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From Our Own Correspondent.

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THE PENITENTS OF LUDLOW STREET.

Were the question asked, "Have we a Marshalsea amongst us?" Echo, that infallible oracle, would reply, "We halve." It is known as Ludlow Street Jail; its locality is immediately in the rear of the Essex Market Police Court, and its inhabitants are debtors, who, like all debtors, are in various stages of penitence. I I doubt not they would all pay if they could, and not being able to accomplish liquidation they make themselves as happy as possible in the home their penury has brought them to. That home does not much resemble a prison. You might pass the place once a day all your lifetime, without its once occurring to you that scores of human beings, with capacities for enjoyment equal to your own, were locked up there, had been locked up for years, would be locked up the remainder of their natural lives. Have they committed murder, arson, or burglary in any of their degrees? Are they suffering from any form of insanity? Are they offenders awaiting requisitions from the Governors of other States? Are they witnesses detained for a prospective trial, always about to occur and always deferred? No, they are none of these things. They are simply debtors. They are convicted of the fearful crime of owing what they cannot pay. These ruffians, these worse than thieves and pickpockets, these desperate reprobates from everything that is honest and good, are therefore pronounced unfit to associate with the rest of the world!

In committing the crime of insolvency, they have committed the crime that hath never forgiveness, either in this world or the next, so far as creditors are concerned. They have offended against the laws of Wall street, to whose inflexibility those of the Medes and Persians are as nothing. Therefore they crowd Ludlow Street Jail, within hearing of the sentences pronounced from the Judge's desk of Essex Market Police Court. Under the Sheriff's lock and key they pass, in many cases, the prime of life. Imprisoned at thirty, Death, the great liberator, releases the prematurely-bowed form at fifty. The convict, sentenced for life, bids a no more certain adieu to the outside world, when he enters his cell at the State Prison, than the prisoner for debt does, when the Sheriff puts the thumb-screws on him, and he becomes transformed into one of the penitents of Ludlow street.

A visit to Ludlow Street Jail is not a cheerful visit, although some facetious remarks are made, and the prisoners do not parade their penitence in a very ostentatious or cheerful manner. They are divided into several grades, and the cheerfulness of the grades decreases as you descend from the highest. The highest grade comprehends about one fourth the whole number of prisoners, say fifteen or sixteen. They are penitents, not so poor but what they might easily be worse off, as is seen at once by comparing them with the grades beneath them. Each has a room to himself, the dimensions of which are large enough to swing a cat in. Not, as Mr. Dick, in "David Copperfield," felicitously remarks, that any one wants to swing a cat, but that the expression has become a popular and picturesque symbol of measurement. Each of these apartments is about eight or nine feet square. It is furnished with a bed, a table, and two chairs. In most cases—in all cases where they are insisted on—a mirror and a "wardrobe" are also provided. Three meals a day are also to be engaged at the *table d'hote*. They are better than might be expected, though not as good as the more luxurious debtors may have been accustomed to when they inhabited brown-stones, and were looked up to with respect as the pillars of influential churches. The steak is not perhaps porterhouse, and none but a New York boarding-house keeper would be able to tell from what portion of the sheep the mutton-chops were acquired. The coffee and tea, too, would have thrown the "Special Agent" of the *World* into ecstacies, and the odor of *trichina spiralis* may be or may not be exhaled from the pork. But the soup that is furnished twe or three times a week is said to be uncommonly good, and the favorite pudding for Sunday is of the kind known as "rolypoly," with raspberry jam as the sweet ingredient. For this fare and such a room as I have described, from twenty-five to thirty dollars per week is charged, payable in advance. The cash system is altogether adopted. The Sheriff and his deputies find it is the only one that will pay. There is a peculiar atmosphere about debtors that prevents their ever being trusted, even when under lock and key.

