RISK LIFE FOR FREEDOM.

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Convicts Often Take Desperate Chances in Their Efforts to Gain Preedom.

Climbing 60 feet up a perpendicular wall by the aid of a water pipe is a feat which strongly reminds one of the redoubtable Jean Valjeau, of Victor Hugo's story. The prisoner who not long ago performed this gympastic exploit at Pentonville seems to have had no idea of escape. Indeed, he was to be discharged next day. He merely wished to do what no one else had done-spend a day and a night on the roof of the prison. He got his desire and was nearly frozen into the bargain, for the night turned out a very cold one, with a sharp frost before morning, relates Pearson's Magazine.

Iquique, a city of South America, is subjected to frequent earthquakes, no the buildings are mostly one-storied, of adobe, or sundried clay. The prison is no exception to the rule, ...but the walls are enormously thick and, without the aid of some metal tool, quite impossible to pierce. There was, therefore, some amazement among the officials when a noted desperado named Castro was

found one morning to have vanished. A large hole gaped in the wall of his cell. It was discovered that the man had saved his drinking water, three pints a day, and used it to moisten a spot in the wall. Then, with the aid of a splinter of wood, he had worked a hole in the softened clay. Continuing to pour water into this hole, he eventually rendered a large piece of the wall rotton enough to break away.

Michael Flaherty, a convict in the Bench city prison in California, had m 15 years' term to serve, but behaved so well that he was accorded more liberty than some of the prisoners and was set to work in the garden. But even there the watchful ring of sentries seemed to preclude all chance of escape. It occurred to him that if he could only color himself to match the long grass of a hayfield which bordered the grounds he might succeed in escap-

With this idea he procured a piece of sacking, spread it on the ground, covered it with a suspicion of earth and sowed oats on it. Well watered daily, it was soon covered with a thick green growth. Then Flaherty seized an opportunity of getting it to the meadow, slipped under it and began crawling slowly away. If it had not been that in his anxiety he progressed a little too fast and so attracted a sentry's attention, there is little doubt that he would have got off altogether.

Somewhat similar was the performance of an Italian prisoner at Turin; He was a long sentence man, but his conduct had been so good that be was permitted the privilege of doing work about the prison. He was a clever painter and was employed in painting the governor's house.

Working one day on the roof, he used his paint brush to such good purpose that he turned his convict gurb into a suit of blue overalls. Then he seized his chance and slipping through trapdoor into a garret, marched boldly down the stairs and out of the front door. Luckily for his warder, who had been chatting with one of the maids, and so neglecting his duty; the man could not resist the temptation of entering a neighboring wine shop and was there recognized and recap-

A prison visitor was made the unwitting means of helping a burglar, named Carey, to escape from the gaol in New Orleans a few years ago, Feigning repentance, this ingenious oriminal gradually enlisted the sympathies of the missioner, and at last told him a pitcous story of how he had pawned everything before taking to crime. What he most regretted was his old mothers' Bible, and if the missioner would only recover it for him he would be everlastingly grateful. The visitor promised to do what he could. Carey gave him the name of thepawnshop, and there, sure enough, the book still remained. The pawnbroker was glad to sell it and the volume thus passed into the prison without the usual examination.

A few days later Carey had vanished. The bars of his window had been neatly cut out with a steel file. The family Bible which lay on the floor gave the secret away. In the center of its leaves a hole had been cut and, anugly stored therein, a parcel of steel saws and files had been completely hidden.

The gaol at Toledo, O., had a large, disused chimney about 30 feet high. one side of which abutted on a cell occupied by a prisoner named Mil-Ier. Miller in some way discovered the existence of the abandoned chimncy and promptly picked a hole in the brickwork, puttying up the mortar he removed with chewed bread so as to avoid discovery.

But, though he could see the sky above, he found that alone he could not possibly climb the perpendicular shaft. It was too wide. He therefore took xix other men into his confidence. Picking the lock of his cell door one night he managed to let the others out of their cells and gather them into his. The whole seven then formed a living pyramid, aerobat fashion. Inequalities in the masonry helped to take off the weight. At last the top man was able to gain the coping and letdown a sheet rope, by means of which be helped the others one by one to liberty. They then dropped to the roof, slipped down a lightning rad, and the first five got clear away. The sixth fell and made a noise, a warder rushed out and he and the unlucky seventh were retaken. 🛫 🕛

DEER THAT DOTE ON MUSIC.

