

AUSTRALIAN "LARRIKIN."

Most Contemptible and Brutal of the World's Outlaws.

His Country Brother, the "Sundowner"—The Curse of the Antipodes.

Every nation, every type of civilization has had or continues to have its peculiar forms of ruffianism. The United States is particularly rich in its varieties of ruffians, and this is owing to the cosmopolitan character of our population.

The Whitechapel outcast, the Parisian sneak, the Valparaiso cut-throat, and the unmitigated beggar and thief of Naples, with his prototypes in all the Mediterranean towns, are fellows whose existence is a curse, and whose destruction, if they left no successors, would be a blessing to humanity.

A gentleman in Melbourne, Australia, gave me the etymology of the word "larrikin," and it seems a reasonable one. In the original larrikin, in the early days when the gold fields of the colony of Victoria attracted to Melbourne the world's adventurers, lawlessness was the rule and the authorities of the Capital City had their hands full keeping their own citizens as well as their visitors in order.

"Sure, yer honor," he said, "the byes wasn't so bad at all, at all." "What did they do?" asked the magistrate.

"Nothin', sorr, except that they was just larrikin, larrikin—meaning larking." "Well, I'd give them a week as larrikins," said the Judge; and with this the distinctive name of the world's most contemptible outlaw and black-guard began.

Although formerly a part of New South Wales, the people of Victoria pride themselves on the fact that their territory was never a penal colony, and that they should not have a hereditary tendency to vice.

But, no matter where the thing originated, it has spread with alarming vigor over all Australasia. It is most in evidence in the cities, but this type of ruffian flourishes from the hamlets of the coral fishers in Torres Straits and the Gulf of Carpentaria, to the pastoral hills and beautiful valleys of Tasmania.

But the Eden of the larrikin is New South Wales, and the queenly city of Sydney is the place in which he most abounds, and which he largely occupies if he does not largely control. The climate of Australia—and the ventilation is not so great as in this country—implies a peculiarly conducive to the development of the ignorant, shiftless, homeless ruffian of the larrikin type. The beautiful parks, of which the Australian cities are so justly proud, are robbed of their advantages to the peaceful citizen by the fact that the larrikin makes them his leading place by day and his camping place at night.

At first the larrikin was regarded as a marauder, but the universal suffrage and the democratic spirit which is stronger in these colonies than in the United States, has made him a peer and a factor to be reckoned with in all political contests. If the larrikin ever felt ashamed of the name, that time is in the past. Now he is not only proud of being a larrikin, but he announces the fact to the world by wearing, whenever he can get the means to justify his taste, a distinctive costume, and his female counterpart, the larrikin, distinguishes herself in the same way, though her dress is not so pronounced. Those who have seen Chevalier in his coster costume can form a good idea of the dress of the Sydney larrikin. A tunic covered with buttons, a collarless shirt with a gaudy handkerchief, a soft gray hat, and tight-fitted, bell-bottomed trousers make up the distinctive uniform of the larrikin. His female companion, who he calls "ma donna," probably from the Italian "madonna," dresses, save as to the head, which is usually bare, in loud print and with a barbaric fondness for glaring rods.

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There were not more than a dozen people in the car and when she was comfortably seated she began to put her gloves on. When they were both on she took out of her pocketbook a dainty silver button hook and began to button the one on her left hand. In doing this the button slipped from her hand and fell to the floor.

A chapple-looking fellow hurried up from behind, picked up the button hook and smilingly offered to button the young lady's glove. For an instant she acted as the average girl would have done—looked resentment; then her saltiness came back to her. She held out her hand with a smile in compliance with his request.

She sat perfectly quiet, as he took about twice as long as the operation should have lasted, and when he was through with one, she calmly held out the other hand. He didn't expect this, but it was just what he wanted, and he seized more manfully than ever, he seized her other hand and buttoned the glove.

Taking the button hook from his hand she deposited it in her pocketbook, and took from it a quarter and a nickel.

"For my fare and for yourself!" she said. Chappie's nerve left him. He made a motion to protest.

"Please do take it. I always reward the conductor who offers me assistance." Just then the real guardian of the car rang the bell for someone to alight. The girl glanced around swiftly, turned to the crestfallen chapple, and said loud enough for everyone in the car to hear:

"I beg your pardon; I thought you were the next corner chapple-boy got off.—St. Louis Republic.

Contempt of Court. "Ten dollars," said the magistrate. "But, your honor," said the prisoner, "my great-grandfather was a woman's right to make a defense against the charge."

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