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CROSSY S. NOYES, Editor. THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent circulation in Washington three times larger than that of any other paper in the city.

From the day when overhead electric wires were first put up down to the present time representatives of the companies using the "cheap and nasty" system have declared with much repetitive vehemence that the trolley current would not kill.

They talked voltage and insulation and precautions until, for their much agonized, they were heard. Encouraged by popular credulity the interested corporations went on to declare the harmlessness of the currents they used; related many alleged incidents in which they figured imaginary men who deemed a day's mispent that saw no dalliance with the power of which "only the ignorant were afraid."

But while these semi-humorous and wholly fictitious legends were being circulated the trolley current killed a man and before the happening could be explained even by the plausible liars killed for purposes of explanation it killed another one. Then ensued variety. Horses and cattle and pigs—here and there—suffered death through the harmless wire, and occasionally there were narrow escapes of human beings who were not in any way connected with the workings of the road.

Since then the work of torture and summary destruction has gone right along, and parallel with its progress is the continuing and never-faltering statement as to the innocuous character of the trolley wire. The latest victim, a description of whose killing is reprinted elsewhere in THE STAR, was a South Boston boy—strong, healthy and possessed of those vital forces which offer most resistance to the electrical shock.

A piece of telephone wire was swinging from across the trolley wire and this boy grasped. He was buried on Sunday. The current that burned body and soul apart was but 450 volts, a quantity declared by many of the so-called "experts" to be as harmless as citrons lemonade and no more dangerous than the glass of water which is the people of this city anxious to extend their acquaintance with this variety of harmlessness?

Within a few months there will be added to our new navy a number of first-class ships of war and among these is one in which the people of this city should be especially interested—the cruiser Columbia. It is so named because Secretary Tracy decided to honor the District of Columbia. Up to this time there has been but little public interest manifested as to a really fine vessel but it would seem as though something should now be done in recognition of the goddess.

So far every city that has had a man-of-war named after it has made the ship a suitable present. Libraries and silver services seem to be favorites. The former would seem to be preferable, although either would be well received. THE STAR is inclined to favor the library idea and would suggest that the District Commissioners as representatives of all the people take such steps as will result in the accumulation and disbursement of a sufficient fund. And now is the accepted time.

After years of pleading with Congress and much local agitation there yesterday came into active existence a court of justice which cannot do otherwise than materially assist in clearing up the overcrowded dockets that are now the most conspicuous features in this city's judicial affairs. The organization of the Court of Appeals is practically complete and at the earliest possible moment it will proceed to dispose of the business which is most pressing.

most important factor in municipal sanitation, and after admitting the general purity of the liquid used in the greater centers of North American population, he calls attention to the strange failure on our part to use the gift as it should be used. "Public wash and bath houses," says he, "are to be found in many European cities, and of great value in promoting cleanliness of clothing and of the person among the poor. To them poor women can take their bundles of soiled clothing and bedding, and by the payment of a small fee can have the use of tubs, tables, hot and cold water and drying facilities, and can also have a bath. In the evening males can also obtain baths there. Some of our cities have waterside swimming baths for summer use, but public wash houses under municipal management and control are practically unknown in this country."

Other necessities, such as hospitals where contagious diseases may be properly treated, public slaughter-houses, disinfection-stations and mortuaries are mentioned and brief arguments are made in their behalf, but the gist of the paper is reached when it is asserted and maintained that only through intelligent public opinion can such reforms as are needed be instituted and made permanent. The Sanitary League of this city is referred to as an instrument that can do much to bring about a desirable end and of it the doctor says that the conditions are generally favorable to success. The entire article will fully repay any one who reads it.

