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Local Intelligence.

Charges of Obtaining Goods under False Pretences and Embezzlement.

N. Dreyfus, of St. Charles, in this State, was arrested by Sheriff A. L. Horn yesterday on charges of embezzlement and obtaining goods by false representations. The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the case was set for the fourth of next month, but being fixed at \$5000.

A New Specimen of the Names of Our Streets.

The perplexing nomenclature of our streets, and the difficulty to those strangers who speak only English of either pronouncing or writing many of them correctly, has been frequently remarked. A well known instance of this is the fact that English streets, perhaps better known now by the name of Engine-street. But looking over some of the papers yesterday before the Second District Recorder's Court we saw an enumeration of the streets of our city which rather leaves, so far as heard from, any similar blunder in the shade.

Misses.

A poor old woman, whose name is unknown, about sixty years of age, was on Monday seen standing about the doors of some of the courts in the Second District, and endeavoring to obtain an interview with one of the judges. She appeared to be wandering in her mind, and reminded the observer of Dickens's Miss Pitts. She stated that she had been a school-teacher in the State for twenty-four years—that her husband had gradually dropped off, and that they had family in consequence of a conspiracy, ceased attending altogether. She said that she had no children, and appeared to have no family ties. Since that time we have learned that she has been missing, and that inquiries have been set on foot concerning her. In answer to this it appears that she was last seen on the lake shore, on her way to Bayou Cochon. Some fishermen there had been a citizen in that direction, but nothing further has been discovered as to her present whereabouts.

Negro Quarrel at Church.

At a religious meeting held last evening in a negro house of worship, at the corner of Dryades and First streets, a row occurred in which a colored boy named Lee Edwards, was severely wounded by being hit with a slingshot. James Robinson, a negro, was arrested as a party to the attack upon Edwards, and on a charge of having caused the disturbance.

Attended Suitors.

A man named John Brown attempted to commit suicide on Monday night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in a house of ill-fame, on Tremé street, between Conti and Bienville streets. A revolver was the weapon with which he tried to make his exit from this world. The wound he inflicted was very slight, the ball grazing the hip, and causing an abrasion on the left side of the abdomen. Why he endeavored to "shoot off his neck" is a question which perhaps can only be answered in the *Quarter Latin*.

A Singular Crime.

On Monday afternoon a seafaring man whose name is John Berry, paid a visit to Charles Miller, who lives near the corner of Cascajo and Independence streets, and spent the evening with the latter at his house. Mr. Miller, now a pilot on the river, is a native of Finland, a province of Russia, became sailor in his youth, served on board of a man-of-war, and for many years has been a citizen of this city. He knew Berry as a boy, served with him on board of the same vessel, and had learned to regard him as an old friend. The two men, however, had been separated from the time of the commencement of the past war, and had never met since until the evening in question. Upon that occasion he received his old acquaintance in his accustomed manner, invited him to supper, and spent an hour or so afterwards in the social manner natural to two old friends who meet after a long absence. While sitting together in a room in Miller's house, the voice of Berry became a little loud, and the wifely of the former closed a door to prevent his sound from attracting the attention of her neighbors. Berry appeared a little offended. "I see how it is," said he to his companion. "I'm not getting along quite in the same way as you are. But you are on your feet, and let's have a drink." The above was the only allusion made to the fanciful ailment, and he moved towards the door. As he was going out, an inmate of the house, knowing the custom of sailors of carrying their money in their caps, and having perceived, remarked that Berry risk in returning home with it, disposed of and his cap could be very easily knocked off and his money stolen. Berry took the hint, and also a cap belonging to his friend, which was being neat at hand, and without uttering any word of explanation left the house. His friend concluded to accompany him to the corner and take with him (Berry) a parting glass. Nothing occurred—no words passed—Berry went on his way, and after they had entered and left the door-shut, and upon entering from the latter place and reaching the parquette, Berry struck Miller a violent blow across the head. He also drew a sharp knife, and while Miller, stunned with pain, was asking, with his hands to his head, "My God, what is the matter?" plucked the knife in his breast. Miller says that he did not know that he had been cut until he had reached his home.

Meeting of the Joint Committee.

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