Charmed by Violin Playing, They Manifest Preference for Measured Strains,

Col. J. M. Drennan relates an incident of his recent fishing trip at Moosehead which presents a story to rank with both the tale of Orpheus and that of Robinson Cruson fiddling to his gonta. Col. and Mrs. Drennan forsonk the sport of trout-enteling for a time and prossed the lake to the Masterman farm, on the west shore, where Col. Drennau had been told the deer came to feed every evening, reports the Roston Advertiser.

The deer had grown wonderfully tame, and came tally to crop the sprouting vogetation in the newlyplanted fields. There was an old dog on the place who made it his duty to repel the depredations of the deer. But he had lost his oldtime vigor in the chase and considered his duty done when he had sent the deer scurrying over the fence at the foot of the lot. The deer were quick to learn that the dog was not a very terrible fellow and kept right. on making their visits with increasing boldness.

Camping near the Masterman place was Mr. Lougee, a well-known violinist and leader of an orchestra in Bangor, Col. Drennan suggested to the musician that he steal out to the edge of the garden plot and treat the deer to a few airs on the violin, just for the fun of noting the effect.

The next evening just before the deer were due Mr. Lougee hid under the cover of a few branches and waited for the deer to make an appearance. Prutty soon a big buck pushed through the foliage and began to feed. The musician dashed off "Old Zip Coon," "Money Musk" and several of the popular airs of the day.

The music was played softly at first. At the sound of the first few measures the effect on the dear was magical. He stopped in his feeding and became the soul of attention. His head rose slowly into the air and his whole body seemed to expand till he had struck one of his stately attitudes that one notes in Landscer's pictures. The music was a mystery to him and held him spellbound.

Finally the measures of a march were sent gliding-off the strings. The deer became the soul of stately action at once. With a loftier poise on his head and antiers thrown back he marched about the inclosure with a grace that would surpass the performance of the most accomplished high-stepper in a horse show. At times he would stop to show his approbation and bring his sharp hoofs down to the earth in a forcible way. Then he would go on with the march.

It was the march that pleased the deer, evidently, for he was more than pleased to trip off its measures. But when "She May Have Seen Better Days" or some other of the latterday airs were played the deer showed his disdain by clearing the opening with a big bound and making away to cover.

- WORLD'S COAL IN 1901.

Standing of the Various Producing Countries in the Output of Last Year.

The forthcoming volume of the Mineral Resources of the United States for the calendar year 1901, United States geological survey, estimates the world's production of coal in 1901 at 866,165,540 short tons. The three great coal producing countries of the world are the United States, Great Britain and Germany, reports the Scientific American. The output of these three countries combined makes up 81.01 per cent. of the world's total. Austria-Hungary comes fourth, France is fifth, Belgium sixth and Russia seventh. The last country, duces only about six per cent. as much coal as the United States. The three countries which lead in the production of coal are the three countries that lead in industrial development. Prior to 1899, Great Britain led among the world's coal producers, but during 1899, 1900 and 1901 the United States has made such remarkable increases in coal production, due principally to the unprecedented activity in the iron and steel and in other metal trades, that we now stand far in the lead of all competitors, with a production in 1901 exceeding that of Great Britain by 47,965,938 short tons, or 19 per cent. Up to the close of 1900 the coal production of Great Britain and her colonies, if taken together, still exceeded that of the United States, the excess in 1900 beling 3,368,825 short tons; but the enormous output of the coal mines of this country last year exceeded by about 26,000,000 short tons the entire output of Great Britain and her dependencies, including India and the Transvanl.

Of the output of coal in 1901, the United States produced 33.86 per cent., Great Britain and her dependencies 30.86 per cent., and Germany 19.42 per cent, or, combined, 84.14 per cent, of the total production.

Distatisfied American Women. The American woman is restless, dissatisfied. Hociety, whether among the highest or lowest classes, has driven her toward a destiny that is nor normal. The factories are full of old maids; the colleges are full of old maids; the ballrooms in the worldly milicux are full of old maids. For natural obligations are substi-"futed the fictitious duties of clubs, committees, meetings, organizations, professions, a thousand unwomanly occupations .- Everybody's Magazine. BITS OF HOUSEHOLD LORE.

