the fatal wound, and the bullet having penetrated the brain. An indication of the occurrence had been sent to the friends of the Earl, and in a short time the Countess of Shaftesbury arrived, followed by his Lordship's butler. The weapon used was a six-chambered revolver. The position of the first shot indicated that it had been fired accidentally, but the situation of the fatal wound showed that the second shot was fired with a very deliberate aim. The body was removed to the mortuary of the hospital.

According to the statement of the cabman the deceased engaged the vehicle about 3.30 o'clock at a spot nearly opposite York House, in Waterloo place, Piccadilly, Circus. No one was with him. He appeared calm and collected, and carried an umbrella. He instructed the man to drive up Regent street. Having proceeded as far as the Langham Hotel, the driver looked round in order to ascertain where to go next. Lord Shaftesbury beckoned with his hand for the man to proceed. When West terrace had been reached his lordship told the man to drive back again. On returning to Regent street the deceased asked the driver how much the fare was, and the cabman closed the door. The deceased remained in the cab and whether he would like to ride anywhere else. In reply the deceased expressed a desire to cross the Park, but immediately altering his intention he added, "Never mind; go up Regent street and I'll stop you." The man drove on to Oxford street, where he looked around, and the deceased did not take any notice. He leaned back in the cab and rested his legs on the front seat, with his umbrella between his legs, and his hands grasping the umbrella. When they were nearly opposite the Polytechnic Institution, a revolver was fired inside the cab. The driver, jumping down, said, "Governor, what are you up to?" The deceased replied, "All right, cabby, it's gone off in mistake." The man thought otherwise and said, "Good night to your grace, governor; if you happen to shoot me, whereupon Lord Shaftesbury put in the rejoinder, 'I didn't intend to shoot you.' The driver intimated that he did not want 'any of those games' in his cab, refused to take the deceased any further and then he tried to call a policeman. The deceased then said, "Don't be so silly; that drive me on and I will give you a driver," but the driver replied: "I don't want any of your drivers; your driver won't satisfy my life." The deceased then put the revolver aside and a police constable appeared on the scene at the same time. Before, however, the officer had time to interfere, the deceased fired the second shot.

Lord Shaftesbury was born in June, 1831, and sat in the House of Commons for Hull from 1857 to 1859, and for Orkneydale from the latter year to 1865. He married, in 1857, the only daughter of the Marquess of Douglas, and has one son, born in 1869, and five daughters.

Mr. Richard Binks, a prominent Montreal druggist, takes pleasure in testifying to the general satisfaction the new perfume, the "Lotus of the Nile," is giving their lady customers are delighted with it, and where a delicate and truly elegant perfume is desired, it is not to be found elsewhere. "Lotus of the Nile."

Insurance for Letters.
From the London Times.
I am glad to see that on May 1 a system of insurance for letters and parcels is to be inaugurated. For an unregistered parcel lost in the post compensation will be given to the extent of 21s. and for a registered letter to the extent of 25s. Both registered letters and parcels will, however, also be insured to the value of 25s. for a fee of 1d., and to the value of 210s. for a fee of 2d. This is an innovation which will benefit the public and pay the Department.

Allen's Lung Balm is warranted to break up the most troublesome cough in an incredibly short time. There is no remedy that can show more evidence of real merit than this Balm, for curing consumption, cough, cold, asthma, croup, etc.

Fracture Makers.
From the Times.
"Do you know of any mitigating circumstances in your case?" said a Texas Justice to Sam Johnson, accused of stealing.
"Lemme off the time."
"Is this your first offence?"
"Fust offence, sah."
"How did you manage to get the chicken so cleverly without disturbing the dog that was in the yard?"
"Dat come from practice, boss," said Sam, who felt flattered by the remarks of the Court.

Directions for Colic in Horses.
Contents of small bottle Pain-Killer in quart bottle, add plain water or cold water, sweeten with molasses, shake well until all mixed, and drench well. Give about half at once, then balance in ten or fifteen minutes, if first dose is not sufficient. This will be found a never-failing remedy.

Divine for £100,000.
From the Pall Mall Gazette.
The English diviner and Capt. R. F. Stevens, Lloyd's surgeon, have just returned from the Island of Grand Canary after raising a sum of no less than £90,000. This amount was lying submerged 163 feet deep about a mile from the southernmost point of the Island of Grand Canary. The treasure went down about two years ago in a brand new Spanish steamer called the Alphonse XII. The steamer had on board £100,000 worth of Spanish dollars on their way to Cuba. The insurance on the money was effected at Lloyd's, and was paid over to the insurers after the vessel foundered. After a lapse of a year Capt. R. F. Stevens and three English divers went out to Grand Canary to try and recover the sunken treasure. They succeeded in bringing

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No. 16.

THE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

Where are the following three words first mentioned in the Bible?

1st. **TRUTH.** 2nd. **TRUTH.** 3rd. **TRUTH.**

Each person competing must send with the answers one dollar and eighteen cents for which Truth will be sent to any desired address for three months, and also one half dozen extra silver plated teaspoons, free of postage and extra charges.

In addition to the spoons, which are given to all competitors, whether their answers are correct or not, there will be distributed the prizes named in the three following lists in the order the correct answers come in.

To the sender of the first correct answer will be given number one of the rewards; to the sender of the second correct answer, number two, and so on till these rewards are distributed.

THE FIRST REWARDS.

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