The necessity for a national air that has not been either borrowed or stolen was very clearly apparent during the naval rendezvous at Hampton Roads and the subsequent ceremonies in New York. In those places, it never before, the chilly conviction struck many a heart and there was hourly emphasis of our poverty and musical dishonesty. When the band on one of the British ships played "God Save the Queen" a young lady visitor was delighted with what she thought was an international compliment, for she imagined the bandmen were playing "America." She was not alone in her error; hundreds of others there in that vicinity did not know that our greatest patriotic hymns is sung to a stolen tune and that tune the most royalistic of all airs. There was similar misunderstanding as to other melodies. "They're playing 'Columbia the Gem of the Ocean,'" said a soldier who for the while was listening to the "Blake" band. His guess was wrong. They were playing "Britannia the Gem of the Ocean," but he was only one of millions who are not aware of the fact that both words and music of that song were lifted bodily across the Atlantic and that somewhere on the way the word "Columbia" was substituted for "Britannia." Perhaps "The Star Spangled Banner" came nearer to being generally misapprehended than any other song of the war. It is therefore agreeably refreshing to the many to find that there has been no exaggeration in our statements; that the goods advertised in this sale are New, Stylish, Spring and Summer Shoes made of the best materials and by the very best workmen.

They are shown in the samples of one of the first manufacturers of Ladies' and Misses' Fine Shoes and are sold by us at just "TEN PER CENT LESS THAN THEY COULD BE MADE FOR IN LOTS OF 1,000 PAIRS."

The manufacturer's price mark (in plain figures) is attached to every pair, so you can read the price for yourself. AMONG THESE GOODS ARE: LADIES' FINE TURTLE AND LACED BOOTS. Retailing value, \$4.50. Our price, \$2.70. LADIES' FINE KID AND TAN CALF TIE. Retailing value, \$3.00. Our price, \$1.80. MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S FINE BOOTS. Retailing value, \$2.25. Our price, \$1.35. MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S TAN AND BLACK LOW SHOES. Retailing value, \$2.00. Our price, \$1.17.

There are not all sizes among these, but if you call in time you may get fitted to the finest shoes you ever had at a merely nominal price. WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGED HEAD-QUARTERS FOR FINE Low-cut Shoes FOR GENTS OR LADIES. You should buy an insurance against the MEN'S KANGAROO AND CALF HAND-MADE LOW SHOES AT \$2.50, \$3.00 AND \$4.00. LADIES' FINE VICI KID TIES, BLUCHERS AND DIANAS AT \$2.50 AND \$3.00. LADIES' TAN GOAT AND CALF TIES AND BLUCHERETTES FROM \$1 TO \$2.50.

RELIABLE SHOE HOUSES, 804 and 622 7th St., 1914 and 1916 Pa. ave., 251 Pa. ave. & c.

Wm. Hahn & Co.'s. "Judge, yer honor," he said earnestly, "you referred to the case just now as a plain drunk." "Yes, I did." "I hope, Judge, yer honor, you won't let it go that way. It's humilatin' an' it's unjust. It was a drunk, but it wasn't plain. I defy any expert in intoxication to get more embellishments on a drunk than I had on that one."

The Contest IS OVER. Big Bargains IN SEASONABLE GOODS. After months of inconvenience, commotion and dust incident to extensive repairs and big improvements, we again make a bow to our friends and the purchasing public, and invite them to inspect our handsome new store rooms and new goods, which abound in BIG BARGAINS in seasonable goods.

100 PIECES BEST COTTON WARP MATTING, per yard only 25c. 500 PIECES JOINTLESS MATTING. Prices per yard: 15c., 20c., 25c., 30c., 35c. and 40c. 200 CELEBRATED BALDWIN DRY-AIR REFRIGERATORS, All sizes. The best makes on the market at "special" prices.

CHINA CLOSETS AND BOOK CASES. At greatly reduced prices. We are showing a large line of White and Drab Bedsteads. All sizes and prices. BABY CARRIAGES. Are here in great variety of styles, colors, and ranging in price to suit any sized pocket book.

WASH B. WILLIAMS. LADIES' OXFORDS. BLACK, TAN, GRAY AND WHITE. LATEST STYLES IN FOOT WEAR. JULIUS LANSBURGH, "Rink," N. Y. AVE. NEAR 14TH ST.

Our Sale Of Model Shoes AT HALF REGULAR PRICES. Is delighting all those who have availed themselves of our offer. During the last few months there have been so many old stocks unloaded under our pretense or another—that many persons look with suspicion on any special shoe sales.

Wm. M. Galt & Co., Wholesale Flour and Feed Dealers, Cor. 1st and Ind. ave. n.w.

CHILD'S & MCDERMID. Seasonable Suitings. Around here and special reductions will prevail tomorrow on SILKS, CHALLIES and NOVELTY DRESS GOODS.