Those who constitute what may be called the second grade of prisoners sit at the same table and eat of the same dishes as those constituting the first. Their sleeping accommodations, however, are materially curtailed. There would not be room to swing even a kitten in them. Two debtors sleep not only in one room, but in one bed, and the truth of the proverb that poverty makes one acquainted with strange bedfellows is put to the utmost test. A bed, with the accompaniments of sheets, pillows, etc., such as they are, is all that any one of these rooms, appropriated to prisoners of the second grade, contains. The occupants have to wash themselves along with the *canaille* and do other offices of the toilet mirrorless. For these luxuries and privileges a weekly charge of from fifteen to twenty dollars is made. All "extras" are extra paid for. Cigars, tobacco, whisky, beer, are not forbidden, and the penitents are supplied either by their friends or by coming down with the stamps—and the price of spirituous and malt liquors inside Ludlow Street Jail is not cheaper than out.

It will readily be believed that those who are able to pay neither thirty nor fifteen dollars per week, and have to take up with the fare and the accommodations which the prison provides, are not very amiable. Fetid rooms are crowded with squalid-looking beds, and in these the gaunt, unwashed denizens huddle together with scarcely room to turn. About one half are unable to contribute anything towards their support, and will remain in this loathsome bondage all life long. The fare furnished there is little better than convict fare; indeed, the convicts in many prisons are better provided for in every way. If the entirely moneyless debtor of Ludlow Street Jail has enough to eat and drink to hold life comfortably together, he has learned to be content. The thirty and fifteen-dollar nabobs are looked to, with a respect little short of reverence. Among them all ranks of men once rich or well to do are represented. Among the superior privileges they enjoy is that of walking out. Of course they are always accompanied by a deputy-sheriff, and the deputy-sheriff, like any other good thing, must be paid for. There is hardly any limit to what the penitents of Ludlow street are allowed to do, provided they pay enough for it. To attend a matinee, to visit the theatre, to lounge in a fashionable billiard-saloon, to attend church, and to exhort at the noonday prayer-meeting, are a few of these privileges. But the deputy-sheriff dogging at his heels is an inevitable ubiquity. You meet him everywhere, and his sleek looks give evidence that his perquisites are not beneath contempt. At the best, the life of a Ludlow-street penitent cannot be called a joyous one. The sun shines for him, but it is as through a piece of burnt glass. Still that is better than no sun at all. Ludlow Street Jail is a New Yorkism, which neither the sheriff nor his deputies would willingly let die.

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ARMSTRONG.—Suddenly, February 18, MARGARET M., wife of Charles E. Armstrong, and eldest daughter of Robert Hayes.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 632 N. Sixth street, on Tuesday, the 23d instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment at Laurel Hill.

BENNERS.—On Friday morning, the 19th instant, after a lingering illness, ANNA REBECCA, wife of James Benners.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 836 N. Broad street, on Tuesday morning, the 23d instant, at 8 o'clock. High Mass at Church of Assumption. To proceed to Laurel Hill.

CARROL.—On the 18th instant, MARY, wife of Anthony Carrol, aged 25 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 2 Java place (Vine street, between Ninth and Tenth streets), on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

DORRANCE.—At Bristol, on Thursday, the 18th instant, MARY T., wife of John Dorrance.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from St. James' Church, Bristol, on Tuesday, the 23d instant, at 4 o'clock P. M.

ERTEL.—MARY, daughter of Frederick and Anna Ertel, on the 20th instant.

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EVANS.—On the 18th instant, SARAH B., wife of H. W. Evans, in her 42d year.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her husband's residence, No. 1404 Fawn street, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

LOVIE.—On the 20th instant, MARY, wife of Henry H. Lovie, in the 35th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 505 S. Ninth street, on Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

SCHMIDT.—On the 18th inst., MICHEL SCHMIDT, in the 68th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the General Steuben Lodge, No. 578, I. O. of O. F.; Southwark Conclave, No. 36, U. O. S. W.; Franz Sigel Beneficial Association, No. 1; the Southwark Social Beneficial Society, No. 1; and the employees of the Schomaker Piano Factory are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 759 S. Eleventh street, on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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