A Variety of Information Sciented from Various Sources for the Dimestic Department,

Egg gruel is made as follows: To the yolk of one egg, well beaten, add one teaspoonful of sugar, and pour over it one empful of hot water, heating very rapidly. Add the well-beaten white of the egg, and again bent until foamy, says the Washington Star. Serve very hot.

For oatmeal gruel pound one cupful of the meal until fine. Pour over it a cup of cold water and let it stand until it settles. Strain off the water into a saucepan.

Pour over the meal another cup of cold water, stir well and again strain. Repeat this operation four times-Then boil the four cups of strained water 30 minutes, and one saltspoonful of salt and serve very hot. Beef ton, milk or cream may be added.

A St. Louis physician maintains that the banana makes one of the best foods for a typhold patient. He explains by stating that in this disease the lining membrane of the small intestines becomes intensely inflamed. eventually sloughing away in spots, leaving well-defined ulcers. A solidfood taken into the stomach or one containing a large amount of innutritious substances is to be avoided as dangerous; but the banana, though it may be classed as a solid food, does not possess sufficient waste to irritate the tender spots. Nearly the whole amount of the fruit is absorbed in the stomach, giving the patient more strength thun can be obtained from

Almost every housekeeper has her own pet formula for polishing her floors, but here is one that is especially satisfactory: Cut one-half pound of vellow beeswax into small shavings and put to sonk over night in a pint of turpentine. In the morning the wax will be dissolved to a pastelike consistency. Apply to the floor, which must be perfectly clean and dry, with a cloth or sponge. Let it dry for a half hour, then polish with a brush or soft cloth.

This same encauetic may be used with good effect on furniture by bearing in one gill of alcohol. In waxing furniture, the finest polish is given by a cork which has been sandpapered smooth.

Contrary to general opinion, eggs, though a perfect food, are not always to be commended to people of weak digestion. If they leave a-bad taste in the mouth after eating, avoid them. 'A raw egg requires two hours for its digestion, a soft-boiled egg three hours, and a fried or hard-boiled egg three hours and a half. Dyspeptics, particularly, should take eggs in great moderation if they wish to get well.

NEGLECT OF THE EYES.

Ocular Defects in Children Should Receive the Benefit of Early Treatment.

. Every observant person has recognized the recent striking increase in the number of people wearing glasses. and while this fact can be considered a sign of our advancing civilization, the question may be asked, what it will lead to and is it a necessity? The answer must be that while our environment, our professions and trades, compel a constantly increasing demand upon one of the most delicate and complex organs of our system, it is necessary, in order to preserve the function of the eyes in their highest possible state, that concerted action be taken to that end. Neglect of the eyes and injudicious use of glasses are great contributing factors in the general deterioration that is taking place in these organs, says A. B. Norton, in Atlantic.

Every oculist has seen case after case of these various conditions promptly relieved by the correction of the ocular defect. He has seen rases where the child pronounced by the parents and teachers dull and backward becomes the brightest in his class after wearing glasses that give him normal vision without the effort that has caused a condition of brain fag. He has seen many a nervous, weakened, ill-nourished child become as robust and healthy as his playmates

after the removal of some eye-strain. The mechanism of the eye is perhaps the most delicate system of our entire body. For the perfect performance of its function every part must work in perfect harmony. To secure this harmony both the refraction and the muscular balance of the eyes must be perfect. It is a fact that an above lutely emmetropic, or normal, eye is but rarely found.

Millinery Novelties,

Millinery is as varied of shape as it is in coloring. Some toques have hardly any trimming, but the brim is deep and much draped or applique. Other models of the flat shepherdess type are completely covered with flowers, the crown of foliage, the border of massed flowers and the brim profusely draped with tucked plisse, tulle or chiffon. A semi-marquise shape in imitation panama or in tuscan or burnt straw is simply trimmed with ribbon and a couple of Mercury wings standing out each side, fastened with a large cabochon of jet or pearls. This and similar models are very fashionable for yachting and hoating, as the French sailor shape has been too eagerly adopted by the million.-Wushington

Lobster and Watercress Salad. Prepare lobster in the usual manner for salad, mix with mayonaiso dressing, then just before serving stirin a few sprigs of the cress, garnish the salad with the claws of the lobster and small bunches of the cress. -Washington Star.

