

Ex-Governor Moses, of South Carolina, who is under arrest, charged with swindling Rev. Dr. Rexford. Rev. Mr. Atterbury and others, attempted suicide by hanging himself in his cell at Detroit.

In an English criminal trial there are no exceptions, after a verdict of guilty, no matter how erroneous the law has been laid down or how illegal the conviction, there follows no appeal except for mercy at the Home Office, which is rarely granted.

A Reading Penn., special says: A terrible accident occurred yesterday on the Wilmington and Northern railroad near here. A passenger train fell from the bridge into the Schuylkill river. The engineer and fireman were killed outright. It is reported that a number of passengers were killed and injured.

A cage was being lowered in the West mine, near Londonderry, Nova Scotia, when the gearing broke. As the cage fell it was caught down the shaft and overturned, throwing out the men, who fell a distance of 200 feet. Three were killed outright, two others fatally injured and one very seriously injured.

"So you are the new girl," said the boarders to the pretty waiter lass; "and what name are we to call you?" "Pearl," said the maid, with a saucy toss of her head. "Oh!" asked the smart boarder, "are you the pearl of great price?" "No; I'm the pearl that was cast before a swine," retorted the pretty waiter. There was a long silence, broken only by the buzz of the flies in the milk picher.

The remains of a red granite statue of Rameses II, the contemporary of Moses, which were found by Mr. Petrie at Tanis, Egypt, have been carefully photographed and examined. This work has convinced Mr. Petrie that the statue must have been 115 feet high, exceeding all the monuments hitherto known. The statue's great toe has a circumference of a foot and a half.

This is the way in which the critic of a western paper described the prima donna of a burlesque opera company: "From her clear, bird-like upper notes she would canter away down to the base racket and then cushion back to a sort of spiritual treble that made every man in the audience imagine that every hair on his head was the golden string of a celestial harp, over which angelic fingers were sweeping."

A chicken rooster entered a lady's house the other day, and seeing himself reflected in a large, handsome mirror, deemed it his bounden duty to go for the reflected intruder, and he forthwith threw himself against the mirror, shattering it all to pieces. With the breaking of the glass his shadow disappeared, and he concluded he had demolished his supposed antagonist. The noise brought the good lady into the house, when she found her valuable mirror in ruins and the rooster perched on the marble slab crowing for victory.—[Boston Budget.

As to the variety of race and nationality, the ethnological department of the national museum is fairly rivalled by these gangs of working men. Every state in the Union, and Europe, Asia, Africa, and the isles of the sea, have contributed their respective quotas to this aggregation of muscular humanity. But though wages are low an immense amount of money is being distributed among the poor of Washington. There will be less suffering than has been known here in recent years, although there is no danger that the poor will not be always with us.

**Fifty-Three Bad Books.**  
East Portland Vindicator.

A popular writer for a very popular journal tells of a certain publisher of fifty-three bad books, and that by schemes like this he has raised himself from an unmoneyed condition to the possession of more than a million in a few years. Bad is not the adjective which he uses. He employs one of more learned length and thundering sound. But wrapped up in its four syllables lies a meaning compared with which bad is very mild. The mind staggers in the effort to compute the amount of mischief which these fifty-three books are doing. But perhaps this is small compared with the harm accomplished by one weekly publication which is issued by a house that cost two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and is printed on a press that cost a hundred and twenty thousand. We are informed in the same paragraph that this same natty little man of pluck and vim publishes gratuitously two or three religious papers, whether as an offset to the mischief he is doing in his main business, or whether to satisfy himself that men had rather pay for the foul than the decent, the journalist of careering pen does not say. To hold up such a man to be admired for his business success is certainly a poisonous lesson to teach the young. The writer when he penned the eulogy must not have paused to think of the injury he was probably doing to society. To praise a man for making a vast fortune by publishing foul books is not exactly commending the books but it is very near akin to it. Too much is it the maxim of this day: "Get money—honestly if you can, but get money." The journalist who would benefit society must not fall in with this doctrine. He should proclaim it all the time, that there are things more to be sought than material wealth. The public teacher need not be careful to exhort men to love money. They will love it too much anyhow.

The Chicago Current points out the fact that the Franco-Chinese war will in the end prove a blessing to the Celestials by helping to jostle them out of the stagnancy of centuries, and by proving to them the superiority of European civilization, and military and naval science.

Prof. Huxley's services to science have won him a universal fame, and the news of his physical prostration has everywhere been received with sincere regret. He goes to Venice for a period of absolute rest, and it is hoped he may yet live to advance the cause of human knowledge.

In regard to the discovery of silver ore in New York and other Atlantic states, Professor Newberry asserts that silver is not uncommon along the Appalachian range, but seldom occurs in paying proportions. Nine-tenths of the mines in these districts fail.

The best joke of the week, says an exchange, is the ambiguous inscription on a banner at a demonstration against the House of Peers. The words were: "The Lords will be done."

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