World's Fair. Imp. Black Japanese and India Silks. 26 inches wide at... 65 cts. 28 inches wide at... 75 cts. 30 inches wide at... 85 cts. 32 inches wide at... \$1.10. They're all extraordinary values. You won't find better, no matter how far you look.

BAUM, Tomorrow PIGSKIN GLOVES, 79c. THE PALAIS ROYAL. 416 7TH ST. NO CREDIT, QUICK SALES, SMALL PROFITS.

Important Silk Sale. NOTWITHSTANDING THE GREAT ADVANCE IN ALL SILK GOODS, WE HAVE SOME VERY IMPORTANT SILK BARGAINS TO OFFER. THE SILK SEASON HAS BEEN ENORMOUS, AND THE VALUES OFFERED ARE ALL THE MORE TO BE APPRECIATED FROM THE FACT THAT THEY ARE DESIRABLE STYLES AND WEAVES ONLY.

CHAMOIS GLOVES. The best for \$1 will be found at the Palais Royal. French Kid Gloves, with four big pearl buttons, at \$1.50 pair; Snodgrass Monstrous at \$1.85 pair.

SILK GLOVES. The 1893 season at the Palais Royal opens tomorrow. The Gloves and Mitts were imported direct and in wholesale quantities. You will be offered quantities for the prices that represent the difference between the wholesale and retail prices.

WORTH DOLLARS TO YOU. JUST RECEIVED FROM THE MANUFACTURER IN TAN, GRAY AND BROWN CHEVIOT MIXTURES. EVERY ONE OF THEM WORTH 80 CENTS CHOICE FOR WEDNESDAY.

\$2.50 CLARK'S, 734 AND 736 7TH ST. N.W. THE INFORMATION GLEANED IN THE PALAIS ROYAL ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW CAN BE THE MEANS OF SAVING DOLLARS IN THE COST OF YOUR SUMMER DRESSES.

75c for \$1 quality Silks, with cream ground, navy and black dots. Also superior 30-inch-wide Japanese silk, in navy and black, with white stripes. Another lot with lavender and white and black and white stripes. All at 75c yard.

\$7.50 TRUNK. Will impress you with this fact. This trunk has two trays, a cloth lined throughout, has iron bottom, hard-wood slats, steel catches, three long hinges, brass lock, and side catches.

TOPHAM'S TRUNK AND LEATHER GOODS MANUFACTORY, 1231 PA. AVE. N.W. Have your Trunks repaired now.

FROM THE LAND OF THE BAGPIPE. PERRY'S. A. KAUFMAN. For Wednesday, MAY FEAST. That surely should please everybody, even those that are not Scotch.

SCOTCH "QUARTETS." 75 patterns to choose from—all at 25c. a yard. Stripes and Checks in Green, Yellow, Lavender, Pink, Blue, Red, Gray, Rose, etc. Zephyr weight—30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100.

QUALITY'S CLIMB. 40c. a yard—worth it every cent. Stripes again—popular favor doesn't stray very far from those perpendicular decorations. Navy Blue, Gray, Light Blue, Lavender, Old Blue, etc.

A PEG HIGHER. —and a peg better—45c. a yard. Stripes, Shots, Bourettes and Figures in the whole family of fashionable shades.

THE TOP-NOTCH. 50c. and 55c. cap the climax—They are the best of the best—the Scotchists of the Scotch. Crinkled and Embroidered Gingham, Spots, Crepes, Flowers, Stripes and Brocades.

GALATEA CLOTH. 25c. that is all—and good quality, too. Fully the best we have ever had to offer for the money. From Scotch and combinations in variety to feed all tastes.

SCOTCH CHEVIOT. The color of the ocean still lingers on them they are so recently come to join the variety that it makes you comfortable and charming this summer. Stripes in all colors. No better value than those at 30c. a yard.

THIS WEEK \$13.50. 3 styles in Solid Oak Chamber Suits, 24 by 30-in. French level plate mirror, 18 by 40-in. oval mirror, regularly sold at \$27.50 and \$40 elsewhere.

Craig & Harding. DRESS FABRICS OF COTTON. 9c for 12 1/2 quality Gingham in 1843 designs. Warranted fast colors. 25c yard for 36c Scotch Stripes. Novelty Gingham.

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