PITH AND POINT. '

Premoultion is what people filink they have when they say "I told you Do." Chicago Daily News.

The world is full of people who would break their necks any tima rather than wait for the next car .-Atchison Ulobe,

First Citizen "Do you believe in aigne?" Second Citizen -- "You bet I do. I make my living painting them." -Somerville Journal.

Lady (engaging a maid)-"Was your last mistress satisfied with you?" Maid - "Well, mum, she said she was very pleased when I left!"-

Another Matter,-Chally - "Me bill fob clother amounts to ovah \$1,000 a. yeah." Charley "But how much do they cost you?"- Philadelphia In-

Hoggarty-"I'm not ashamed to say. that my wife made me what I am." Bertin-"Had a grudge against you, ch? Before she took hold of you, I suppose you were a decent sort of fellow."--Boston Transcript. The Grentest Yet, "What," we ask

of the librarian, "do you suppose is

the greatest library book in the world.

-the book that is in most demand?" "Carnegie's bank hook," he responds, confidently, without looking up from his work. Baltimore American. "These Americanos," orles the affrighted Tagal, "are cannibals." "Whatever gave you such an idea?" asks the Moro. "I just heard one of those soldiers ask that pretty school-

teacher to come and eat a Filipino

with him!"-What to Eat. "And when you marry," she softly said, "I hope you'll remember to invite me to the ceremony". He looked thoughtful. "It will be awfully crowded, no doubt," he said, "but I think I can ring you in somehow" And a moment or two later she declared the ring was an astonishing good fit .- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CHRISTMAS ON HUDSON BAY.

The Winter Holidays Are Heralded with Much Jny and Considerable Racket.

Christmas day is welcomed at the northern fur posts of the Great Hudson's Bay company, by a firing of cannon from the snow-muffled bastions. Before the stars have faded chapel services begin. Frequently, on either Christmas or New Year's day, a grand feast is given the tawnyskinned inhabitants of the fort, who come shuffling to the main messroom with no other announcement than the lifting of the latch, and billet themselves on the hospitality of a host that has never turned hungry Indian from its doors, writes Agnes C. Lant, in Leslie's Monthly.

A great jangling of bells announces the huskies (dog trains) scampering over the crusted snow drifts. A babel of barks and curses follows, for the huskies celebrate their arrival by tangling themselves up in their harness and enjoying a free night.

Dogs unharnessed, in troop the trappers to the banquet hall, flinging packs of tightly roped peltries down promiseuously, to be sorted next day. One Indian enters just as he has left the hunting field, clad from head to heel in white caribou, with the antlers left on the capote as a decoy. His squaw has togged out for the oceasion in a comical medley of brass bracelets and finger rings, with a bear's-claw necklace and ermine ruff which no city connoisseur could possibly mistake for rabbit. If a daughter yet remain unappropriated she will display the gayest attire-red flannel galore, red shawl, red scarf, with perhaps an apron of white fox skin and moccasins garnished in colored grasses. The braves outdo even a vain young squaw. Whole fox, mink or otter skins have been bruided to the end of their hair and hang down in two plaits to the floor. Whitest of buckskin has been ornamented with brightest of beads, and over all hangs the gaudiest of blankets; it may be a muskox skin with the feats of the warrior in rude drawings on the smooth side.

Of the feast little need be said. Like the camel, the Indian lays up store for the morrow, judging from

his capacity for weeks of morrows. A French-Canadian fiddler strikes up a tuneless jig that sets the Indians pounding the floor in figureless dances with moccasined heels till midday glides into midnight and midnight to morning. I remember hearing of one such midday feast in Red River settlement that prolonged itself past four of the second morn-

The Easlest Solution.

While a long line of taxpayers were awaiting their turn at the tax office on Monday, along came a burly Irishman, who constantly inquired, "Where is the end of the line?" From most of the waiting men came the answer, "Behind me, sir." Finally, upon reaching the head of the stairway leading to the basement, and being told by one of the men that he would have to go down stairs and there find the line, he sat down at the head of the stairway, exclaim-

"Shure and Di'm tired. Oi've tried to gif down to the end of the loine and can't foind it, so now Oi'll set roight down where Oi am and wait till the end of the loine comes up and foinds me."-N. Y. Times,

Red-Letter Day, Lawyer (to witness)-Why are you so positive, Mr. Suburban, that the event occurred on the date you mention? You might be mistaken.

Mr. Suburban-Impossible, sir. It was on the day I didn't have to do any shopping in town for my wife.-Chicago Daily News. 👢

BEAUTIFUL BANNER.

Falls Into the Hands of the Post Office Authorities,

Sent from Philippines to Address in Brooklyn, Which Was the Home of a Descritegand the Package Goes Unclaimed,

A wall in the private office of the first assistant postmister general at Washington is decorated with a silk panel about six feet long by three feet wide, on which is worked in the most intriente and beautiful weave of colored silks and gold the shield of the United States, surmounted by an sagle with outstretched wings and open beak, a picture; of majesty and, defiance. In the center of the shield is a reproduction, about aix inches square, of the famous painting depicting Washington crossing the Delaware. Visitors who saw the picture noticed something peculiar about the eagle and the painting, but were unable to define just what it was, but were united in saying that the panel was one of the finest examples of

A visitor from the const happened in the other day, however, and instantly remarked that the hanner had been worked in Japan. Then it was noticed that tien. Washington and all his officers and oarsmen had slant eyes and the typical Japanese cast of countenance, and that the figure of the engle surmounting the whole was a Japanese design. The panel is being held in custody of the dead letter office. It was sent from the Philippines to an address in Brooklyn, but was refused, and it was later discovered that the number given was the home of a deserter from the army, who probably thought the package was a decoy.

The banner will be sold at the regular auction of the dead letter office and should bring about \$100.

MANILA UP TO DATE.

The Phillippine City Is to Have a Modern Electric Street Car System.

Manila is to have an up-to-date street car service operated by electricity, and a modern electric lighting plant, provision for these improvements having been made in an act passed by the United States Philippine commission. All the essential features of the act were telegraphed from Manila to the war department. In order to give American bidders plenty of time to compete for securing a street railway franchise and the electric lighting franchise, bids will be received by the municipal board of Manila until March 4, 1903. The route of the railway will be

35 miles long and will cover the important streets in Manila. It is so arrunged by the terms of the franchise as to furnish a satisfactory system of passenger transportation from any part of the city to any

After 25 years the rates of fare are to be readjusted by arbitration and the city will then have the privilege of purchasing the entire plant at a price to be fixed by arbitration based on the net carnings.

IMMIGRATION LAWS EVADED.

Many Ineligible Europeans Enter the United States by Way of Canada.

Commissioner General Sargent, of the immigration bureau, the other day made public a report from Robert Watchorn, special immigrant ibspector, dated Paris, France, on the immigration of the United States by way of Canada. Mr. Watchorn says that Europeans who obviously are ineligible to enter the United States for several years have been directed by designing agents to Canadian ports with a view to effecting a surreptitious entrance into the United States across the international boundary. Intending immigrants who by reason of some disqualification are rejected by the lines running to United States ports are turned over to lines running to Canada, and with few exceptions they are accepted without question. Thousands every year thus find their way to Canada and thence to the United States.

FRENCH BLOOD IN KAISER.

Genealogist Who Tries to Show the Emperor is Descended from Admiral Gaspand.

A French genealogist has made the strange discovery that Emperor William of Germany has French blood in his veine, starting with the assertion. that the emperor is descended from the French Admiral Gaspard II. The genealogist goes on to show the French pedigree thus: "Gaspard de Coligny, born February 16, 1517, at Chatillon-sur-Loing; wedded October 16, 1547, at Chatillon, Charlotte do Laval, and from this union came in time the stock from which all the Hohenzollerns sprang."

The author shows by a genealogical tree that the emperor has another streak of French blood derived from his mother's side, his maternal ancestors having included Charlotte of Bourbon-Montpensier and Eleonore des Micres-Dollreuse.

A Chinaman's Opinion.

What Wu Ting Fang really thinks of us is a private matter, but, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, we can judge by what he has said to usthat, while he admires our ways, he is not quite certain that our taste FOR DISAPPEARING CARRIAGE.

Mecksolum Opposed by ties, Miles to to De Used Rven for the Small Bore Gans.

Becretary Root has approved recommendations that the disappearing gun carriage be used in connection with guns of six-inch callber as well as with those of larger bore.

This action marks the close of a contention lasting many months among the furtification authorities of the war department. The carriage to be used is largely the design of Gen. Crozler, the present head of the ordmance bureau. Its adoption was aningonized bitterly by Gen. Miles, as head of the board of ordnance and for-

Congress at its last session, because of the differences, authorized the appointment of a apecial board to pass on the marita of the invention. That board recommended the use of the carriage, in the discretion of the secretary of war, for guns exceeding six inches in callber, but suggested that the use of the carriage for guns of six inches or less be suspended.

This suggestion recently has been again under consideration by the boards of ordnance and fortification, and, in the absence of Gen. Miles, the board has agreed to recommend that the line should be drawn below the sixinch gun rather than above it; that the secretary exercise the same discretion with reference to it that he exercises with reference to the guts of higher enifber, and that the car-Hage should be used for guns of smaller bore than wix inches.

PRIZES TO SERVANT GIRLS.

The Promise of Gold Pieces Keeps Domestics at New York in One Kitchen Two Years.

The servant girl problem has ben solved in unique fashion by to German Housewiven society f New York for its 300 members. The presentation of 25 ten-dollar got pieces in as many little white sati. boxes, 28 explanatory cards and 2 bouquets of flowers to the sam number of flushed and happy Irish and German domestics at the general meeting of the society in Tuxedo hill the other afternoon illustrated and feature of its methods.

Each recipient of these premiums had held the position found for her by the society two years, and ax of them had been in the same place for four years, and thus received their second premium. After the ceremosy refreshments were served!" The society was organized about

eight years ago, with the prime object of saving German immigrant girls from the clutches of unprincipled employment agents.

FOOTBALL BREEDER OF EVILS.

Chancellor Andrews Tells Nebesska Students That Excess Enthusiasm Over Games Is Wrong.

Chancellor Andrews told the students of the University of Nebraska. the other day he feared football enthusiasm and the devil sometimes went hand in hand. Such a condition, apparently, he said, followed the celebration in Lincoln of Nebraska's viotory over Minnesota, when students captured a street car and partly dismantled it. That was the devil's work. The chancellor declared it would have been far better had the team been defeated than to have such an exhibition. His remarks are supposed to be a warning in anticipation of the three hig games in Lincoln. He is a great admirer and supporter of the game.

AN ISLAND IN DANGER.

Maniton, in Lake Michigan, Shows Evidences of Dropping Completely Out of Sight.

Anxiety is felt in South Manitou island over indications that the island may suddenly be swallowed up in Lake. Michigan. Capt. Lafberg, in charge of the life saving station at Sleeping Bear point, has notified his superiors at Washington that in his opinion the island will soon disappear. A boathouse recently built by the life savers on the island dropped out of sight. and recent soundings have shown a depth of 30 feet where formerly there were but three feet of water.

Wedding Ring Found in Codfish. Henry Bauerman found a solid gold wedding ring in a fish the other morning. Bauerman, who has a cafe at Barclay street, Naw York, stopped at a Front street fish store and bought half of a 16-pound cod. The cod had come from Boston the night before and was already cleaned. But when Bauermann was preparing for "free hot lunch" he found the ring imbedded in the ribs, he says. The ring is more than a quarter of aninch in breadth and bears the inscription, "Lew to Lou, '89,"

Ohlo's Centennial.

Active preparations are already nnder way in Chillicothe, O., for the celebration of the centennial of the state in May next. The State His- F torical and Archaeological society and a commission appointed by the governor are jointly supervising the arrangements. Eminent speakers. from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky and other commonwealths which contributed to the upbuilding of the Buckeye state are to be invited to astend the celebration.

Can't Stand Water.

It is reported that heavy rains have driven the mad mullah back, We have always anspected from the looks of that fellow's portrait, says the Chicago Record-Herald, that he wouldn't take kindly to water.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS